



FROM THE

Sidelines

By Van Conner

Late Friday the attention of Texas and the nation was on Austin as fans, sports writers, coaches and every other football-minded soul looked forward to the winner-take-all meeting of Texas and Arkansas. For the rest of the Southwest Conference the Saturday outlook promised little, if any, excitement.

Around 5 p.m. on the big day, however, although people hadn't forgotten what was about to begin in the state capitol, they were all talking about what had already happened on Dallas and College Station gridirons.

Two teams which had been suffering from various degrees of forgottenness suddenly got remembered. — The SMU Mustangs pulled a television upset on the LSU-tying Rice Owls and the Aggies, in losing, sent Sonny Gibbs and crew back to Fort Worth fully aware

they had played a ballgame and won it only by the skin of their teeth.

Haden Fry's Ponies capitalized on a fumble recovery and an intercepted pass to surprise the Owls, 15-7, before a meager 15,000 Cotton Bowl fans.

Hank Foldberg fielded a team of determined Cadets which led twice, dominated the statistics and in general showed a crowd of 23,000 faithfuls a magnificent effort before they were forced to accept a 20-14 defeat.

Even though Texas' 7-3 victory appears to sew up first place honors in the SWC this season, Saturday afternoon action reminds us that the race for lower stalls — and perhaps the top slot — is far from over, and that Southwest Conference football is still the most exciting and unpredictable in the nation.

Cadets Move According To Plan, Scoreboard Is Traitor

By JIM BUTLER

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"Operation successful, patient died" seems quite appropriate when applied to the Aggies' effort against TCU last Saturday.

All of Coach Hank Foldberg's pre-game plans worked well though the mission fell as little as three yards short of accomplishment.

"We planned the game to possess the ball and keep it away from them. We did that pretty well," Foldberg said. Statistics backed him up as they showed that the Cadets ran 71 plays to 50 for the Frogs.

When asked why he didn't play his third unit until the fourth quarter, Foldberg replied, "We planned it that way."

"We would play our two units against their two units. Then in the fourth quarter we knew that they would have to play one of their tired units so we put in our fresh unit."

This plan also worked well as the Lightning unit moved the ball from the A&M 21 to the TCU 17 before the gas gauge read empty.

Foldberg injected a note of confidence by commenting that the team had finally hit its stride. He complimented the whole squad for playing a good game and mentioned centers Jerry Hopkins and Ray Kubala and fullback LeeRoy Caffey for good defensive play.

WILLIAMS PICKS TOUGHIES

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — "Toughest pitcher I ever faced was Bob Feller," said Ted Williams on a visit here. "Ken Chase of Washington back in the early 40s was tough. So was Willis Hudlin, Spud Chandler, Bob Lemon, Whitey Ford and Joe Page. And Ed Lopat's junk gave me trouble."

"They were breaking ball or sinker ball pitchers and they gave me trouble. Normally, I hit fast ball pitchers pretty well. Fellows like Red Ruffing, Johnny Rigney, Virgil Trucks and others."



Willenborg Skirts End On Option

Aggie quarterback James Willenborg (17) turns TCU's right end on an option play which accounted for most of the Cadets' yardage against the Frogs. Willenborg gained 53 yards on 11 carries to lead Ag runners.

Statistics Reveal Promising Future For Cadet Gridders

A&M varsity football statistics released Monday by sports publicist Tommy Blake paint a promising future for Coach Hank Foldberg's gridders, as most of the leaders are sophomores and juniors.

Quarterback Jim Keller, a junior in football eligibility, leads the team in rushing with 103 yards in 31 carries. Almost half of these yards (50) were gained against TCU last weekend. Second is junior halfback Travis Reagan, getting 94 yards in 12 attempts for a 7.8 yard per carry average, tops on the team. Soph quarterback Jim Willenborg holds third place with 20 carries for 84 yards.

Keller also paces the team in passing, having completed 22 tosses in 40 tries for 221 yards. Willenborg has 10-24 for 53 yards to hold the runner-up slot.

Receivers are led by junior halfback George Hargett, Hargett has caught 10 passes for 108 yards. Dude McLean, sophomore end, is close behind with 9 catches for 75 yards.

Hargett is also tops in punt returns with 11 for 138 yards. Five players are tied for scoring

honors with six points apiece. Keller, Lee Roy Caffey, Mike Kohlman and Dan McIlhany have scored one TD each, while Mike Clark has bottled three extra points and one field goal.

The Aggies have had nine passes intercepted and have picked off three of the opposition's tosses. The Cadets have lost six of 15 fumbles and recovered nine of 14 fumbles by their foes.

First downs are even with the Aggies and opponents each having 66. In five games the Farmers have picked up 1,112 yards and given up 1,257.

Inspired Ags Press Frogs, But Fall TD Short, 20-14

Just before gametime in Kyle Field Saturday, 23,000 wet, wind-blown fans must have wished they had stayed home. Sixty minutes later, however, there probably weren't many who were sorry they had come to the A&M-TCU game.

They had seen an inspired Aggie football squad nearly upset TCU and Sonny Gibbs before they allowed the Frogs a 20-14 final edge.

Coach Hank Foldberg's Cadets drew first blood in the contest and let 7-0 and 14-7 before TCU's offense caught fire and tallied late in the third quarter and early in the fourth. A fresh Aggie third unit started a drive to get seven game-winning points after the third Frog TD, which netted only six and left them vulnerable. The bid failed, however, when incomplete passes killed the drive deep in TCU terrain.

AS THE FIRST quarter neared its finish the ball had changed hands three times and the Ags had already shown the Frogs they were in for a ballgame. Quarterback James Willenborg brought the fresh White unit into the game and A&M started a 16-play, 77-yard drive that culminated in the first Aggie score.

It was on this series of downs that Willenborg and Jim Keller discovered a weak spot over the TCU ends. Using the option, with runs up the middle to keep TCU honest by Lee Roy Caffey, the two Aggie quarterbacks took A&M in for a six-pointer. Keller got it, after a great fake by Caffey from the one with 14:07 left in the half. Mike Clark converted.

TCU came back by leaps and bounds after a 23-yard sprint up the middle by halfback Jim Fauver. Fullback Tommy Crutcher blasted up the middle for 16 and nine-yard gains respectively. After a pair of short gains by Crutcher and Fauver, Gibbs passed to Tom Magoffin on the Ag three and halfback Larry Bulaich went over right end for a Frog score. Jimmy McAteer made it 7-7.

SPIRITS UNDAMPENED, the Cadets came back to drive from their 20 to the TCU 17 in 16 plays — most of them the successful op-

tion by Willenborg and Keller. But the Frogs recovered a disappointing Aggie fumble at that stripe and the ball went over.

TCU lost a fumble on the next series of downs to Jim Phillips, but time was running out and as Keller tried to shoot a pass on the last play he ended up catching it himself when a Frog lineman batted it straight up.

As the second half began the Farmers forced a Frog punt and then drove from their 40 to the TCU two, with Keller, Sam Byer and Tommy Meeks grinding out yardage on the ground. The drive also featured 20 and 15-yard pass plays by Keller to George Hargett and Meeks respectively, for crucial first downs.

But the Frogs weren't fooled by the option on their two and the bid failed.

THE AGS weren't to be denied, however, and minutes later Caffey

stole a Gibbs pass and scampered 46 yards for the second Aggie. Tackle Melvin Simmons had the big rush on the tall quarterback, causing the bad throw. The other tackle, John Brothers, blocked the frustrated Gibbs help Caffey over. Clark converted.

Gibbs and the Frogs quickly tallied with a 33-yard gain by Bulaich and a series of passes by Ben Nix that set up a Gibbs TD down from the one. It was at the end of the third quarter.

Passing, running and a denying pair of penalties gave Frogs the last TD. McAteer for one was no good, but the were all they needed as the Ag drive was stopped short.

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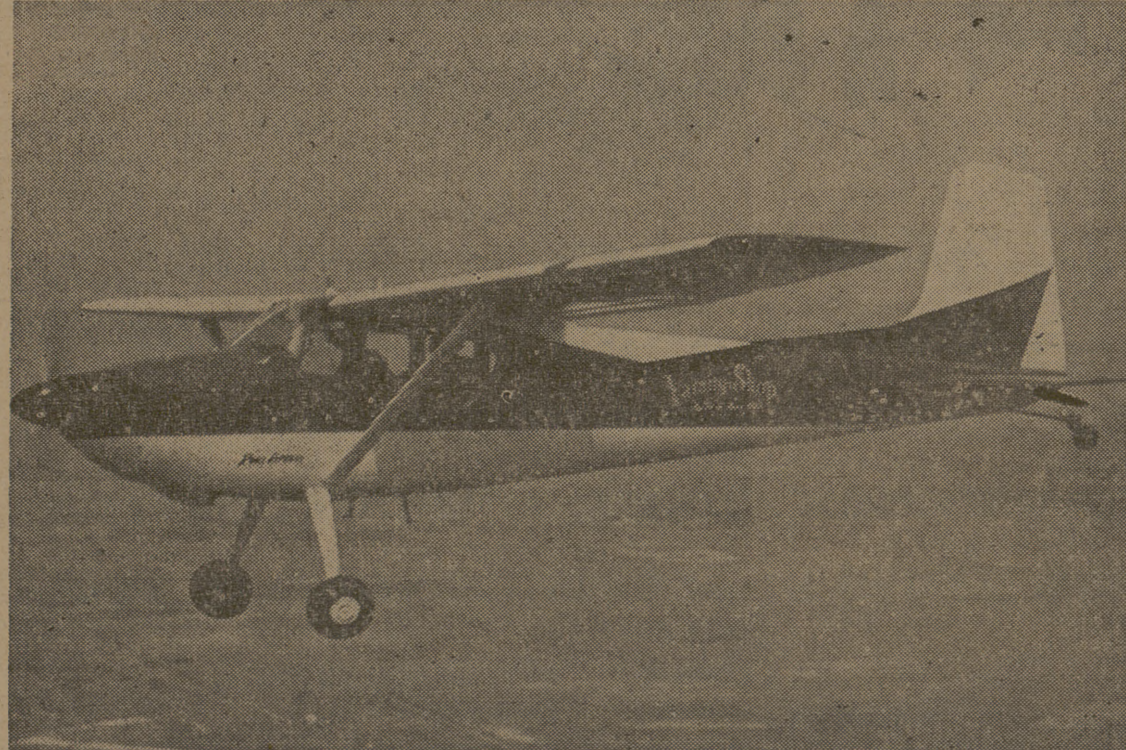
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