



## AGGIES OPEN CONFERENCE WITH A WIN!

### INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS.

Weather conditions were such last Saturday that the Intramural department thought it advisable to postpone the first of this season's scheduled football games. These games are to be played during the week, thus making it possible to follow the regular announced plans. There seems to be a stronger line-up in each battalion than those of the past.

The college volleyball champions will be determined during the week, there are three teams left in the running.

The Tennis tournament was dropped just before the holidays but will be continued with permissible weather. The renewing matches will be played within the next two weeks.

The plan of the Intramural board is that every man take part in at least one sport. If the promises come true this will be Aggieland's greatest year in Intramural contests.

This is the Athletic and Military College of Texas, and all we have to do is put more on the athletic part.

### RESULTS OF INTERBATTALION FOOTBALL GAMES PLAYED JAN. 10.

First Bat.	15
Third Bat.	6
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Air Service	7
Artillery	0

In their last practice game before opening the conference season, the Texas Aggies lost a close, hard-fought contest to the Houston Triangles, 41 to 37. This was the Aggies first appearance on the local court and the cadets had an opportunity to see all of the players in action before the game was over.

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The 1927 Texas Aggie football squad, accompanied by the coaches and business manager, will journey down to Houston Saturday to be the guests of the Houston A. and M. club at a football banquet. Among the high spots of the evening will be the presentation of All-American diplomas to Sprott, Hunt, and Sikes. These three Aggie stars were given All-American mention on the team picked by "Pop" Warner, Knute Rockne, and Tad Jones for the Christy Walsh Syndicate.

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We have been told that no company has at present started making square peas but we know of no law to keep us from mashing them flat.

### FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Seventeen men from the squad of more than sixty who first reported as candidates for the Texas Aggie freshman cage team for 1927-28 are working out daily under the direction of Freshman Coach R. G. Higginbotham and much promising material for varsity teams of coming years is being developed. S. J. (Punk) Baker, captain and star of the 1926-27 Texas Aggie varsity quintet, is assisting in the training.

As in football, the freshman squad is used to scrimmage with the varsity, but in addition the "fish" team will meet quintets from several of the high schools of the state. Definite announcement of the schedule has not yet been made but negotiations are under way for games with Bryan, Houston, Austin and Waco teams.

For the forward positions Coach Higginbotham has R. D. Hardeastle, Houston Heights high school; H. U. Bible, Jefferson City, Tennessee; H. B. Cox, Houston Central High; W. G. Cotton, Beaumont High; R. B. Jones, Leesville, Louisiana; E. K. Martin, Palestine High. Hardeastle won statewide recognition during his two years at Houston Heights and is one of the outstanding candidates on the team. Bible, a brother of Head Coach Dana X. Bible, played three years with the Jefferson City, Missouri, high school, and seems to be better in basketball than he was in football, in which he won his freshman numeral the past season. Cotton was a letterman at Beaumont high school three years and is a fleet-footed forward of ability. Besides one year as a letterman with Palestine high school, Martin received two letters in basketball from Randolph Junior College. Jones is a three-year-man from Leesville, La., and Cox received a letter from Houston Central High.

It is with material for the center positions that the freshman squad is particularly favored. C. T. Hoke, all-state center from Houston Heights high school; H. D. Phillips, three-year-man from McKinney high; W. P. Russell, who was awarded two letters at Breckenridge high school; R. C. Bell, four-year-man at Bellville; A. M. Allison, forward and center from Denton high school, and H. E. Thompson, Hereford boy with three years experience at guard-center, from as promising an array of material from which to select a center as could be desired.

R. T. Lamb, another Houston Heights high school product with two years experience; H. C. Skaggs, two-year-man from Fort Worth; E. J. (Continued on Page 9)

### TRACK

Reinforced by eight members from last year's varsity squad and seventeen freshman numeral men, the nine lettermen who have returned to seek additional laurels on the Texas Aggie cinder path and track give Track Coach Frank Anderson an unusually large amount of material from which to build his 1928 track team.

Since the opening of College in the fall all of the men have been training regularly and the beginning of actual practice finds them in excellent physical condition for the grind which will continue without interruption, except for the Christmas holidays, until the close of the track season in the spring.

The lettermen who have returned to enter training are: C. E. Buck, Beaumont, captain and sprinter; Hershel Burgess, Hale Center, fleet backfield star of the champion Aggie eleven this year, who runs the quarter mile; J. B. Haile, Goliad, a member of the champion Aggie cross country team this year, who runs the mile; A. B. Childers, Jasper, captain of the cross country team, two miles; J. R. Kennedy, Denison, hurdles; H. Ashley, San Antonio, jumps; Z. W. Bartlett, Marlin, center on the Aggie eleven this year, weights.

The squadmen back are: W. K. Holeron, San Antonio, javelin; O. N. Yeary, Ft. Worth, javelin; G. H. Moore, Dallas, half mile; V. J. Head, Brownfield, pole vault; Simon Utay, Dallas, sprints; A. R. Kroulik, Bellville, broad jump; N. A. Webster, Texarkana, hurdles; A. L. Van Nest, Burkhardt, hurdles.

### AGGIES HAVE TWO GAMES THIS WEEK

After having defeated the Rice Owls in a sensational manner in Houston last Saturday night by the score of 27-23 the Texas Aggie Basketball team will begin a week of hard work preparatory for the S. M. U. Ponies, their next conference match.

With "Siki" Sikes back at center and captain of the team, the Aggies have begun to show up in the old-time Aggie fashion, plenty of pep, speed and fight. Coach Bassett has plenty of material, although some of it is green and will be slow in developing, and again in Basketball as well as in football the Aggies should be contenders for the Conference honors.

Sam Houston State Teachers' baskeeteers will invade Aggieland next Thursday and Friday nights for a practice game with the Aggies, and from what we hear of the Teachers (Continued on page 9)

### DEFEAT RICE 27-20 IN A FAST AND EXCITING GAME

Darby High Point Man. Grant Stars for Rice.

The Texas Aggies defeated the Rice Owls in their first conference basketball game of the season Saturday night by a score of 27 to 23. The game was played in Houston before a large crowd. It was a fast game and abounded in brilliant playing.

The Aggies roundly outplayed the Owls in the first half, emerging with an 18-7 score in their favor. But the second half was a different tale. The Owls made a brilliant comeback and caused lots of excitement, but they were not capable of defeating the boys from College Station.

Darby of the Aggies was high-point man, with Webster and Keeton of the Aggies tied with Grant of the Owls for second. The entire Aggie team showed a marked improvement over their previous performance with the Houston Triangles.

The game was not only fast and exciting, but was also pretty rough, Koenig and Grant of the Owls retiring early in the second half with four personal fouls apiece. Captain Sikes of the Aggies also left the game before it was over for the same reason.

This victory over the Owls in their first conference game gave the Aggies a percentage of 1,000 in the conference race.

#### Summary:

A. and M.—	Fg.	Ft.	Pf.	Tl.
Petty, f	0	1	3	1
Keeton, f	2	3	3	7
Darby, c	4	0	0	8
Webster, g	3	1	2	7
Sikes (capt.)	1	2	4	4
Blount, g	0	2	0	0

Totals ..... 10 7 14 27

Rice—

Zuber, f	0	2	0	2
Lanscope, f	1	1	1	3
Billups, f	0	3	1	3
Morgan, f	1	0	0	2
Kendrick, c-g	0	1	0	1

Koenig, g	0	1	4	1
Grant (capt.)	3	1	4	7
Thomas, g	1	0	1	2
Furman, c	1	0	1	2

Totals ..... 7 9 12 23

Officials: Referee, Boggess, Umpire, Henderson.

Chic Winn: "I'd rather be a chauffeur than a jockey."

Jim Blackaller: "Why?"

Chic: "A jockey only gets to see the horse's neck, while the chauffeur gets to see everybody's neck."