

Pros Come In Second

By GARY SHERER

In 1906, the forward pass was introduced to football. Since then, the maneuver has evolved into probably the most exciting phase of modern football.

A total of 135 of the excitement-grabbers were thrown in the Cotton Bowl this weekend by two college football teams and an equal number of professional elevens.

The surprising fact about this statistic is that the college teams threw more passes than the pros! The Aggies and Purdue filled the Saturday night Dallas air with 71 aeriels. On Sunday afternoon the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants tossed 64 between them in a National Football League tussle.

Its a well-known fact that the play-for-payers have made the forward pass their number one weapon, but this year it looks like the colleges may be adopting the pass as their top strategy.

The Aggies and the Boilermak-

ers came out throwing in the 24-20 Purdue win. But the 27,500 fans on hand got a look at two impressive quarterbacks. The Aggies, who had thrown 25 times last Saturday against Southern Methodist, with most of them coming in the second half comeback bid, really turned to the air Saturday night.

Aggie field general Edd Hargett made good on half of his 34 attempts as Coach Gene Stallings elected to move the ball via the pass. Hargett garnered 267 yards in his 17 completions and probably would have completed more had there not been intermittent breakdowns in the Aggie blocking.

Hargett's Purdue counterpart, Mike Phipps, tried 37 passes, completing 18 of them for 273 yards. Phipps was thrown into the starting role when highly-regarded Mike Engelbrecht was sidelined with a broken arm. Engelbrecht had been expected to step into the big shoes of graduated All-America Bob Griese.

Phipps, a sophomore, began slowly but started finding the target towards the end of the first quarter. He threw 30 times in the first half.

Both Hargett and Phipps topped the totals of Don Meredith and Craig Morton for the Cowboys and Fran Tarkenton and Earl Morrall for the Giants. The Giant throwers went 18 for 35 (Tarkenton, 16 of 32, and Morrall, 2 of 3) while Meredith hit on 15 of 27 and Morton was one for two.

The big difference came in the yardage totals as Hargett and Phipps topped the Cowboy-Giant totals, 540 to 426.

Possibly the reason for Purdue throwing so much was a case of looking ahead a week, as the Boilermakers play Notre Dame this Saturday. In Perry Williams and Leroy Keyes, the Indiana school possesses a potent running duo. With their running game apparently set, Purdue was seemingly trying to establish a pass-

ing game for the battle with the Irish.

Even with the abundance of passing or lack of running, it was the failure of the Aggie defense to get to Phipps that made the difference in the game. The Purdue defense, however, stopped Hargett on several occasions.

Defense, of course, is another top attraction of the pros and the Aggies will run into a top college defense when they meet the Louisiana State Tigers at Baton Rouge this Saturday night. The Aggies, in the meantime, will be working on their own defense to stop the offense that topped Rice last week 20-14.

As the Aggies were involved in some pro-type passing with Purdue, Coach Stallings and Aggie fans hope the Maron and White will be able to equal LSU's pre-emulated defense this Saturday night. If this comes about, the road back might start to look a little smoother.

Gibson Chosen To Start Series

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Manager Red Schoendienst says veteran Bob Gibson will pitch the opening game of the 1967 World Series for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schoendienst said Monday his main concern as the club left for the final five-game road trip of the season is to get Gibson ready for the Series and keep his other pitchers sharp. Gibson, a two-game winner in the 1964 World Series, rebounded from a broken leg to pitch the National League clincher a week ago in Philadelphia.

"I'm trying to get Gibson good and strong, which he is now, but I'd like to see him go all the way," Schoendienst said.

Lefty Steve Carlton will start Tuesday's game in Chicago and three pitchers will work the second game on Wednesday, Schoendienst said.

"We'll start Carlton, and I'll go all the way with him, or as far as I can with him," Schoendienst said. "In the other game, it'll be Larry Jaster, Ray Washburn and Jack Lamabe pitching three innings each. They all have to get some work.



BILL HOBBS Tough guy in a tough position.

Hobbs Is Top Candidate For 'Tough Guy' Position

The Texas Aggies wouldn't have many defensive problems if they had 11 Bill Hobbs on the field.

The toughie from Amarillo is what Coach Gene Stallings terms a "football player" and that's the highest honor he bestows on a player when he is describing him.

Hobbs made a miraculous interception against Southern Methodist last Saturday from his linebacker's post, seemingly spearing the football with one hand. Saturday night at Dallas, fans got an example of Hobbs' power when he intercepted a Purdue pass and ran over about four surprised Boilermakers for the Aggies first touchdown of the night.

That he has good hands is more understandable when you realize that he was a split end back at Tascosa High in Amarillo. He has that good speed, too.

The nimble-footed guy ran the low hurdles in high school. He ran them so well that he finished second in the Class 4A state meet. He also competed on the school's mile relay team.

Tigers Are Ready For Texas Aggies

By JERRY GRISHAM

The Bayou Bengals have tasted Southwest Conference blood, namely Rice's and more specifically Robby Shelton's, and this Saturday they will be lying in wait in the marshes of South Louisiana for the Aggies of Texas A&M in hopes of making it two SWC meals in a row.

In last week's season debut against the Rice Owls, the Tigers resolved the preseason quarterback problem they were reported to have as the previously knee-injury plagued Nelson Stokley brought the Bengals from behind to a 20-14 victory.

Instead, at the end of the game it was the Owl quarterback, Robby Shelton, who was out of action for at least two weeks and maybe longer with a shoulder separation.

But it was the LSU defense which carried the greatest burden Saturday night and it will be the defense which will be put to the test against the aerial-minded Aggies.

The Tiger defense, spearheaded by linebacker George Bevan and defensive end John Garlington, stopped the Owls twice inside the LSU 20-yard-line.

This year's defense returns nine lettermen from a unit that last year gave up a touchdown or less in five games. Two sophomores have been put into the positions vacated by graduation.

It's a good thing the Aggies got used to playing a big team like

Purdue last week because the Tigers are about as big and probably as mean.

The smallest man in the offensive line weighs 210 pounds and the front five averages a hefty 218 pounds per man. The defensive front four of the Tigers averages only a slightly lower 211 pounds per man.

If Stokley can remain healthy along with his tailback Jim Dossay, the leading Tiger rusher in 1966, who is recovering from an operation, the Tigers just might develop an offense to be reckoned with.

Astro Facts

The Houston Astros bring down the curtain on their 1967 season with three games against the Philadelphia Phillies this coming Monday and Tuesday night and an afternoon game Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

The Phillies, led by Tony Gonsales, John Garrison and Elmer White, will be battling for a first division berth and Gonsales will have his own battle against Rust Staub as these two outfielders make a final effort to overtake Roberto Clemente for the National batting title.

The probable pitching rotation will be Bruce Von Hoff vs. Jim Bunning on Monday, Howie Rose vs. Chris Short on Tuesday and Mike Cueller vs. Rich Wise on Wednesday.

AL Chase Gets Closer

BOSTON (AP)—The hour of midnight is at hand for Boston's Cinderella Red Sox—and they're hoping for a whirlwind finish of four more victories in a bid for the team's first pennant in 21 years.

Locked in a dog fight with Minnesota, Chicago and Detroit for the elusive American League flag, the Red Sox enjoyed a rest Monday before launching their last, brief home stand of the regular season.

The Bosox moved into a tie with the Twins when California stopped Minnesota 9-2 yesterday. Detroit fell farther behind with a 2-0 loss to New York.

The standings now show Boston and Minnesota deadlocked at 90-68 with the White Sox a half game back at 89-68 and the Tigers two games back at 88-69.

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