

TV for Aggie-Longhorn game remote possibility

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With the sudden emergence of the University of Texas' football team, ABC-TV is trying to schedule the A&M-Horn affair on national television. If an agreement is reached, then the game between the University of Houston and Texas A&M will not be shown.

"I was contacted a week ago by ABC," coach Emory Ballard said. "I told them that two things would have to come about before I would consider it. First the University of Houston would have to be scheduled with the arrangement, and that would be between them and ABC. Secondly I did not want to move the game from Saturday to Thanksgiving Day. That would mean we would have only four days to prepare for the game. ABC said that that was the only day it could be scheduled, so I told them that there was no reason to talk about it any further."

"I have not been contacted by ABC since that time so far as I'm concerned the subject is closed."

Ballard may sound harsh in his statements, but the Aggie coach has learned that tampering with the schedule can often lead to disaster. Two years ago ABC coaxed Ballard into scheduling the Arkansas game after the Texas battle for TV purposes.

The Aggies lost the game 31-6, they lost National and Southwest Conference Championships and they lost a trip to the Cotton Bowl. One can learn from his mistakes.

Hopefully the Aggies will correct their mistakes made in the Rice game. The SMU Mustangs are the opposition this week, and the entire Aggie team is glad to be playing at home.

"Oh you bet it is good to be back home," Ballard said. "We've been in too many motels the past weeks. We missed that Aggie spirit that fills Kyle Field."

"It seems like all we've been doing is practicing a week, getting on board a bus, then on a plane and then a night in a motel. It is good to be back home to play SMU."

"SMU has a fine football team. They play very aggressively on both offense and defense. Ron Meyer and his staff have them working really hard."

"We are going to have to quit making mistakes. I thought we did a lot of things well in the Rice game. We had an awful lot of penalties and mistakes on drives that kept us from scoring more points. Rice played a darn fine football game and have improved a lot over the year."

The Mustangs and the Owls have a similar offensive scheme. They like to pass.

"SMU has been throwing the ball all year. Ford is throwing the ball very well. He is a darn fine quarterback."

Mike Ford is a freshman from Mesquite. In his first year at the helm, Ford leads the Southwest Conference in throwing. Add to that fact tailback Arthur Whittington, and you have a great offensive team. "They run a big play offense,"

Ballard said. "That Ford can really throw the ball, and Whittington adds a running dimension that the defense just can't forget. They played Texas real well. A couple of breaks here and there and they could have won that ball game."

A couple of breaks here and there are items the Aggies have been giving the opposition all year. The Aggie schedule is filled with tough football teams for the remainder of the season.

A couple of breaks here and there could spell a couple of defeats against that kind of opposition.

A loss this weekend all but guarantees no visit to the Cotton Bowl. Missed opportunities better be a thing of the past.



David Brothers (No. 32) has been a strong addition to the Aggie attack. Brothers gained 82 yards on nine carries against Rice.

Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Men's water polo team sweeps past opponents 16-5, 25-2

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A superior Texas A&M men's water polo team defeated a first year team from Lamar University 16-5 in P.L. Downs Natatorium last night. The Aggies then went on to defeat Rice University in a second game 25-2.

In the first game, which the Aggies played left handed in order to keep the score down, good offensive team work and a consistently strong defense marked the Aggies' game.

With the score 8-0 in the second quarter, the Aggies decided to keep the score even lower by shooting trick shots. None of the trick shots ever scored but the fact that the Aggies would play in such a manner was not appreciated by Lamar's player-coach Bob Davis.

"I think they showboated a little

too much," Davis said after the game. "They (A&M) are trying to get water polo started in Texas and here they go showboating and it's kind of discouraging. I would like it better if they would have stomped us."

Aggie coach Dennis Fosdick had an answer for the way his team played.

"We can't get fired up and really get moving because the other team is so slow," he said. "Our players played left handed; I pulled them out of the game if they didn't. That and the trick shots are all to keep the score down against a weaker team."

"Our biggest problem is that we never get any competition to improve on the skills we've got," Fosdick added.

Chuck Burr and Hugo Cuenca

each scored three points for the Aggies against Lamar. Bill Kuvlesky scored two points. Dutchy Kueteman, Steve Sampson, Shawn O'Gorman, Gil Godreau, Victor Diaz, Ed Kahil, Chris Boehm and Jim Woodman each scored one point.

In the game against Rice the Aggies did not try to contain the score by playing left handed or by taking trick shots. As the final score indicates, they played straight up water polo for the Owls.

The varsity starters played the entire first quarter for the Aggies and then Fosdick made substitu-

tions to give his younger players some experience.

Sampson and Roger Lien each scored four points for the Aggies against Rice. Mark Lenox and Mike Newsom each scored three points. George Dallam and Bob Leland each scored twice. Burr, O'Gorman, Diaz, Kahil, Scott Harris, Thad Putnam and Quentin Baker each scored once.

The team plays SMU on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in P.L. Downs Natatorium.

"SMU ought to be tough," Fosdick said. "That's the team that will give us the competition we need."

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