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Cadets Seek Victory From Off Again, On Again Owls

Another exciting football game is expected in Rice Stadium this Saturday as the Aggies (and the Corps of Cadets) invade the Rice Owls (and Houston).

The Owls, who own a 4-3 record, were pre-season favorites for the Southwest Conference championship. After a stirring victory over LSU, Rice lost to Georgia Tech by 24 points and since then the Owls have been running hot and cold.

Rice's outstanding quarterback of last year, Billy Cox, has failed to live up to expectation, which has added to the disappointment.

The old master of SWC coaching, Jess Neely, was even hanged in effigy earlier this week. He has been coach at the Houston for 22 years.

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A crowd of over 55,000 is expected to be on hand for the battle. The Aggies, always a favorite in Houston because of the number of exes, will be seeking their 24th victory from this 47th game. The Rice-A&M series started in 1914 with the Ags winning 23, losing 19 and three ending in ties.

Roland Jackson, Rice's outstanding fullback who has played tremendous football this season, is a doubtful participant with a painful hip bruise, according to Rice officials. Jackson's alternate, Lonnie Caddell, has a broken nose and is doubtful.

Other injuries on the Owl squad include center Dan Malin, halfback Butch Blume and tackle John Cornett. Blume and Cornett have almost recovered from their hurts and will probably see extensive duty against the Aggies.

Five Doubtful

As far as injuries go, the Aggies aren't in very good shape. The starting two halfbacks, Travis Reagan and Jim Linnstaedter, have missed most of this week's practice with a knee injury and bruised hip, respectively.

Guard Bull Phillips and kicking specialist Mike Clark have chest and shoulder injuries, and are doubtful performers this weekend. George Hogan, who has been on the injury list for the past two weeks, will probably not play. Ken Kipp, the defensive halfback specialist, will see action for the first time since the Baylor game.

Men to watch on the Rice squad are ends Johnny Burrell and Gene Raesz, tackle Robert Johnston, halfback Blume and fullback Jackson.

Injuries will probably play an important part in the game as they usually do at this time of the season.

Since 1957, the Rice-A&M con-

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tests have been played in Houston and every one of them has been close. Rice won in '57, 7-6; the Ags won in '58, 28-21; the Owls won in '59, 7-2; and last year, Rice

was victorious, 21-14.

The Aggies will leave College Station by bus this afternoon at 3 p. m. and will return from Houston following the game.

The probable starting lineup is:

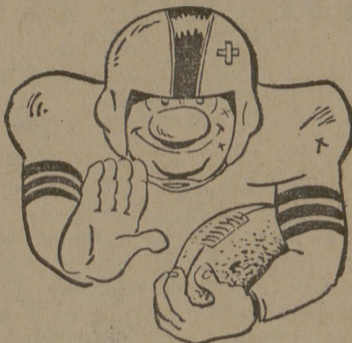
Table listing starting lineups for Aggies and Owls with player names and positions.



Kenneth Kipp

Kenneth Kipp, the 170-pound junior letterman, will be back at his regular defensive halfback post this Saturday afternoon in Houston as the Aggies take on the Rice Owls. Kipp, the outstanding Houstonian, is on of A&M's "wild cards" and is noted for his play before Houston crowds.

SPORTS SECTION



Pro Football To Be National Sport

By IRWIN FRANK

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Professional football, with its violent physical contact, will become the national sport of the United States within 10 to 20 years, Oliver Kuechle, sports editor of the Milwaukee Journal said Thursday.

Kuechle made the prediction at a panel discussion on sports news at The Associated Press Managing Editors convention.

"Baseball is a declining sport," he said. "The crowds are smaller, more people leave in the fifth and sixth innings than ever before, the games are too long."

"In 10 or 20 years pro football will be regarded as our national sport," said Kuechle, who has been a sports writer for 37 years.

"Football is combative, you have physical contact. People want to see this because we have always struggled—the highest type of struggle is physical combat," Kuechle said.

He contracted this with baseball where he said "nine men are scattered on a baseball field. The pitcher throws the ball and, perhaps someone hits it."

He predicted that the pro football season, which now starts in the middle of September, will start in the middle of August.

"And we may well see pro games played at night in the middle of the week and not just on Sundays."

Mets' Boss Ready For Annual Meet

By JOE REICHLER

Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK (AP) — George Weiss, president of the New York Mets, said Thursday he expected to be in the thick of the trading mart when the major leagues hold their annual meeting in Florida next month.

"I have every reason to believe we will do some trading as well as buying at the meetings," asserted the ex-general manager of the New York Yankees. "Several clubs have approached us on some of our young pitchers."

Weiss stressed young pitching when he made his selections of the National League expendables during the special draft last month. The Mets then purchased 21 players for \$1,800,000.

"I won't identify any of the clubs or the players mentioned," he said, "but as you know, we can use strength at any position. I think we've got room for improvement most any place."

The Mets' strength, if that's the right word, lies in their pitching. "I think our young pitching will be a powerful factor in determining where we will finish in the

National League race," said the 66-year-old executive. "We've got five pitchers, all young, who we know have strong arms. They are Bob Miller, Cards, Craig Anderson, Cards, Jay Hook, Reds, Al Jackson, Pirates and Sherman Jones, Reds. If three of them come through for us, say win from 10 to 15 games, we may surprise a lot of people."

"Then, of course, we have such veteran pitchers as Roger Craig, Dodgers and Billy Loes, Giants, who should help us. We've also received good reports on Ray Daviault, Ken MacKenzie and Bob Botz, who specialize in relief."

The Mets currently have 29 players on their roster. Weiss said he hopes to reach the 40 player limit by the time the team reports to its St. Petersburg spring training camp in February.

"We plan to draft two players at the minor league meetings," he said. "Then we hope, either through trades or purchases, to add nine more but they will have to be worthy of major league classification."

When Jack (Tex) Evans scored a goal for Chicago against Detroit in October it was his first goal in 195 National Hockey League games. He's a 33-year-old defenseman.

Intramurals

In intramural football yesterday only one game was played in Class A. Two were scheduled for Class C. Six courts were in use for Class B horseshoes.

In upperclassman football Sqd. 6 defeated D-1 by a single touchdown, 6-0. The K through W ramps of Walton Hall similarly edged Milner Hall, 6-0.

Hensel Apartments won by forfeit over the College View civilians. Sqd. 4 out-pitched E-2 two games to one in freshman horseshoes yesterday. G-2 defeated A-2, 2-1. A-1 beat Sqd. 12, 2-1. Sqd. 8 defeated E-3, 3-0, and Sqd. 11 beat Sqd. 7, 3-0.

In a freshman basketball game played in De Ware yesterday, Sqd. 9 edged B-2, 23-20. High-point man was Bob Scott of Sqd. 9 with 16. Ellis Thorp had 19 for B-2.

Under manager, Bob Scheffler the 1961 Detroit Tigers showed the greatest improvement of an American League club. His team won 30 games more and lost fewer than the 1960 team.

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