Twelfth Men

Rooters Give Their All, as Usual, In Ancient Texas-A. & M. Athletic Feud

Whether they play now on a team, used to play "back when," follow the game closely or just quarterback from the grandstand occasionally, every football enthusiast well knows how much that twelfth man in the stands means to any football team.

But that hacking means unusually much in the traditional Thanksgiving game between the University of Texas and Texas A. & M. College. With an uncertain monotony that has long since made game forecasters exceedingly skittish, these two win where their twelfth men help most. On Texas Memorial Stadium Field at Austin this year the Longhorns were brought to life by a roaring throng into playing hands up football after they had endured a straight loss of ten games. By one point, they overcame a theoretically stronger team that played its dead level best down to the last whistle.

—All Photos, except of bonfire, by Truman Pouncey, News Staff

Before the cadets' special train pulled out from College Station, there was no mistaking who was aboard.

And all the Aggies who jam-packed the special had but one topic of conversation as they loaded suitcases, jostled through the aisles and hailed each other: the game.

Stinging winter winds chilled their enthusiasm not at all as 2,500 uniformed cadets smartly marched up Congress Avenue toward the Capitol of Texas.