

Fish Tackle Picadors Tonight

By Mike Wright
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The Texas Aggie Fish will lay a perfect 3-0 record on the line against the Texas Tech Picadors tonight in Kyle Field. Kickoff time is at 7:30 for the final Fish home game of the season.

Last week the Fish blitzed the Rice Owlets 38-6 on a wet field

in Houston. Vance Kerbow supplied the necessary offensive against Rice as he rushed for 149 yards in 19 carries and scored three touchdowns. For the season he has lugged the pigskin for 260 yards in 41 carries for a 6.3 average.

The Fish defense which has been tremendous in three games

picked up nine Owlet fumbles and robbed the Rice airplanes three times to give the Fish offensive great field positions all night. The Fish's other two victories came at the expense of TCU, 27-26, and Baylor, 16-6.

The Picadors are 1-2 for the season with a 31-14 win over the University of Texas at Arlington and losses to Arkansas, 23-22, and Oklahoma, 50-12.

The Fish won last year's meeting in Lubbock, 16-13, scoring late in the game to ice the victory.

"We're improving every game," Fish coach Jim Keller said. "Our team played its best game offensively and defensively against Rice. Kerbow has improved 200 per cent, and our defense is really hitting."

The Fish finally broke the habit of not scoring in the second half last week as Kerbow broke for a thirty yard scoring run on the Fish's first offensive play.

"We really don't know much about Tech," said Keller, "But I know that quarterback Greg Water, Fullback Gaines Baty, and halfback Ed Lee Renfro were

highly sought after when they were seniors and they've been doing a good job."

The Picadors plan to start an offensive unit composed of Roger Napper, split end, Vince Freeman, left tackle, Harold Lyons, left guard, Mike Hunter at center, Russell Ingram at right guard, Larry Peterson, right tackle, and to round out the line at right end Larry Burnett.

In the backfield in addition to Waters, Baty, and Renfro, the Picadors will have Andrew Gonda at flanker.

The Fish will counter with a defense that in three games has recovered 12 fumbles and intercepted 10 passes. The front four for the Fish will be Ralph Sacra, left end, Butch Kamps, left guard, Boice Best, right guard, and Max Bird at right end. Linebackers will be Greg Hall at strong linebacker, Gary McCaffrey at middle, and Grady Hoermann at weak linebacker. Kent Finley will start at rover. Deep men for the Fish will be Robert Murski at left halfback, Gary Whitehead at right halfback and Brad Dusek at safety.

The Fish close out the season November 21 against the University of Texas Yearlings on the AstroTurf at Memorial Stadium.



FISH SWEEP

Lex James (11) comes around the right end on an option play against the Baylor Jimmy Aycock (33) eventually got the ball on a pitchback and picked up six yards. Both will be in action tonight in Kyle Field at 7:30 when the unbeaten Fish meet the Texas Tech Picadors. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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THE PRESSBOX

by Richard Campbell

There's been a lot of huffin' and puffin' around conference lately concerning the team of officials who worked the A&M-Arkansas game Saturday. Frank Brown of Arkansas said that they were the some ones who erred the Razorbacks' encounter with the Baylor Bears Waco Oct. 11. The Bears held the Hogs to a 7-7 tie. The three quarters before Arkansas finally pulled it out.

Several sportwriters and coaches have commented rather vehemently about some of the calls which these officials made. They have worked the A&M-Arkansas, TCU, and Arkansas-Baylor games, and all three games have been criticized after for their inconsistency in calls.

Generally, any griping done by losing coaches is looked upon as sour grapes and cast aside because coaches are not supposed to have the right to complain. That's well and good, but when even some of the winning coaches take the time to cast stones at the officiating maybe there is some credence and a sound basis for griping.

Cliff Speegle and Wilbur Evans of the Southwest Conference have been consulted in regards to the performance of some of the SWC officials. Game films are usually the best criteria available for evaluating the officials' made during the course of a ball game. These same films serve either to indicate the official or show that the he made was lousy.

Let's face facts, the official is counted on in a ball game in much the same way that a player is. He is judged solely upon his performance under pressure. Admittedly, the job is not easy. But there is also another side to the coin because the official has an obligation to teams and fans to perform as ably as he can in the heat of battle. And if he cannot do this with a clear conscience then the time to turn in his whistle has come.

No doubt that everyone can recall certain instances where the officiating was atrocious, but this is not the problem. What separates these latest incident from common-place "bush-league" calls is that they are not related affairs but consistently questionable ones.

The thing that really claws at the insides is the fact that if an official blows a call, he ought to have the guts to come over to the sideline and explain or apologize to the coach. But some referees take the attitude that because they are wearing that striped shirt, they are invulnerable every time.

Fortunately, there is hope for this situation and it seems to be a simple task: eliminate the bad apples from the bunch. Because, believe it or not, there are many officials, and especially in the SWC, who have the personal integrity it takes to handle this tough job. Obviously others do not and should be dealt with accordingly.



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