

Backfield on last leg

Crippled Ags visit Ponies' corral

By PAUL McGRATH
Staff Sports Writer

With all of the suspensions and injunctions SMU has received, just fielding a team is quite a feat. But there the Mustangs sit, ready and waiting to upset the Aggies this Saturday.

The Aggies enter the contest as two touchdown favorites but an epidemic of injuries among the A&M running backs has the possibility of making the game closer than the Las Vegas boys predict.

Head Coach Emory Ballard was forced to move quarterback David Shipman to a running back slot because of the lack of a healthy backfield. David Walker is a doubtful starter and could possibly be replaced by Mike Jay. Skip Walker is still suffering from a sprained ankle. Bubba Bean, Ronnie Hubby and Bucky Sams should be able to see some action.

And of course there is Jerry Honore, who turned in a superlative performance for the Maroon and White against Arkansas. He is probably in the best health of the Aggie backs.

The Mustangs seem to be suffering no morale problems due to the suspension handed them by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Southwest Conference. Led by the quick footed Ricky Westons at quarterback and the last of the M&M boys, Wayne Morris, the SMU offense poses a formidable threat to the unwary foe.

Guarding the middle like the Rock of Gibraltar is 6-5, 275 lb. Louise Kelcher. Kelcher leads the Mustangs in unassisted tackles and is tied with linebacker Ted Thompson for overall tackling.

This marks the second week in a row the Aggies will face a Wishbone team. The nationally second ranked A&M defense met the test and went to the head of the class against the Razorbacks by allowing 63 yards rushing on 56 attempts. The Aggies lead the SWC in total defense by giving the opponents an average of 204 yards per game.

"The A&M defense has better personnel than Ohio State," said SMU head coach Dave Smith. "They are better than anyone I've seen in college football in a long time. I'll bet Arkansas didn't make the line of scrimmage 50 percent of the time last Saturday."

"A&M's probably the best defensive team we've faced," Smith said. "In fact, from what I've seen of them they are the best team."

Referring to the A&M offense Smith said, "They change their offense a little every week. They're not a pure Wishbone team anymore. They've had a few problems fumbling but they're better than anyone at taking the ball and scoring

on one play. They have an exceptional wide game. They have a bunch of players and have a lot going for them," Smith said.

Smith apparently has a good deal of respect for the Aggies and compared them to Texas. "I think A&M's ability surpasses Texas this year, but Texas' ability shows year in and year out. I said before the year that A&M has the best personnel in the conference."

The Mustangs are a respectable 5-3 overall and 2-2 in SWC play. A&M's 7-1 and 4-0 records speak for itself.

The game in Dallas is crucial for the Aggies as they hope to keep Cotton Bowl hopes alive. The Mustangs will be out of the bowl picture for awhile because of the NCAA rulings.

The Mustangs are capable of pulling the rug from under the Aggies

and mustn't be taken with a grain of salt. Ballard said that the Cotton Bowl was the focal point for the Aggies but he didn't feel the team would be looking ahead to any of the other remaining games.

For the Mustangs, Saturday's game is a perfect opportunity for them to play the spoiler. While the Aggies hope it will be the first of two successful trips to tonland.

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Guest picker this week: Randy Matson

Guest picker next week: Greg Moses, Battalion Editor

NBA picks Gourdine

CLEVELAND (AP) — Simon Gourdine was elected deputy commissioner of the National Basketball Association Thursday, becoming the highest ranking black administrator in professional sports in the United States.

There had been speculation Gourdine, 34, was to be elected to the commissioner's post which will be vacated June 1, 1975, when Walter Kennedy retires. The Board of Governors didn't vote on a new commissioner Thursday, however, and the next possible session in which such a ballot could come will be Jan. 14, 1975, during the NBA All-Star break in Phoenix.

"I want to make it clear that my election as deputy commissioner does not automatically give me the position of commissioner," Gourdine said.

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McDONALD'S INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS



The run & pick-up the blocker game

Squadron 15 outplays B-2 Boozers

By BOB GIBBS
The Saints used Quarterback Mike Newton's three touchdown passes and six extra points and a tenacious defense to bomb the P. E. Majors 40-0.

Newton mixed Veer-T running plays and effective passing to continually confuse the Major's defense. The Saints' Pat Berna intercepted a pass a minute into the game to set up a 5 yard scoring pass from Newton to Rick Honacker. Newton ran for two points to make it 8-0.

The Saints scored again when Randy Seewald ran 25 yards for a touchdown. Mike Newton again scored the extra points to give the Saints a 16-0 lead.

The Saints' Don Liedke thwarted the only serious P. E. offensive drive of the game when he intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards to the Major's four-yard line, where Ty Sharp skirted left end for a touchdown. Newton ran in his final extra point to make it 24-0 at the half.

The Newton-to-Honacker combination clicked for a 10-yard Saints' touchdown with Pat Waldie scoring the extra points. Randy Seewald caught a 32-yard TD pass from Newton late after Pat Berna's second interception. Ty Sharp ran for the final two points to complete a 40-0 whitewash.

Standouts on the Saints' defense were safeties Bobby Coffey and Buzz Miller and linemen Ed Hotz and Cody Birdwell.

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Hart upsets Crocker

By RICHARD BENNETT
On a last minute safety, Hart Hall upset Crocker Hall in a crucial football game Wednesday.

The final score was 8-8 with Hart winning on penetrations. Both teams were competing for a position in the playoffs.

Crocker scored first on their second possession. Quarterback Glen Whitehead passed to Jim Maltz for the touchdown on a play covering 60 yards. Whitehead ran for the extra point.

Hart did not score until late in the second half. After a fifteen yard penalty called against Crocker for harassing the referee, quarterback Steve Cook passed to his favorite receiver, Bo Bigelow for the touch-

down. The try for the extra point failed when Bigelow was downed just short of the goal.

With less than two minutes to play, Crocker had the ball on their own 10 yard line, having been forced back from the 20 by a strong Hart defense. On fourth down they attempted to punt, but the snap from center slipped through the arms of the punter into the end zone for a safety, tying the game.

The team from Hart was led by quarterback Steve Cook and Bo Bigelow who caught most of his passes. For Crocker, Glen Whitehead and Jim Maltz played well. Sterling Myers performed well in his job of holding the down marker.

Saints rout PE Majors

By RICHARD BENNETT
In a game flawed by penalties, Squadron 15 defeated B-2, 18-12 in playoffs Tuesday evening.

Squadron 15 scored first when B-2 punted on the fourth down of their first possession. Schuchart fielded the ball and sped down the sideline about 50 yards for the touchdown. The try for the extra point failed.

B-2 scored next on a pass from quarterback Lee Buford to Claude Elliott. The drive started dimly when on first down Buford's pass was deflected by rushing linemen. On second down they were penalized for offensive charging. Buford, on second and 22 ran around left end for a 20 yard gain.

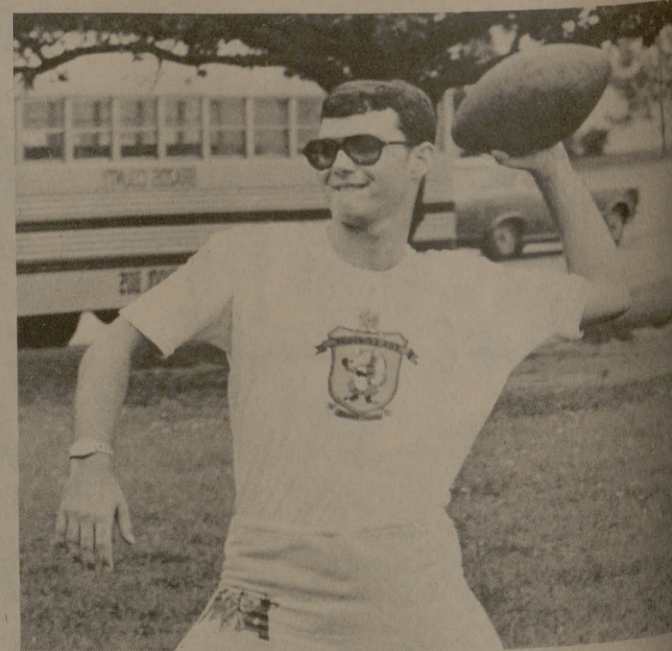
First down was gained by a short run on the third down play.

B-2 was penalized on first down, but on the second down play they finally scored, ending the half with the score tied 6-6.

Overcoming several penalties, Squad 15's James Gaidry, completed a long pass on fourth down to keep a drive going. Three plays later, on fourth down at the two yard line, Gaidry threw a touchdown pass to Kolb.

When B-2 got the ball back Schuchart intercepted Buford's pass on first down. However, Elliott intercepted Gaidry's pass on the next play, returning the ball 30 yards. Two plays later Buford made a two yard run for the tying touchdown. The score remained 12-12 after the extra point try failed.

With only a few minutes left in the game, Gaidry passed to Schuchart for the winning touchdown. The pass traveled forty yards in the air. Schuchart and the defender went up for the ball. Schuchart won the battle and ran the last 12 yards for the score.



The passing game



The kicking game

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