



FROM THE

Sidelines

By Van Conner

At about the same time that I am writing this (5:30 p. m. Tuesday) Tommy Blake, A&M's sports information director, is walking to a speaker's stand in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to receive an award for one of the greatest football players in Aggie history.

Twice All-American guard Joe Routt was posthumously added to the Football Hall of Fame at the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Dinner.

Routt, who played under Coach Homer Norton and won his national recognition in 1936-37, was killed in action during World War II.

He is one of ten Aggies who earned All-American honors and one of three who gained national mention twice. John Kimbrough, another of Norton's lads, was All-American fullback in 1939-40, and Charlie Krueger, a tackle under Bear Bryant, held down one of the mythical slots during the 1956 and '57 seasons.

Halfback Derace Moser was an All-American in 1941—another of Norton's products. Moser was also another of the many Aggies lost in WW II.

Seth Davenport ('40), now a West Texas rancher, was a Fish in 1937. He tells of going out for the football team and being adopted by Routt as a personal blocking dummy.

"Every afternoon when practice began," says Davenport, "Joe would yell 'Where's Fish Davenport,' and we'd go off to some corner of the field by ourselves and knock heads for a couple of hours."

Davenport said that Routt must have been one of the most deserving men to win All-American honors. He told of how the big lineman would go over and over a certain block or type of defensive charge until he had it perfected.

"Time after time," said Davenport, "Joe would run over me and grind me into the turf. Then he would always pick me up and dust me off, say I'd done a good job, and we'd go at it again." Davenport said that Routt was one of the finest men he had ever known—both on the field and off.

6 Aggies Slated For Bowls

The football season may be over for most of A&M's gridders, but five of them will have to suit up a few more times at least. Center Jerry Hopkins, fullbacks Sam Byer and Lee Roy Caffey and guard Jim Phillips will play in the Southwest Challenge Bowl on Jan. 5.

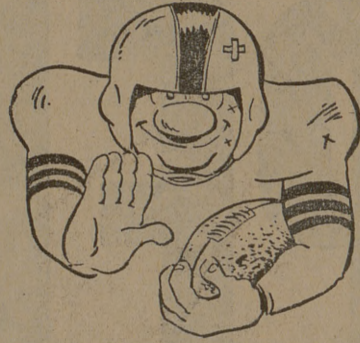
Coach Hank Foldberg will have to "suit up" one more time also; when he serves as a coach for the south in the annual Blue-Gray Game on New Year's Day. Hopkins, Byer, Caffey and Ken Kipp will play for the Gray in that clash.

Four Cadets Are Pro Picks

And four Ags have been named as American Football League draft choices in the preliminary grabbing. Linebackers Hopkins and Caffey and fullback Byer were picked by the Houston Oilers. The Oakland Raiders named George Hogan as a guard on their list.

Hogan, a 219-pounder from Longview, finished up his eligibility in 1961. He played tackle for Jim Myers and was voted outstanding Fish lineman during his first season at Aggie land.

SPORTS SECTION



Unbeaten USC Is Nat'l Champ

By JOHN CHANDLER
Associated Press Sports Writer

Southern California's unbeaten football team, an overwhelming choice in the final Associated Press Poll for the 1962 national collegiate football championship, was rated by some grid experts Tuesday as the greatest Trojan squad since 1931.

USC made it a 10-0 season Saturday by trouncing Notre Dame 25-0, and heads into its 12th Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day against the champions of the Big Ten — Wisconsin — rated No. 2 in the poll.

Coach John McKay's team received 42 of the 52 first place votes in the AP's special board which covers all sections of the country. On the basis of 10 points for first, nine for second, etc., Southern California rolled up 509 points.

WISCONSIN, beaten 7-0 in the 1953 Rose Bowl by USC, got five first place ballots and 428 points. Mississippi, with two first place votes, was third on 393 points, while Texas was fourth with 343 points. Alabama, the 1961 national champions, ranked fifth, with one first place vote and 322 points. Arkansas was sixth, followed by Louisiana State, Oklahoma, Penn State and Minnesota.

In making the No. 1 spot, the mighty men of Troy become the first West Coast team to be named national champions since the 1939 USC team. It was the fourth USC team to win the national title.

Nine of the 1962 top ten clubs will make bowl game appearances. In the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, Mississippi plays Arkansas. Texas and Louisiana State tangle in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas; Alabama and Oklahoma meet at Miami in the Orange Bowl. Penn State tackles Florida in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville Dec. 29.

LAMAR TECH 81, CADETS 74

Charitous Ags Give Cards Win

By JIM BUTLER
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In a game called basketball and characterized by lack of contact, the Lamar Tech Cardinals out-free-threw the Aggies 81-74 in Beaumont Tuesday night.

Fouls dominated play as the Cadets committed 26, to 22 for the Redbirds. Charity tosses made the difference as Lamar hit only one more than the Aggies from the field.

The score was tied eight times in the first half and the lead changed hands six times. A&M took an early lead when Jerry Windham was fouled by Lamar's Don Bryson and made two free throws. Seconds later, Bryson sank a hook shot to tie the score.

MIDWAY THROUGH the first half, the Cardinals took a six-point lead, 17-11, on a pair of layups by Bryson. A&M came right back as Bennie Lenox and Gerald Woodard hit jump shots and Windham hit on a hook.

With time running out in the first half and the score knotted at 31-all, Woodard made a foul shot and Lenox hit a set shot to give the Aggies a 34-31 lead at the buzzer.

Billy Williams opened the second half for the Cards, hitting a jump shot to close the gap to one point. Lew Qualls shot the Ags into a five-point lead with two quick baskets, 38-33.

Tech's Don Heller put the Cards in the lead to stay at 42-41 with a jump shot from the top of the circle. Bryson added two layups and Larry Ogsburger netted a free throw to jump the bulge to six points.

LAMAR'S MAN-TO-MAN defense had the Farmers off-balance all night, causing many passes to go astray and forcing hurried shots.

The biggest edge Lamar held was 69-56 late in the game. The Aggies pulled within five points with little over a minute remaining, but failed to overcome the deficit.

The Fish cage team couldn't quite come back from a 17-point halftime deficit as Kilgore Junior College handed them an 86-72 defeat Monday night in Kilgore.

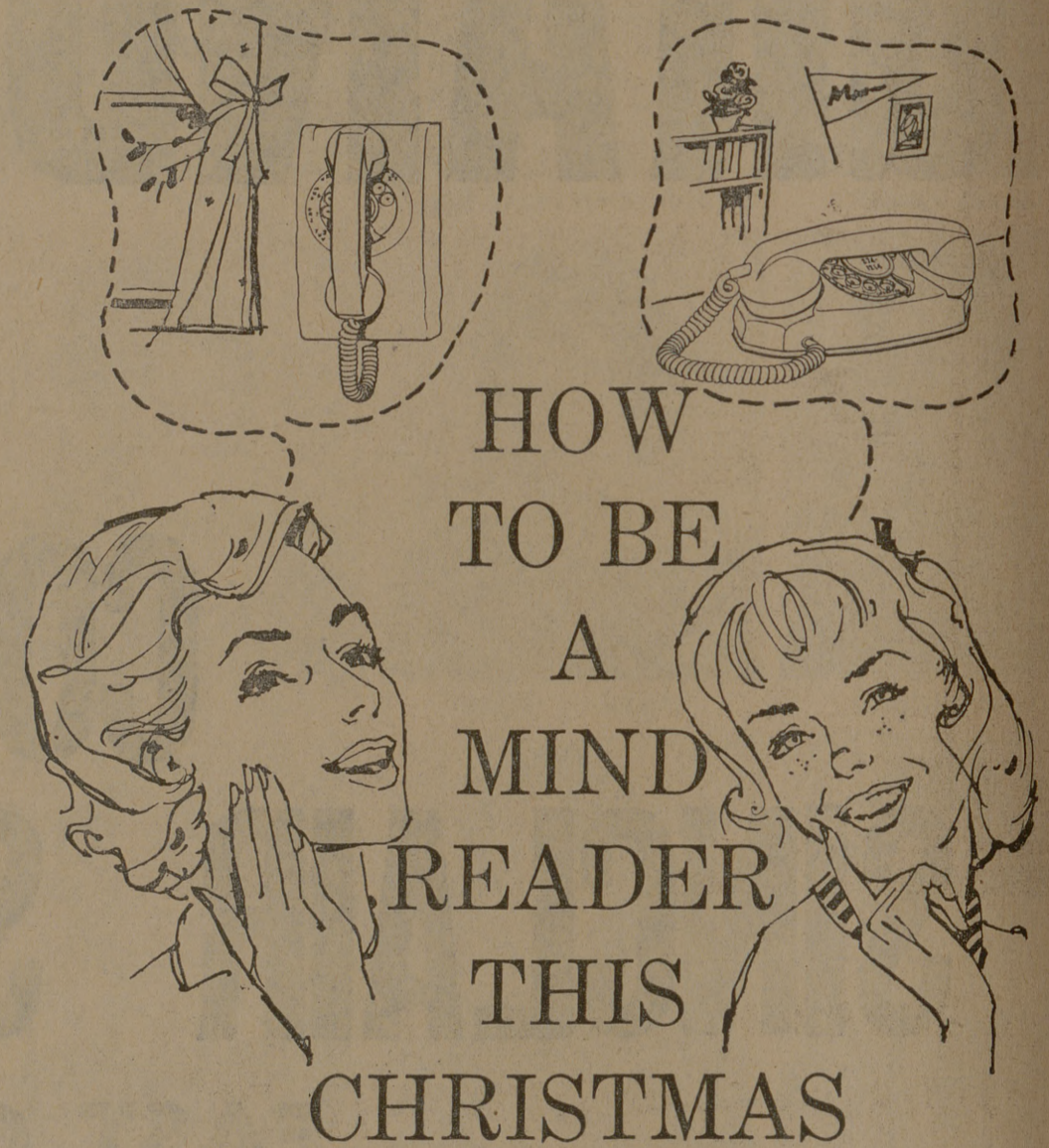
High scorer for the frosh was John Beasley with 18 points. Dick Stringfellow had 16, Dick Rector had 12 and Billy Atkinson 11 in a losing cause.

Allen Academy is the next foe for the Fish Dec. 11 in the preliminary to the A&M-Mississippi Southern tilt.

The loss brought the cagers' record to 1-1, while Lamar Tech is yet to lose in two outings. High scorer for the Cadets and in the game was Windham with 24

points. Lenox, who fouled out with nine minutes left to play, had 12 points. Woodard and Qualls made double figures with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Lamar was led by Williams, who had 23 points, and Bryson, with 17. The Aggie play Memphis State in G. Rollie White Coliseum on Saturday night.



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INTRAMURALS

Basketball managers are scheduled to meet in the intramural department section of DeWare Field House Monday at 5 p.m. Charles E. McCandless, intramural director, announced Tuesday.

Tuesday's results in upperclassman horseshoe pitching: E-1 over F-2, 2-1; Sqd. 11 beat A-2, 2-1; C-3 won over D-1, 2-1; A-1 defeated Sqd. 8, 2-1; and Sqd. 9 beat C-1, 2-1.

Winning players for A-1 were Ronnie Anz, Con Mims, Phil Lanasa, Bob Coltrin, Glen Tole and Cyril Durrenberger.

Class A football results: G-3 won over the White Band, 16-6; Sqd. 2 beat the Maroon Band, 22-0; Sqd. 10 beat F-3, 6-0; A-1 defeated Sqd. 1, 6-0; and B-2 over E-3, 2-0.

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