VARSITY

ELIOT SHAPLEIGH
Manager

HARRY PHILLIPS
Assistant Coach

E. J. KNAPP
Athletic Director
FLAGSTAFF was the testing ground for the Miners in their first game of the season. Unleashing their heavy guns in the third quarter and scoring three touchdowns in rapid succession, the Texas Miners hammered out a decisive 28-7 win over the Arizona State Lumberjacks.

Running up thirteen first downs to the Axemen's three, the Muckers exhibited a powerful running attack and an equally potent aerial barrage. Owen Price crashed over into pay dirt for the Miner's three third quarter scores after Gil Salcedo had scored from the three yard line in the initial period, Mike Maros' educated toe added the four extra points.
NORTH DAKOTA was the first victim of the Miners on the home field. Overcoming a six-point score, the Muckers shattered the University of North Dakota’s defense and turned back the invaders 20-6 to open the season on Kidd Field. Presenting a strong wall, the boys from the North held the Muckers for two periods.

Going into the second quarter the Miners overcame a Nodak touchdown and gained a one point lead when Mike Moros converted after an Owen Price touchdown. Not satisfied, the Ore Diggers took to the air for the remaining two touchdowns made by Fred Barrett and Charles Dean.
Salcedo picks up eight yards against Arizona

BILL CAVER
Guard

Hopes for an undefeated season burst as quickly and as definitely as the proverbial soap bubble. No excuses are to be offered. Louisiana Tech was hot. They were aiming for their first win of the season, and also to erase the memory of a stinging 27-0 defeat handed to them the year before in El Paso. Again the Miners were scored upon early in the game, but this time the grade was too steep and the game went to Tech 19-7.

CHARLES DEAN
Back

LOUISIANA TECH, according to pre-game predictions, was a breather on the T.C.M. schedule. Hardin-Simmons was the opponent of the Muckers for the Student Football trip. "Underdogs," a title unfamiliar to the Texas College of Mines up to this point in the season, was their role when the Miners tackled the Cowboys on Fly Field in Odessa. Despite the tremendous effort put out by the Ore Diggers, the Cowboys proved to be tough and the Miners went home on the short end of a 14-6 score.

Out hurling the air-minded Cowboys, but yielding to a superior ground attack, the Muckers lost their second consecutive out-of-town fray. Once started the Miners kept up their savage attack throughout the battle and when it was over had made 11 first downs to 14 for their opponents, and had outshone their powerful foe in the air, gaining 148 yards to 52.
NEW MEXICO was the fifth team to meet the Miners, and the second conference victims for the Miners following the 9-7 victory. Abandoning their almost traditional first quarter slump, the Muckers opened up with power plays at the kick-off and relentlessly pushed the invading Wolves throughout the tilt.

After staving off a Lobo threat in the first period, the Miners drove to the enemy twenty-one before being held for downs. But early in the second period, the Orange and White wave rolled into position for their touchdown. Gil Salcedo recovered a partially blocked punt on the New Mexico thirty. Salcedo and Owen Price took turns lugging the ball to the one-yard stripe. From here Price sprinted around end to score. The third period saw a long Miner march stopped on the Lobo's twenty-four with one down left. Gil Salcedo dropped back and put a neat place-kick between the uprights, giving the Muckers a nine point lead. The Wolfs came back in a last effort and managed to put over one touchdown in the closing minutes of the game by dazzling the Miners with an assortment of passes.
TEMPE, the team which represented the Conference in the Sun Bowl, fought desperately after having their aerial defenses shattered by continuous barrages of pigskins. The favored Tempe Bulldogs made six determined goal-line stands to hold the inspired Miners to a scoreless tie, and give the underrated Muckers only a "moral victory."

Although the scoreboard showed a tie at the end of the game, official statistics revealed the marked superiority of the Ore Diggers over Arizona State's Bulldogs. The Miners ran up sixteen first downs to nine for Tempe, and marked up 153 net yards rushing to 136 for the Arizonians. In the air, the superiority was even greater when the Miners chalked up 163 net yards to 81 for the visitors.

ARIZONA, the best team in the conference, proved too much for the boys' from T.C.M. Two breaks of the game, a blocked punt and an intercepted pass, crumbled the Mucker's Border Conference hopes, gave the Wildcats their first victory in three years over the Miners and dropped the Ore Diggers to second place in the League by a score of 20-13.

Fighting an uphill battle all during the game, the Miners ran up thirteen first downs while holding the visitors to nine. The aerial attack accounted for seven of these first-in tens. The Wildcats, on the other hand, massed seven of their total by rushing. The Ore Diggers gained eighty-six yards from scrimmage to Arizona's 180. Dominating the Ozone, the Locals added 169 yards to their statistics and held the University passers to forty-one.
King stops Tempe punt return

DEWEY FITZGERALD
End

JOHN HARSHBARGER
Tackle

GEORGE RANCICH
Tackle

JOHN CASEBER
Guard
Fresno, for the second consecutive year, was the strongest team on the schedule. Being held to the smallest total yardage of the season, the Miners received their fourth setback in Fresno, California, when the Fresno State College Bulldogs ran rampant over the Muckers for a 16-6 victory.

Not only did the scoreboard favor the Coast eleven, but the statistics revealed the complete domination of the fray by the Bulldogs. The Orange and White were stopped cold on running plays and gained only a net of nine yards during the entire game, while the Californians marched 241 yards. Led by Jim Wardy, the Miners were able to add 121 yards to their statistics via the air to the Bulldog's forty-one.
NEW MEXICO A. & M. proved a fine ending to an otherwise not too successful season. Scoring freely in the first, third, and fourth quarters, the Miners finished their 1940 football season on Kidd Field when they blasted the New Mexico Aggies in a 40-26 victory. This win over their traditional rivals moved the Ore Diggers into a tie for second place in the Border Conference with Arizona University's Wildcats and ran up their fourth victory of the year.

Game statistics, rather than the score board, revealed the marked domination of the battle by the Orange and White eleven. The Miners blitzkrieged the Aggieland squad for twenty-two first downs and held the visitors to eleven. On the ground it was Miners' day as they rambled 420 yards, while holding the Farmers to twenty-four. Only once did the Aggies threaten the Miners when in the second quarter they pushed over two touchdowns to trail the Muckers 14-13. But the Texans power was too much for the neighbors when they scored three touchdowns in the third quarter. Both teams scored once in the final stanza.
Although they only finished with a five-hundred average—four wins, four losses, and one tie, the Texas Miners grabbed a big share of the honors in the statistics columns. Outstanding was Owen Price, who led the entire nation with a punting average of 48 yards per boot. The Muckers as a whole ranked second for team punting.

The Texas Miners stood fourth in passing offense for the nation. In the Southwest, Price again took honors by leading the scoring totals with ten touchdowns for 60 points. In total yards gained, the Muckers came second with an average of 310 yards per game. During the season they gained a mile and a half on the turf. Gil Salcedo, Mucker back, rolled up 977 yards during the season to come in for second place honors in that division. Owen Price
ranked fifth with 888 yards for the season but with a high average of 5.28 yards per try.

Captain Russell Cotton, the stalwart blocking back, was selected to play for the South against the North and played an outstanding game for the annual classic. Ore Digger quarterback Owen Price was honored by being named as a Little All-American.

Starting out with a big hole to fill, left open by the graduation of Ken Heineman, the Miners managed to come out with a successful season. Noteworthy of this year was the addition of 2000 seats and a modern press box on the north side of the stadium. The football season was completed with the election of Bill Caver as 1941 captain and spring practice intra-squad games.
Some bulled' some sang . . .

Why I wanna be a captain, too

. . . some just stuffed themselves.

Miners take Odessa by storm

Practice on Fly Field

The Miner Mascot brought no luck

. . . but return home, tired, disappointed, broke.
Out in front of the student section at every football game this year were five determined and peppy cheer leaders. Sticking it out through rain and mud, the 1940 yell crew rallied behind the Miner football team and kept the student spirit at a high pitch.

Easy to look at were the feminine rooter queens, Carolyn Mayfield and Peggy Thurston. With husky voices they were able to keep up the steady chant, "We want a touchdown," to the final gun. Teamed with the girls were three first class rooter kings, Bob Stewart, Joe Tooley, and Bob Waller. Credit must be given the boys, even if they did have to beg the students to cheer for the good old Alma Mater.
MARSHALL PENNINGTON
"Head Man"

Front: Manker, Rice, McCarty, Johnston. Rear: Coach Pennington, Yapor, D. Ramsey, Devlin, Captain Rike, Lassiter, Carrasco, Lance, Floyd, Bulos, Manager Vickery.
CHAMPIONS

AARON VICKERY
Manager

BILL RIKE
Guard

DONALD LANCE
Forward
Perhaps the Muckers didn’t win every game they played this year, but three losses didn’t keep the boys in orange and white from winning the Border Conference championship. And, as a favor to home-town fans who packed Holliday Hall throughout the season, the champs refused to lose a game on the Mines’ court. The three losses came on one unfortunate trip into Arizona and can be laid to the door of the forces which be—namely, lack of sleep and unfamiliarity with the playing court.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the Miners’ championship is that the team is not made up of tramp athletes as elsewhere, but of regular, accepted, respected leaders in the school. Don Lance, Bud Lassiter, and Bill Rike who were given places on the All-Conference squad are students first, athletes second. Every member of the Mucker team is known for sportsmanship, good teamwork, and all-around good conduct.

The team which won the championship was, with one exception, the same as that which ended third in 1940. The year of experience was all that the boys needed to become one of the fastest, smoothest sets of cagers yet seen in the southwest.
BILLY JOHNSTONE
Forward

MIKE DEVLIN
Guard

NEWTON LASSITER
Center
Conference competition opened with New Mexico University on the Holliday hardwoods. The first stringers played the opening eight minutes, ran up a twenty-point lead, and spent the rest of the game watching the reserves win a 63-36 rout.

Number two of the Miner victories was done at Las Cruces against the New Mexico Aggies. Facing the former king team of the conference, the Muckers broke fast, shot accurately, and accumulated 42 points to the Ag's 38.

Two more over the Lobo pack in Albuquerque came easily. Led by Lance and Lassiter, Pennington's crew averaged almost two points to New Mexico's one. The games ended 50-27 and 58-36. The games were unfortunate in that Mucker casualties ran high.

The bruises of the Muckers combined with the improvement which the Aggie boys exhibited almost proved too much in two return games played with New Mexico State a few days later. After a poor first half, however, Lassiter, Lance, Rike, and Company began to roll. Coming from behind, Mines tied the score 44-44, shot in five more points and held the Ag's to only one free shot. The final score was 49-45.

The next night the Miners had their own way throughout an entire game with the State College cccers to win their third straight with the farmers, their sixth straight in the conference.

Next came the road trip with disastrous results for the Miners. Arizona State of Tempe became the first team to defeat the Muckers. The Bulldog lads led from the start, and won a 55-50 victory. The game was unusual in that there was not a single Tempe substitution in the entire game.

The Miners should have picked up a game with Flagstaff in their next game, but perhaps because of loss of Morale due to the Tempe defeat, the Texas bunch fell to the cellar dwelling teachers 56-52.

The Arizona trip ended with a single victory over Flagstaff the following night. Getting back into form, the Miners coasted to a 51-38 victory.
Back in El Paso, the Miners faced Arizona, who along with the New Mexico State College squad, had dominated the conference in past years. The Miners showed that they were championship material despite the previous defeats by walking over the Wildcats 47-35 and 55-44.

Another Arizona trip and another defeat followed. Playing Arizona in Tucson, the Miners lost a 62-50 contest.

Returning home, the Miners were hosts to the Flagstaff teachers. The ax was turned on the Axemen, this time, however, and the Miners came out on top 57-44.

Tempe, who had handed the Mines' team the first defeat of the year, also gave the team the conference championship. The score at the half in the first of the home games with Tempe was 31-31. It was not until some time after the second half started that the Miners broke a 41-41 tie and swept into the lead to hold it for the rest of the game. The contest ended 65-49.

The next evening the Miners, already Border Conference champions, ran up their final standing with a 63-46 win over the Tempe Bulldogs.

Following the Border Conference schedule, the Miners won second in the Southwestern Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament and played in the National tournament at Kansas City.

Throughout the year, the leading scorer in every mucker game was a Miner player. Donald Lance not only led the conference in scoring but established a new loop record with a 208 point total. Lassiter was third in the conference scorers. Three Miners, Rike, Lance, and Lassiter were placed on the All-Border Conference team, as has been said. Returning next year will be practically the entire championship team.

In five years, Coach Pennington has turned the Miner basketball squad from a team that had not won a conference game into a team that is the class of the loop.

LAWRENCE DUFFY
Pole Vault

CHARLES SHADLE
High Jump
Cries of anguish issued from Coach Harry Phillips' office when the time for Mucker athletes to wear less rolled around. Lost to the team were all but two lettermen, Owen Price and Russell Cotton. However, having faced the same situation many times previously, Phillips dried his eyes and took a closer squint at the additions to the squad.

Not quite sure pointers, but most certainly promising were distance men Masten and Johnstone, hurdlers Bulos, Paul, and Duffy, dashman Fitzgerald, runner Adkins, and jumper Manker. With the two returning "M" men to handle the weighty end of things, things looked better than at first glance.

After a short period of training, the tracksters opened the season with a meet against N.M.M.I. The Cadets squeezed out a close victory, but things were so even that Miner fans hopes for meets yet to come were bolstered considerably.
Tennis made rapid strides this year towards becoming one of the major sports of the campus.

Inter-collegiate competition started off with a match with New Mexico State in which the Miners won a clean sweep.

The white-trousered lads have scheduled a return match with the Aggies and have a dual meet with N.M.M.I. in the offing.

Climaxing the season will be a tour of West Texas in which Abilene Christian College, Texas Tech, and West Texas State will play the muckers.

Coached by Mr. W. H. Ball, the raquet wielders show promise for future years since most are sophomore players. Outstanding in the squad are Borunda and Muñoz, with Kluger and Hungerford exhibiting much promise.
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL
Under the directorship of Mrs. Julia Kane, women's athletics have been expanded to encompass practically all types of activity from thumbs up to lawn tennis. The boast of the physical department is that there is something for every College of Mines co-ed regardless of likes, dislikes, abilities, or handicaps.

Perhaps the most popular of the various sports is tennis. Players are given individual instruction on the various points of the game and have frequent intra-class tournaments. Also well liked is softball, which, however, is not played throughout the entire year as is tennis. Deck tennis has a large following, and a game of it is in progress at practically any hour of the day.

Through a special arrangement with army officials, girls interested in horseback riding are able to receive instruction from experts at Ft. Bliss. Semi-weekly classes in riding are open to every interested co-ed.