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Fish and Shorthorns decide championship in Austin

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exas A&M and Texas freshfootball teams will square in Austin this afternoon at m. in a game that will deine the Southwest Confere champion. The Texas Shortns are 4-0 while the Fish

nd in at 3-1. he Texas-Texas A&M freshseries began in 1935, and it he oldest of any Texas series sus a Southwest Conference col. The current freshman te began with a B-team series 947, and since World War II, tas has a 17-6-1 edge over the

The last year A&M defeated vas was in 1968 with a 14-13 sion. Last year the Shorthorns . 47-7.

"Texas is physically strong both offensively and defensively," stated Fish coach Jim Keller. "The best chance we have is to play aggressive on defense and hold on to the ball as much as game is slacking up." possible."

The Shorthorns will run out of the Wishbone with Adrian Ford of Aldine leading the attack at quarterback. His running backs are Joey Aboussie of Wichita Falls, David Bartek of Belton and Coy Featherston of Corpus Christi. Aboussie, 5-9, 185 blue chipper, leads the attack with 234 yards on 60 carries and two touch-

downs. Close behind is Featherston with 223 yards on 52 carries and one touchdown. Ford has carried the ball 35 times for 126 yards but leads in scoring touch-

downs with 18 points. "We must stop their running game and hope to keep them from scoring," Keller said. "They will pass only when their running

In four games, Texas has thrown but 27 passes, completing 11 for 179 yards and three interceptions. Ford has thrown nine times, completing five for 64 yards.

"They'll just run right at you," stated Keller. "All their backs are the power types with no real breakaway speed." Roosevelt Leaks is the main

source of speed in the Shorthorn backfield but will not play today because of an injured achilles tendon. Tommy Keel, all-state bluechipper from Austin Reagan,

also will not see action against the Fish because of three broken ribs suffered in the TCU game. Keel has intercepted six passes so far this year and leads the conference in that department. All in all, the Texas defense has swiped 17 passes for a conference record in that department.

"I attribute their interceptions on the other team trying to play catch-up when they get behind," Keller said. "Texas is a very opportunistic football team; if you make a mistake against them you better expect to pay for it."

Mickey Macaluso, 6-2, 193, from Austin, is back in the lineup after missing the past three games due to a pulled hamstring and should replace the spot left by Leaks. Linebacker Paul Walker

is also back after a shoulder separation suffered in the Rice game.

Texas' six linemen, not including the split end, average 243 pounds per man. Most of this size comes from the guards; Fred Pointer is 6-3 and weighs 282 pounds, while at the other guard is John Boeker who tips the scales

at 310 pounds and is 6-7. Texas coach Bill Ellington is going after his fourth undefeated season in six years. The victory over TCU last weekend was his 25th against three loses and a tie. The last loss suffered by the Shorthorns was in 1969 against SMU.

Last week's win for the Fish was a great one for both the team and the coach as it assured them of over a .500 season after last

year's lackluster 0-5 record. "We really played well against Tech," commented Keller. "The defense did a great job holding them from getting inside our 20yard line. Tech had the finest defense we've faced all year and were real aggressive. "Al Thurmond played the best

game he's ever played, both catching passes and running back punts," he added. "Don Dean also did a fine job when he directed the team for that last score late in the fourth quarter.

"On defense I was real proud of Paul Hulin and Dennis Henderson," Keller continued. "Tech came out in the Wishbone and we had worked on defending against the Power I but the kids did a great job in stopping the option after the first couple of series."

"To win the game we must move the football," he concluded, "and to do that we must keep their linebackers and linemen out of our backfield," he added.

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Darrell Royal of the University Texas once said that the Texas gies could be the darkhorse of SWC race for the Cotton wl this year. Those words ald ring so true for Royal if e Aggies manage to spoil loyal's path to a New Year's y football game.

For the Aggies to upset Texas uld take the most defensive of msive efforts the .500 ball club uld muster with guarterback d option runner containment ing the biggest key to the road victory.

This 78th meeting between the defensive ball clubs will probly see two quarterbacks opposg each other who have fourme winning streaks. UT quarrback Eddie Phillips is not suitgout this week due to a shoulrseparation in the game gainst TCU and his able backup, bunnie Wiggington (167), will ust likely see action in the hanksgiving Day affair.

Wiggington won't be the most essive passing quarterback e Aggie defense has had to

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face as he is only seventh in the conference in throwing the pigskin. To date, he has completed only 31 of 57 attempted passes for a mere total of 498 yards.

His rushing option has also left him in the seventh spot in the SWC with a total of 474 yards for the season or a 52.7 per game average.

In pass receiving, Pat Kelly (173) at the split end position leads the Longhorns with 16 catches for 214 yards. His backup is lightweight split end Dean Campbell, who stands 5-5 and weighs in at 151 pounds. Sophomore Rick Davis (226)

and his classmate Mike Cromeens (205), both from the Houston area are Royal's picks for the tight end position. Both were standouts in last year's Shorthorn football squad.

Almost legendary Jim Bertelsen (200) will be leading Lonnie Bennett (180) in the left halfback spot. Bertelsen has chalked up an impressive 800 yards in spite of the fact that he's not a quarterback. He follows only four of the

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SWC's top quarterbacks. His average yardage per game in tan-

behind Maxson of SMU and Reppond of Arkansas.

Dan Steakley (180) and Lonnie Bennett (182) will fulfill the obligations of the right halfback while 200 pound Dennis Ladd and Bobby Callison (189) will hold down the fullback slot of the Texas Wishbone.

Jeff Zapalac (202) will be the man down under for the quarterback. Zapalac, relatively small for a center, tilts the scales at (202), while his sophomore backup Bill Harrington weighs in at 215 pounds.

The front four for the offensive line stands heavy with the likes of Jerry Sizemore (247) leading the way for the ball protectors. Sizemore, a large one to tumble, has a light-weight backup in Julius Whittier, who attacks the defense with only 200 pounds, when he gets a chance to play,

Bill Wyman (216), a sophomore, is in the left tackle spot with Whittier doubling over in this position also. Doug Crosslin (238) and Robert Lenz will attack from the left guard spot. The right

and Steve Oxley (228). Defensively, Texas has been

even stingier than A&M, not having allowed a touchdown in the last 11 quarters of play. Rushing defense for the defending champions has totaled 1,456 yards in 476 plays while the passing defense has yielded only 1,031 yards to put it third in the conference. Size in the Texas defense ranges from 165 pounds in Rusty Campbell, who roams the field in the safety position, to Robert Guevara, who crushes the scales at 279 pounds as a sophomore in the right tackle hole.

Ends on the squad include Jay Arnold (181) and Dan Terwelp (201) at the left end, while Malcolm Minnick (202) and Bill Rutherford (215) move at right end.

Linebackers are Randy Braband (225) and Greg Dahlberg (212) on the left, Glen Gaspard (220) and Darrell Gray (190) on the right, and short linebackers Tommy Woodard (210) and Tommy Lee (212).

Ahead of right tackle is senior Ray Dowdy (223) and Mike Bayer

dem offense is 95.2, leaving him guards will be Travis Roach (242) is the number one man in the safety spot. Bruce Cannon (200) and Tommy Landry (192) will roam the field as monster men for the defense.

Halfbacks are Alan Lowry (182) and Ronnie Workman (192) on the left with Mike Rowan (180) and Gary Yeoman (187) on the right.

Looking the entire team over, Texas is just a little more impressive than the Aggies, although the statistics indicate more of a difference. The defense for the team will be a tough one for the Aggies to cope with, though the A&M offensive game has been improving with each victory. The offense can be contained with only a minimum of 100 per cent effort on the part of the Aggies, if the spoiler hopes are to be kept alive.

Rugby club enters Houston tourney

The Aggie Rugby Club travels to Houston Saturday to compete in the third Lone Star Invitational Rugby Tournament.

Although restricted to 12 competing clubs, the meet hosts teams from all over Texas and Louisiana, and in the past it has proven to be a grueling test of stamina and skill for all the en-

The Aggies, this year's Union Champions, are undefeated thus far in regular play. They are highly favored to win this tourna-

However, the Aggies have been drawn to play the Austin Gold Rugby Club in the first round. Austin is a very strong and aggressive club, and they will provide stiff opposition.

If A&M wins this match, they ust play twice more on Satur



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