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THE PRESSBOX

by Richard Campbell

Don't look now but the Baylor Bears, who will be here Saturday night, are the only team in the conference with a season record worse than the Aggies. They are also last in total offense and next to last in total defense. They have yet to win a game in four tries and have scored only 40 points while giving up 149.

The Bears have been getting the horselaugh around the conference because at the beginning of the season with new coach Bill Beall they were supposed to be on the road back after some so-so teams under John Bridgers. Beall introduced new uniforms with a different shade of green and a newer, more ferocious Bear symbol for their mascot. But in their debut against Kansas State, they were trounced 48-15 and it looked like new uniforms, new colors, new mascot but the same ol' Baylor players.

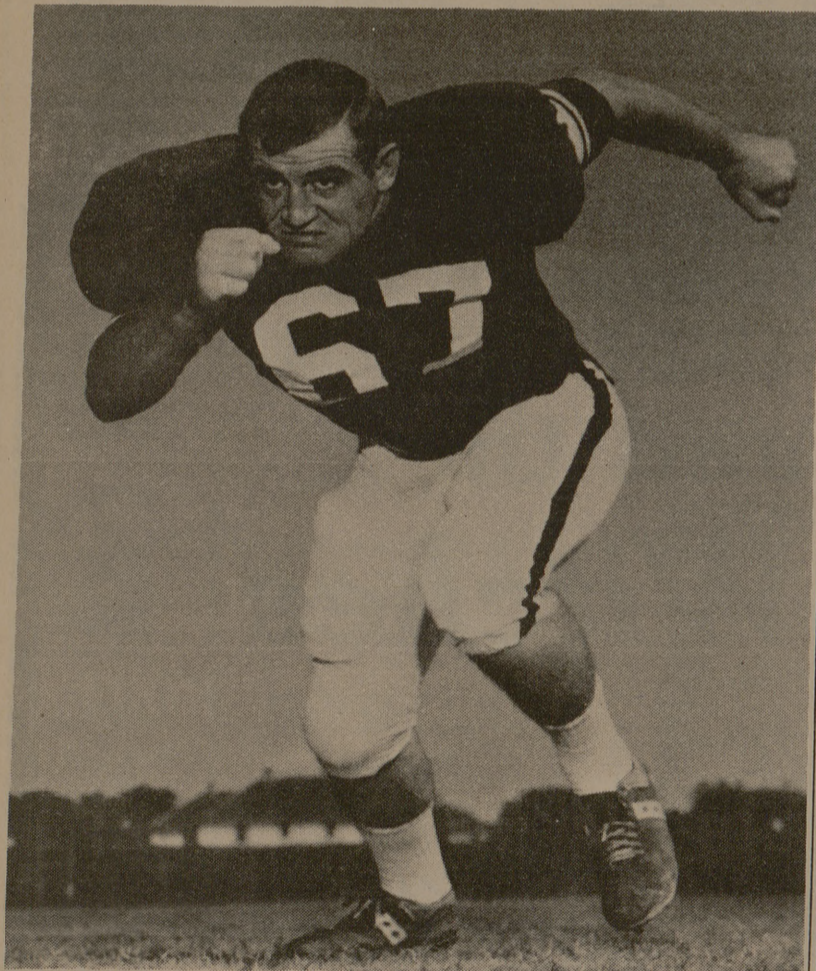
But their 21-7 loss to highly touted Arkansas two weeks ago marked the beginning of a new Baylor look as they gained 116 yards rushing, 133 passing and scored the first touchdown against the Razorbacks in 20 quarters. Their defense also shored itself up and held the Hogs to 346 yards total offense.

It's been almost a year since the Aggies have played on Kyle Field with the Rice game last Nov. 16 being their last home contest. The TCU game was the first Aggie game this year played before a less than capacity crowd. At LSU, they drew 67,510; at Nebraska, 66,331; at Army, 41,000; at Texas Tech, 49,000 but at TCU only 38,000 showed up and nearly 20,000 were Aggie supporters.

This game will feature a 30th Anniversary reunion for the 1939 Aggies' National Championship team. They'll hold a luncheon Saturday at which time H. B. McElroy, sports information director at A&M in the Homer Norton era, will receive a citation for membership in the Helms Foundation Athletic Hall Of Fame.

Having seen both fish football games to date, they definitely warrant a look by everyone able to make it to a game. Though they lack some polish and finesse, they do know how to win. For their seventh consecutive win spanning two seasons, they beat the Baylor Cubs last Thursday and seem on their way to another undefeated season. Coach Jim Keller, who took over last year, has not coached a losing team yet. Their next home game will be on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. when they meet Texas Tech. Their next game will be against Rice in Houston on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Player of the Week



LYNN ODOM

The Batt's Player-Of-The-Week is defensive lineman Lynn Odom, a stubby 5-10, 202-pounder from Corsicana.

John Ruthstrom, the mammoth center for TCU, said that Odom was "about as tough a defensive guard as you will ever play against."

Odom typifies all that coaches look for in a defensive lineman and Aggie Coach Gene Stallings has said that "Odom is a real football player." What the senior lacks in size he makes up for in savvy and desire.

Odom performed against TCU in his usual manner with consistency and is one of the big reasons that Aggie foes this season have found that running up the middle of the A&M defensive line is rough.

Ski Trip Presentation Planned

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Groups of four taking the rent car option receive a \$25 refund.

Scopel noted an estimated 5,000 high school and young college students from throughout the world will be at Courchevel, France, during the Jan. 23-Feb. 1 trip period. A 250-member group from Wisconsin also will be at Courchevel then.

Dr. Thomas W. Adair III, physics professor, will be faculty ad-

viser for the trip, working with Tom S. Gillis, 1942 A&M graduate and president of Best Industries in Houston, and Jack Roach, Jr., 1941 A&M graduate and president-general manager of Jack Roach Ford in Houston.

Gillis, who is past president and current board member of the Houston Ski Club, and Roach will assist French instructors with lessons at Courchevel.

College Scoring Soars

NEW YORK (AP) — Explosive offenses have sent college football off to its strongest ball-moving and scoring pace in all of its 100 years.

The use of the forward pass appears to be leveling off and there is renewed emphasis on rushing. Field goals are averaging better than one a game.

These are some of the trends noted Tuesday by the National Collegiate Sports Services in statistics based on the first half of the season.

The average game among major teams this year has produced 42.1 points for the combined teams compared with 39.3 a year ago. The 1968 season broke all offensive records.

Total offense average is up to

644.5 yards for both teams compared with 629.0 at the midpoint in 1968. Of this, rushing accounts for 342.4 yards and passing 302.0. Last year the breakdown was almost even with rushing 330.1 and passing 299.0.

Although the running game is coming in for greater attention, touchdown passes are averaging two a game, bettering the record pace of 1968 when an average of 1.77 was thrown.

The college boys are almost duplicating the pros in field goal activity, although the posts are 10 yards back of the goal line instead of on the goal line, as in the case of the pros.

The field goal average per game is 1.05 compared with one in every three games in 1959,

when the goal posts were widened.

Even with this accelerated offensive pace, the team leaders in the various departments remained the same as a week ago with one exception. Florida moved into first place in the team forward passing table, replacing Idaho, which dropped to third.

The pass-happy Gators have completed 107 of 188 throws for 1,568 yards and a per game average of 313.6. San Diego State, with 312.3 yards a game passing, is next, followed by Idaho, 305.6.

Third baseman Ron Santo of the Chicago Cubs was the first National Leaguer to drive in 90 runs this season.

Water Polo Team Downs Longhorn

The Aggie Water Poloers held off a determined Texas Longhorn rally to take a sweet 11-10 victory from the orangemen, last night in P.L. Downs Natatorium.

The Aggies were fast starters as they charged to a 5-2 first quarter lead. Colin Dunn sparked the opening quarter drive with 3 goals. At the half the Ags were on the board to the tune of 6-4.

In the third stanza Dunn added two more goals as the Ags added to their lead to the tune of 10-5. At the beginning of the fourth period the Aggies cooled off and the Longhorns came alive.

Dunn scored the winning goal in the fourth period as Texas tied the last three goals to the Aggie lead. The Longhorns were in possession of the ball when the clock ran out. Anderson was the top scorer for Texas with six goals. He scored four in the last quarter.

Aggie scorers were lead by Dunn with six, Hank Papp with two goals, and Tom Steve Henry, and Bob De with one each.

Harmon Killebrew of the Minnesota Twins was the first in the major leagues to drive in 100 runs this season.

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