

# BATT PICKS

Games	Readers Pick	Kevin Coffey	Bill Henry	Larry Marshall	Rod Speer	Mike Rice	Janet Landers
Arkansas-TCU		Ark	TCU	Ark	Ark	Ark	Ark
Baylor-Miami		Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Miami	Miami	Miami
Houston-Va. Tech		Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Va. Tech
Rice-LSU		LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
SMU-New Mex. St.		SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU	SMU
Texas-Utah St.		Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Texas Tech-Tulsa		Tech	Tulsa	Tech	Tech	Tulsa	Tulsa
Notre Dame-Mich. St.		N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.
Houston-Oakland		Oak.	Oak.	Oak.	Hous.	Hous.	Hous.
Dallas-Pittsburgh		Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Last Week		5-5	4-6	4-6	5-5	4-6	4-6
Season Record		28-12	27-13	25-15	25-15	24-16	23-17
Percentage		.700	.675	.625	.625	.600	.575

## Read Battalion Classifieds

# Fish On Varsity Increase In Number

By KEVIN COFFEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Blake Schwarz and Dennis Smelser joined seven other Fish on the varsity to make a total of nine first year men on the Aggie squad.

With this large number on the varsity, head freshman coach Paul Register finds himself laughingly moaning for "some 210 lb. freshman."

Register may be snickering but the situation is getting really serious. Depth is the Fish's major weakness and they can't afford many more losses to the varsity.

Terry Crowover and Ronnie Garrison will replace the departed Schwarz and Smelser but no other changes are expected for the next Fish game, Oct. 11 at TCU.

Register has gotten great punting out of non-scholarship performer Lee White, who averaged 43.8 yards on six punts against Rice. This average would be enough to lead the Southwest Conference in punting if White was a varsity player. White has also connected on four of four extra points.

Register is using a shuttle system with the split ends so the coaches can call the plays from

the sideline. Roy Murry and Bill Newton, both non-scholarship athletes, handle these duties for the Fish.

Fullback Bucky Sams leads the Fish in rushing with 117 yards against Rice. Sams has scored one touchdown and is averaging 5.9 yards a carry.

Ronnie Hubby is the leading scorer for the Fish with 12 points. Hubby netted 80 yards on 20 carries against the Owlets and is second behind Sams in that department.

The Fish defense, which played an outstanding game, held Rice to 197 yards total offense while blocking a punt, scoring one touchdown and intercepting four passes.

Coach Register said TCU will

be tough even though it is the Texas Tech Fish. Register was very pleased with the performance of the Fish against Rice but warned that the game is not a season, so to play them all like the

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# Red Sox Defeat Tigers In Finale

DETROIT (AP) — Marty Pattin fired a four-hitter and the Boston Red Sox defeated Detroit's Joe Coleman of a 20th victory Wednesday with a 4-1 triumph over the Tigers in the regular-season finale for both American League teams.

The victory left the Red Sox one-half game behind the East Division champion Tigers—who played one more game than Boston this season because of the strike-shortened schedule.

Detroit begins its playoff in

Oakland Saturday against the West Division champion A's.

Coleman failed to record his second straight 20-victory season and wound up instead with his 14th loss. He gave up all of Boston's runs and left after six innings.

Pattin, 17-13, was given a first-inning run when Juan Beniquez and Phil Gagliano walked and Ben Oglivie singled. The Tigers tied it in the bottom of the inning on Dick McAuliffe's double, a fly ball that moved him to third and Frank Howard's grounder.



Bill Henry

Are Texas A&M fans really fickle?

In this instance, I say no. The fans aren't down on the Aggies for losing; just for refusing to play the football that they're capable of playing. No one was really upset when the Aggies lost to Nebraska; it was somewhat expected. No one was really upset over the loss to LSU, it was also expected. But, the loss to out-manned, out-classed Army was not expected. And that is the problem.

The fans couldn't have been too terribly upset with the Aggie losses. There were 46,680 people at the game. This figure represents the largest crowd ever to witness a non-conference game at Texas A&M.

Next week the crowd will be reduced, but not drastically. The fans will give the Aggies yet another chance to make them smile proudly that they are Texas Aggie fans. If they are defeated while giving it all they have, the fans will keep coming back. But, if they play another game as they did Saturday, the fans may find something else to do and no one could blame them.

Effort is all that is asked by football fans. Just effort. Against Army there seemed to be no real effort. It looked as if the team did not care whether it won or not.

These same fans who are griping have not given up hope for the Fightin' Texas Aggie football team. They will be back next weekend when the Red Raiders come into town. They'll scream and holler for "their" team every game. That's what gives these fans the right to criticize the team when it loses.

Another right to criticize is granted by the purchase of a football ticket. People who help support the football team have that right because they care enough to go out and watch.

People that don't participate, don't care or don't give up their time should not gripe. This type of fans the Aggies don't need.

Some people feel the football team should be a separate entity of the school. They feel that since the football team goes through spring training, two-a-days and daily workouts, they should be the judge of how they are doing. That is not how it works.

The football team is part of this school and without this school, they wouldn't be playing football here. Many could have played at other schools but decided that A&M was the place for them. The student spirit had a great deal to do with their coming to A&M. The students do care about the football team. They care when the team wins and they care when the team loses; that is Texas A&M.

If the fans are asked not to criticize, are they also asked not to praise? Of course not.

At A&M praise comes in abundance when possible. Remember 1967 when the Aggies won the Southwest Conference Championship and beat Alabama in the Cotton Bowl. Praise was heaped lavishly on all concerned by the fans and most of these fans are still around just waiting for an occurrence of that nature to happen again.

Remember Arkansas last year? People still talk about that game and how well the Aggies played.

So, in conclusion, I say the team should be grateful for the fans they have. Most fans are not fickle but have a dedicated interest in the Texas Aggies. When it is time to praise you're the best and when it is time to criticize, you are also the best. You are Texas A&M. You care. BEAT THE HELL OUT OF TEXAS TECH.

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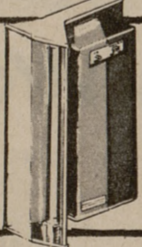


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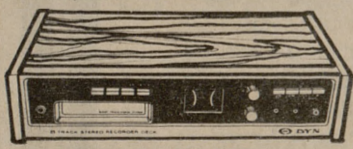
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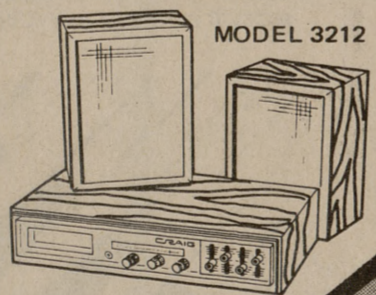
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