

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL

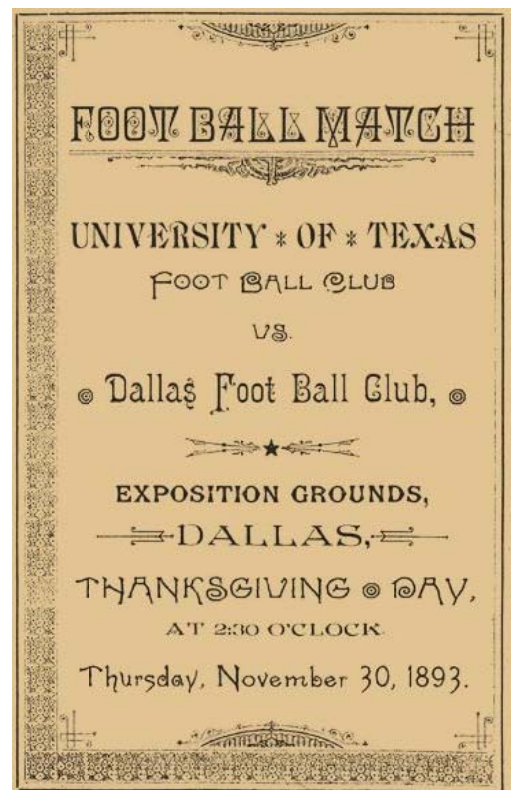
Thanksgiving Day football has a long tradition in Texas. During WWII, college football games were broadcast for the first time by shortwave to our men and women overseas. Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, 1943.



“Today’s game is being broadcast throughout the world by shortwave, to all the Aggies and the former students of the University of Texas who are stationed in the war zones. And so today’s game is dedicated – dedicated to those fighting sons of both schools, who learned the rules of sportsmanship and fair play on the fields of friendly strife and who are today garnering the fruits of victory in the name of freedom on the far-flung battle fronts of Democracy.”



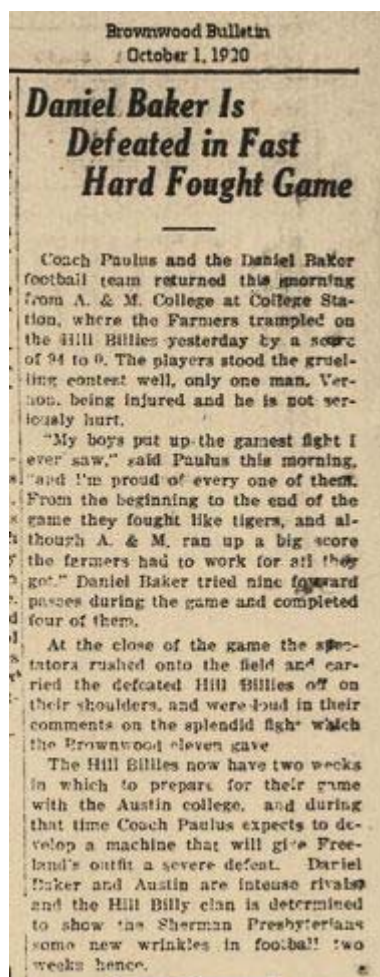
The University of Texas’ very first football game was played on Thanksgiving Day – November 30, 1893, against the Dallas Foot Ball Club.



The University of Texas' historic Thanksgiving rivalry with Texas A&M began in 1920. Both schools were undefeated that year and the largest crowd that had ever attended a football game in Texas, at that time, (estimated at 20,000) attended to see the Texas Longhorns win the championship of the Southwest.

The final score was Texas A&M 3 – University of Texas 7.

That is the same year that Texas A&M played Daniel Baker College, October the 1st, in their season opener. Texas A&M, led by fullback Jack Mahan, defeated Daniel Baker College in the most lopsided contest in school history. The starters scored 35 unanswered points in the first quarter. The second team added 34 points in the second quarter, with a final score Texas A&M 110 – Daniel Baker 0.



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