

Hammond has Mustangs in conference race

By MICHAEL RICE
Fresh from the victory against Arkansas, A&M's upset-minded football team will try to pull off another one this weekend against the SMU Mustangs, who are coached by Hayden Fry.

Texas A&M, half a game behind the SMU footballers in the SWC race which seems destined for a bottleneck, lost to SMU last year 6-3 after beating the Mustangs the year before 20-10.

Although SMU lost the best passing quarterback it has ever had to graduation, senior Gary Hammond is not to be denied his due honors as a passer in the replacement of Chuck Hixson.

At the start of the season, he was operating his team from the Flying Wishbone formation, but found more holes to run his backs through from the I formation.

With it, Hammond (175) has been able to complete 37 of 91

attempted passes for yardage of 436 and one touchdown. He has also rushed with the ball 122 times to gain 425 yards.

His favorite receiver is half-back Alvin Maxson (185), who is continuing his race for Sophomore of the Year honors. He has carried the ball 142 times to net a total of 625 yards in seven games. He presently leads the SWC in rushing with 89.3 yards per game, tandem offense, 113.1 yards per game, and is third in pass receiving, making him a candidate for All-SWC honors.

Other backs in the field include left halfback T. J. Hutchinson (190), who led the SMU freshmen in rushing last season; fullback Dennis Howell (195) who was a linebacker last year; and Rayford Clark, a 195 pound sophomore who was redshirted last season.

In the speedy receiving department three lettermen and one sophomore will be on hand for the pass catching duties.

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while Paul Bradley (180) and Ralph Blount (215) are in the tight end spot.

The lone returnee in the offensive line is George Zoch (210), who is second behind right tackle Johnny Meyer (230). The left tackle position is manned by Ken Walker (220) and D. Nady (240).

Guards on the line will include Rush Cone (220) and Steve Smith (208), Tom Black (220) and Randy Scoggins (210).

Centering the ball to Hammond will be Kelly Arnold (210) and Mike Haynes (195). The wing-back slot is held down by Randy Goss (185) and Randy Dossett (185).

With an offense that has had to play catch-up ball this season, Coach Fry has had to depend on his starting defense to toe the line for the young offensive ball club. Fry was able to return seven of last year's starters on the defensive team, but depth seems to have proved a problem for him.

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Nation's top-ranked college teams will win this week, Grimsley says

By WILL GRIMSLEY
AP Special Correspondent
NEW YORK (AP)—Nebraska, Oklahoma, Alabama, Auburn and Michigan continue on their runaway collision course this week-end with the Crimson Tide facing the greatest danger of upset.

Johnny Musso should bring the Tide through in a tough one.

Upset fliers were costly last week, although we called the Mississippi win over LSU.

Alabama 17, Louisiana State 14: The Tigers' tough defense slows Alabama's triple options.

Nebraska 48, Iowa State 13: Red is the Cornhuskers' color—and now it's the color of the prognosticator who picked Colorado.

Washington 28, California 13: After a mid-season slump, Sonny Sixkiller is on the warpath again.

Ohio State 14, Michigan State 8: A rugged defensive duel with the Buckeyes throttling the Spartans' Eric Allen.

Georgia 31, Florida 7: Touchdowns come hard for foes of the

Bulldogs, who find an answer for the Gators' Carlos Alvarez.

Northwestern 10, Minnesota 7: Clayton Scheurer, 252, Gopher guard, and Jim Anderson, 250, 'Cats tackle, outshine the backs.

Texas 25, Baylor 6: The gap between the Longhorns and their Southwest rivals is getting smaller.

Notre Dame 20, Pittsburgh 17: Surprising Pitt always plays a good game against the Fighting Irish.

Air Force 24, Oregon 20: it's not hard for the Air Force to get high in Colorado Springs' altitude.

Princeton 23, Harvard 20: The Tigers have averaged more than 35 points in their last three games.

Stanford 31, UCLA 16: The Indians shouldn't have trouble until they play California in "The Game" Nov. 20.

Georgia Tech 19, Navy 13: The Midshipmen are improving, but this is too large a hurdle.

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Champions and future tournaments announced by intramural office

Champions have been determined in two classes this week, according to the intramural department.

The Saints won the only league in Class D football making them the first champions ever in the newly formed league.

The first official women's intramural team champion has been determined. The girls of G-1 won over The Liberator's in the Class G basketball championship. The seven-team league will be playing volleyball next which should begin this coming week.

The intramural department also announced plans for a faculty-

staff golf tournament. Play will begin December 1, and anyone interested should contact the intramural office soon. The tournament will be open to both present and retired faculty-staff members. Women also will be eligible to participate in the tournament.

The handball tournament begins play November 8. Forty nine entries have been received from students, faculty and staff members. A university champion will be determined and he will be eligible to participate with the A&M handball club.

Class C playoffs in basketball and handball have begun. Utay will play Davis-Gary at 8:00 in DeWare on Thursday. The winner will play Crocker next Tuesday at 8:00 in DeWare in the championship game.

In Class C handball, the winner of the White, Hart and Utay playoff will play the winner of the Puryear and Law semi-final match next Thursday, November 11 in the championship game.

No student tickets available Saturday

A&M students are reminded that Friday is the last day to pick up their allotted tickets for this week's game against SMU.

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