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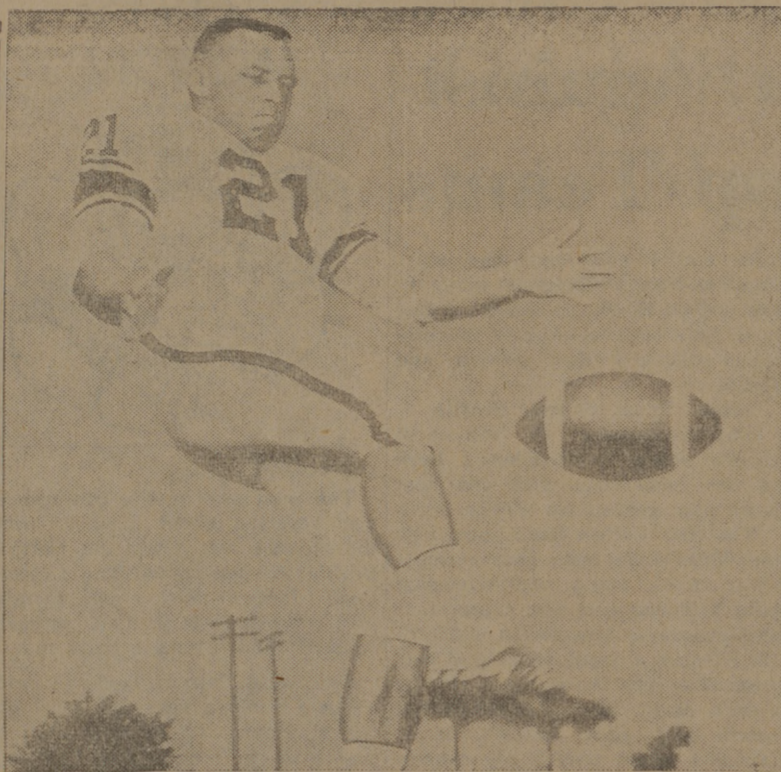
Fish Go Against Owlets In Houston

Aggie football fans get a look at one of the school's most heralded freshman prospects in several years tonight when the Fish meet the Rice Owlets in Houston. Budgie Ford, former all-state halfback from Taylor, is scheduled to see his first action of the season against the Rice freshmen. Ford is regarded as the most dangerous breakaway runner on the freshman team, but has yet to display his running ability. The six-foot, 180-pound speedster suffered a badly-bruised shoulder in pre-season practice and missed the first three games. Two more Fish starters missed the first three games. Ray Chancellor of Waco LaVega and Guard Ray Hinze, who is also from LaVega. Hinze and Chancellor sat out play against TCU, Baylor, and Houston. Neither will see action against the Owlets. Coach Ty Bain's Fish lost to TCU by 27-12 and to Baylor by 19-7 before beating the Houston Kittens 7-6 two weeks ago on Kyle

Houston's Lahar Resigns Position

HOUSTON (AP)—Blaming too much emphasis on season records, Hal Lahar announced Wednesday he had resigned Sept. 3 as head football coach at the University of Houston. The resignation is effective Jan. 31, the termination date of a five-year contract. Lahar said the executive committee of the university's athletic advisory council had advised him before his fifth season got under way renewal of the contract would depend on his 1961 record. "This placed too much emphasis upon the results of a single season," said Lahar, who moved to Houston from Colgate in 1957 when Bill Meek resigned to become head coach at Southern Methodist.

Field. A victory tonight will even the record at two-all. With Ford as an alternate, A&M will start Pasadena's Joe McIlhenny and Bryan's Tommy Meeks at the halfbacks, teaming with 195-pound Mike Kohlman from Jal. N.M., at fullback and Karl Sweetan of South Oak Cliff (Dallas) at quarterback. Kohlman, a spin and go runner, and the 170-pound Meeks have been the Fish's most consistent ground gainers. Meeks averaged 4.4 yards per carry against the Kittens and Kohlman was close behind with 44 yards in 12 carries. Kohlman has also been a stand-out on defense, as has Meeks. Another good defensive back for the Fish is Mike Pitman of Dallas Adamson, who returned a Kitten punt 50 yards for A&M's winning touchdown two weeks ago in College Station. Sweetan, the former high school all-America, is the top Fish punter. Up front, Ronnie Moore, a 210- and 200-pound Melvin Simmons of Odessa have been leaders of a strong interior line. They will start along with Tackle Tommy Brink (210) of San Antonio Jefferson; Guard Fred Moss (210) of San Antonio Highland; Center Gary Williams (205) of Callisburg; and Ends James Drennan (185), Hooks, and John Brotherton (200), Mineola. In the first three games, the Fish, although hampered by injuries to key men, played good ballgames except for a few big plays that beat them. TCU broke the Aggies' backs with two long runs, one for 72 yards and a TD. Baylor capitalized on a bad pass from center to score one touchdown. But against Houston the Fish turned the tables, returning a punt for a quick game-winning score. The game, scheduled for 8 p.m., is a benefit for the Good Samaritan Foundation's scholarship fund for student nurses.



Leading Punter
Babe Craig, the 205-pound punting specialist from Knoxville, Tenn., is leading the Southwest Conference in the punting department. Craig's kicking was tops in the SWC last season and his average through seven games this fall is 37.6.

Doug Sanders Favorite For Beaumont Golf Tournament

BEAUMONT (AP)—Doug Sanders, recovering from a back ailment, starts pursuit of the Professional Golf Association money-winning championship in the opening round of the \$20,000 Beaumont Invitational Golf Tournament Thursday. The aggressive Ojai, Calif., representative with the unorthodox swing is the sentimental favorite as a field of 11 pros is to begin the 72-hole trek over the sprawling Tyrrell Park golf course, measuring 6,573 yards and playing a 36-35-71 par. Sanders, inactive for more than a month, has a wide open shot at cutting into the money-winning habits of Gary Player and Arnold Palmer, both touring Japan at present. Sanders has piled up \$53,515 so far to trail Palmer by \$4,000 and Player by \$11,000 in the run for the cash crown. The tournament, named Big-T,

has drawn nine of the top 10 players in the money fight, with such stalwarts as Jay Hebert, Bob Goalby, Johnny Pott, Doug Ford, Bob Rosburg, Gay Brewer, Jacky Cupit and Dave Ragan mentioned prominently as strong contenders in the first PGA tournament to be held here since 1941. George Bayer, Julius Boros, Pete Cooper, Freddie Haas, Dow Finsterwald, Fred Hawkins and J. C. Goossie also are threats, each with significant sub-par practice rounds this week. The championship will be worth \$2,800 to the winner, and \$1,900 to the runnerup. Thirty places will receive money. Eighteen-hole rounds will be staged Thursday through Sunday. After the second 18-hole tour Friday, the field will be reduced to the low 60 pros and ties, plus the amateur group.

Four Top Conference Powers All Have Good Day Saturday

Last Saturday at least Southwest Conference football powers played according to pre-season predictions as Texas, Rice, Baylor and Arkansas vented offensive fury on less-heralded rivals. Texas, the nation's No. 1 yardage maker, yielded total offense honors for the day to Rice but by only one yard in gaining 385 against SMU while Rice was rolling to 386 over Texas Tech. Baylor and Arkansas also exceeded the 300-mark with 349 and 345 against TCU and Texas A&M, respectively. It was only the second week-end of seven that Texas failed to lead the league in total offense. Although their output was not quite up to their season average, the Longhorns continue to stampele along at a record SWC pace of 431 yards per game. Texas' 1952 team set the league mark of 386.5. The 1961 longhorns have run an even

500 plays for a total gain of 3,017. Only mighty Mississippi is crowding Texas in the total offense department and nobody is challenging the Longhorns' national leadership in rushing. The average is 325 yards per game, which is well ahead of the record of 285.7 set by TCU in 1955. Heroes were numerous in the big offensive splurge and school records tumbled in their wake. Rice's Butch Blume scored 30 points against Tech to eclipse Dick Moegle's mark of 24 against Cornell in 1954, while James Saxton created a new Longhorn rushing mark for one game when he raced for 173 yards against SMU. Byron Townsend and Gib Dawson shared the old mark at 158. Blume had not scored a touchdown this season until Saturday when he counted four, and Rice's output for the day (six) matched the number of touchdowns they

had made in their five previous games this season. Baylor had its second best day of the year on the ground with a rushing net of 220. The Bears also led in first downs (22) and gained more overhand than any other league team (129). SMU, however, attempted more passes (24) and completed more (14) but the Mustangs could not dent the Texas goal line. The Longhorns managed the day's only shutout, but Arkansas limited A&M to only 138 yards in 59 plays, which was the Aggie's lowest output since their second game of the season. A&M, however, continued the league's best ballhawking tactics. The Aggie intercepted three Arkansas passes and grabbed one Razorback fumble in the air. Rice also was credited with three interceptions for the day and trails A&M by only three for the season.

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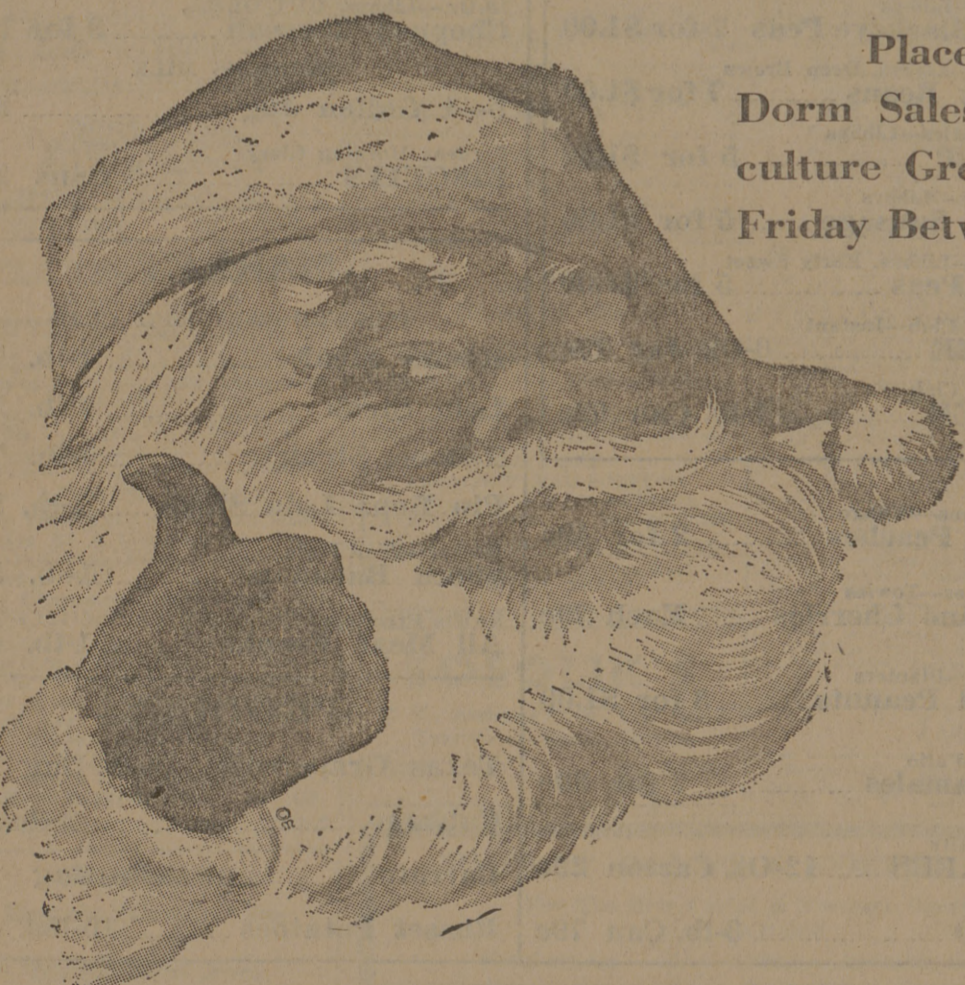
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