Hapless Ags Underdogs In 1960 Series Renewal

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The Texas Aggies, winless in two Southwest Conference seasons, celebrate their second anniversary of their last conference win this Saturday, that being a 28-21 upset in 1958.

THE QUESTION that has been raised by sportswriters and laymen of the gridiron is whether the Aggies are as bad as they seem. Why are the Aggies losing?

They have suffered two defeats in five conference starts, just as the Texas Longhorns, but the Aggies have tied three times. Against the Southern Methodist Mustangs last week end the hapless Aggies showed a considerable amount of spark but could not get the steam to cross the goal stripe or split the uprights.

COULD THE answer lie in the desire to win? Never in the history of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College has there been a lack of spirit and drive to win.

Saturday Rice fans will have the opportunity to answer the Aggies’ question.

The Farmers are loaded with talent and guts. Hard hitting Sam Byer, the sophomore workhorse, is carrying the load at fullback. Halfback Randy Sims returns home to play his last game against the Owls. For Sims this is the “rubber” match having won as a sophomore and lost as a Junior.

IN THEIR four SWC starts the Owls have won three and lost one. George Karam is suffering from an ankle injury received in the game at Little Rock.

The Owls realize that this game is the one that counts as the rest will. If the Owls win there is a chance to share the SWC crown or win it outright. If the Aggies win the Owls’ chances are slim for either.

Both teams are “up” for this game both physically and mentally but at the end one will have to be down on the score.