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Can Aggies Do It In Dallas Against Mustangs Saturday?

By BILL HENRY

Battalion Sports Editor Will the Aggies win their second conference game of the year? Will SMU go to a bowl? Will A&M's defense be able to hold the M&M boys?

These and many other questions will be answered Saturday afternoon when the Texas Aggies and the SMU Mustangs entertain each other in the Cotton Bowl beginning at 2:00.

A&M will try to put together back-to-back victories after losing six in a row since beating favored Arkansas last week.

The Mustangs will try and get back on the winning track after

losing two straight loop games to Texas and Tech. Both teams are definitely out of the conference race but the Mustangs still have hopes of being asked to a post-season bowl game. The Aggies have little or

game. The Aggies have little or no chance to be invited anywhere but can put the Mustangs' bowl hopes to an end with a win. This will be the 55th meeting

between the two schools in a rivalry begun with a 62-0 Aggie win in 1916. The Aggies lead the series 25-23-6.

A&M holds the longest winning streak with eight between 1939 and 1946. The Mustangs have won five of the last seven games including a 27-10 loss last year in College Station.

In that game last year, Mark Green (then a sophomore) set a Southwest Conference mark with 41 rushes for 158 yards. Green will not see action Saturday due to a sprained knee suffered against TCU three weeks ago. The settings will be the same Saturday's game will pit two of the conference's top defensive units. A&M took over SMU's second place SWC ranking by allowing only 284 yards per game in eight contests. SMU dropped to third with a 285.6 per game end, P

allowance. The real question for the Aggies is not in the defense but in the offense. The A&M offense is ranked seventh out of eight teams in total offense with a per game average of 289 yards. SMU ranks fourth with 343.7 yards per

game. A&M's offensive strength, if there is one, is with the rush in past games. SMU's defense leads the nation and the conference in defending the ground attack by allowing only 112 yards per contest.

Richard Osborne and Carl Roaches will alternate at split end, Mike Park will be at left tackle, Ricky Seeker will be at left guard, Skip Kuehn at center, Smelser or Buster Callaway at right guard, Ralph Sacra will be at right tackle and Homer May will be at tight end to round out the offensive line-up.

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Dean at quarterback, Brad Dusek
at fullback, Skip Walker at right
half and either Bubba Bean or
Ronnie Hubby will be at left half.

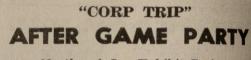
The defensive unit will be made up of Bird or Don Long at left end, Paul Hulin at right end, Boice Best at right tackle and Bill Wiebold at left tackle.

Linebackers will be Ed Simonini, Grady Hoermann and Kent Finley.

The secondary will be made up of Robert Murski, Corky Sheffield, Larry Ellis and Al Thurmond.

Injuries have again popped up in the Aggie camp. Freshman right guard Dennis Smelser has had a bout with the flu this week and is questionable in the tilt. If he does play, he will have lost much-needed strength to combat the very physical Mustang line. Max Bird, who injured a knee against Arkansas, was very doubtful in the beginning of the week but has made great improvement and could conceivably see action.

Green is still out and Bubba Bean is still suffering with a slight shoulder separation suffered against Arkansas.



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