



OPENING CONFERENCE GAME HERE AGAINST OWLS

SPORTS BITS

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The important sport news of the week covers two things—we defeated Arkansas for the first time since 1924, and Mr. James Sullivan's resignation from office as athletic business manager of A & M.

Some sport writers just won't acknowledge that we have a good basketball team this year. One mentioned ball game this year. One mentioned that our victory over the Hogs was just another one of the lucky breaks. Members of the team that played report that Arkansas played a far better game the night we won than the night we lost.

The Rice Owls will be the next test for the Aggie cagers. Rice defeated Baylor for their first conference win Saturday night, but they are out of the conference running as far as the title is concerned.

From the looks of things, the conference basketball season is to be greatly likened to the past football season. Everybody seems to be beating everybody else. Texas and Arkansas, both preseason favorites have been defeated twice, and T C U and S M U are riding the crest, each having won two and lost none.

It looks as though Arkansas, Rice and Texas are out of the running. Arkansas has finished half her schedule, and the worst is yet to come. Baylor has played but one game, and doesn't look as though they will be in the final struggle. Judging from all appearances, it seems that the final contenders will be A & M, T C U, and S M U—with T C U the outstanding candidate.

The Aggie baseball squad will begin work on the 1st of February. The greatest calamity this season is the very noticeable dearth of pitchers.

Track training has already begun, and the aspirants are eating on the training table. Prospects point towards an even better team than the championship squad of last season. Tommy Mills and Doc Farmer were the only two-point men lost to the team, and many good men have come up from the fish team.

When Mr. Sullivan closes his desk for the last time as business manager of A & M athletics, the school will lose one of the most valuable men ever here. He has brought A & M athletics up from practically nothing to one of the best equipped athletic plants in the entire south.

Papers say Sully resigned because of pressure brought to bear by ex-students over the cancelling of the State Fair games. That must be the reward of long years of faithful and efficient service.

There appears on the stadium entrance a bronze plate, written upon as follows "In appreciation of James (Continued on page 5)

TRACK PROSPECTS LOOK PROMISING

With the coming of spring and track season not so far away, many of Track Coach Anderson's thinly clads are braving the chilly atmosphere in order to get in condition for the coming meets and to attempt to hold the track crown for the third season.

The team, unless hit by the old bugaboo sickness and intelligibilities, should be stronger than it was last year, as far as present indications go. The graduation of Tommy Mills and Doc Farmer took away sure points in the broadjump and weights, but the men for all the rest of the events remain intact. Undoubtedly, these men are the severest loss to the team, but men gained in other events will probably more than compensate this loss.

With Bracey of Rice graduated, and only Cy Leland of T C U left among the super-dash men, the A & M dash men stand a far better chance this year than ever before. J. Rufus Emmons, letterman from Plainview, was the fastest man on the track team last year and one of the fastest in the conference. M. H. Badger, Austin, made his letter in 1929 and was ineligible last year. His return to competition gives the Aggies a well rounded dash team. G. R. Addicks, La Grange; J. H. Rutledge, Alice and E. J. Steel, Denison, all freshmen numeral men of last year, complete the list of the outstanding spring men.

The thinly clads have C. A. Tracy, letterman from Houston, and M. Sessions, Austwell, running thier last year of competition in the quarter mile dash. Both of these men are among the best quarters in the conference. In a case of necessity, both Emmons and Badger can be used in this event. A number of good men have come from the fish team including G. P. Lord, Jourdanton; and G. R. Addicks, La Grange.

The half-mile run has P. J. Mims, Ft. Worth letterman, returning and will be further strengthened by W. E. Nance, Lometa, and I. C. Hahn of Houston.

There are no mile runners of outstanding ability, and it is probably that some will have to be trained from the half milers or the milers. Last year, we had no point-wining miler, and none have come up with the fish team.

The Maroon and White two milers have the strongest combination in the conference from all past records. Last year, Winders, Perkins, and Smith finished two, three and four in the conference meet, and the winner of that event, Willis of Rice has graduated. In addition to these, Coach Anderson has Salvador Marquez of Yorktown, and P. T. McClendon of Dothan, Ala., both letterment in cross country this year. Winders is running his last year of competition.

Dean Christian Gauss, of Princeton University, declares that one-third of the undergraduates in American colleges and universities today have no business ever going beyond high

D. B. Slocumb, Cameron, and H. V. Harlan of Cameron, will again carry the colors of A & M in the high and low hurdles for their last year. For the second year, Slocumb made the National Track Honor Roll with a time set in a meet against Texas, last year in the high hurdles. T. C. Morris, Forreton, and C. J. Gabrysch from Falls City will run their first year of varsity competition in their hurdles. Both are freshman numeralmen.

W. K. Laster, Cuero, and W. B. Holsonbake of Farmersville, tied for first place in the conference high jump last season, and will be jumping their last year this season. Jimmie Aston of Farmersville, and G. W. McVey, Parsons, Kansas, freshmen, often times jumped as high and higher than the varsity candidates last year. Both of these men are consistent six foot jumpers.

The loss of Mills and Farmer in the broad jump leaves a wide vacancy that probably won't be completely filled. W. B. Holsonbake is the only letterman returning for this event. The main hopes of the broad jump strength lie in G. R. Addicks and F. Hillsman of Orange, both freshman numeralmen. These boys both jumped around twenty-two and three last year.

Harry Stiteler, holder of the Southwest conference record in the pole vault, is entering into his last year of competition in that event. He is strengthened by A. P. Morris, squadman of last year from Forreton. There were no outstanding freshmen on the fish team last season.

Coach Anderson has four able men in the shot and discus events: O. Dawson, Crocket; J. R. McCluney, Waxahachie; W. H. Markle of Port Neches who was out of school last year; and H. H. Baker, Somerville, who was ineligible last season.

With J. G. Floyd, conference title holder in the javelin, no longer bothered with a bad knee that handicapped him seriously last year and A. L. Sebesta, letterman from Marlin, again competing, the Aggie chance in that event are considerably more promising. J. H. Lightfoot, Rockdale, and A. A. Maynard from Lakewood, both numeralmen, are outstanding members of the freshman track squad reporting for varsity competition this year.

Last year was a season of weak teams throughout the conference, and this season, all schools are reporting considerably stronger teams. Rice Institute is reported as having an exceptionally strong team of sophomores. The University of Texas has a much stronger team this year, and the conference title will probably be decided between these three teams.

A magnificent painting by Titan, recently discovered in New York by Dr. Wilhelm R. Valentiner, director of the Detroit Institute of Arts, and purchased by him for \$400, is said to be worth \$150,000.

Aggies Split Pair With Razorbacks

Flashing a brilliant offense featuring Hoke, Bell, and Marcum, Coach John Reid's revamped Aggie cage team routed the Arkansas Razorbacks 37 to 34, Saturday night, splitting the series with the Porkers and gaining their first basketball victory over Arkansas since 1924.

Led by Captain Hoke on the offensive and Marcum on the defensive, the Aggies played the Porkers off their feet in the first half of the second game, the score at the halfway mark being 19 to 8. Hoke won scoring honors in the second game with 13 markers to his credit, but was followed closely by Bell and Marcum with 11 and 9 respectively.

The Razorbacks, led by Sexton, and Kenn Holt, lanky center, gave the spectators a thrill by a sensational rally in the last five minutes of play that netted a goal a minute, but the Aggie guard tightened at last and the spurt fell four points short of victory.

Holt was high point man for Arkansas with nine points, eight of these being scored in the last period. Captain Jim Pickren, mainstay in the Arkansas offensive, was completely bottled up by the alert playing of the Aggie guards who held him to one field goal in each period.

Eleven of the Aggie points in the second game were the result of free throws, while the Razorbacks were erratic from the 15 foot mark, making good only six out of 18 tries.

In the game Friday night, which was won by Arkansas 30 to 19, the Aggie machine failed to function. Marcum was the only man able to effectively check the Porkers at any time.

Engineers And Infantry Tie For Football Lead

With the intramural football season almost half over, two teams, the Engineers and First Infantry are still tied for first place in the race for the college football championship. During the first of the week, the Engineers and First Infantry each won a 12-0 victory over their opponents, the First Artillery and the Composites. The Second Infantry, now resting in fourth place, nosed out the Cavalry by a score of 6-0 in the only other game scheduled. These games were played on Monday and Tuesday afternoons of this week due to postponement because of rain Saturday afternoon.

Although outplayed for three quarters, the First Infantry came back in the last three minutes of play to score two touchdowns in rapid succession, thereby gaining a 12-0 decision over the already twice beaten Composite team. The first of the two scores was the result of a 91-yard march down the field from their own 9-yard line, while the second was scored on the last play of the game when one of the Infantry backs returned a kick 50 yards for the score. Woodland was the outstanding man of the game.

The powerful Engineer aggregation regained some of its lost prestige Tuesday afternoon by completely be-

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Reidmen Striving To Retain Place In Pennant Race

The first Southwestern conference game of this season to be played at College will be played Saturday night when the Texas Aggie cage team will play with the Rice Institute Owls from Houston at 7:30 in the Memorial Gym.

STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS

| Team | W.L.Pct. | Pts.Op. |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| T C U | 2 0 1.000 | 89 57 |
| S M U | 2 0 1.000 | 95 60 |
| Arkansas | 4 2 .667 | 185 165 |
| A & M | 1 1 .500 | 56 64 |
| Texas | 1 3 .250 | 99 145 |
| Rice | 1 4 .200 | 166 187 |
| Baylor | 0 1 .000 | 33 37 |

This game will be the first opportunity of the student body to view Coach Reid's quintet up against conference competition.

Thus far in the season, the Owls have been able to secure but one conference victory out of five starts, having been defeated by Arkansas, S M U, and T C U. Their victory was at the expense of the Baylor Bears last Saturday night, when the game was forced to go into an extra period, ending 37-33.

During the earlier part of the week, the A & M squad has been working out with the following line-up: Bell and Marcum, guards; Hoke, center; and Veltman and Doche, guards. However, the line-up for the games has not been announced as yet.

LEADING CONFERENCE SCORERS

| | G.Fg. | Ft. | Tp. |
|------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| Dixon, Rice | 5 | 17 | 9 43 |
| Holt, Ark. | 6 | 18 | 6 42 |
| R. Williams, SMU | 2 | 15 | 11 42 |
| Dietzel, TCU | 2 | 16 | 7 39 |
| Sellers, Rice | 5 | 11 | 15 37 |
| Pickren, Ark. | 6 | 15 | 7 37 |
| Sexton, Ark. | 6 | 17 | 2 36 |
| Murphy, Ark. | 6 | 9 | 16 34 |
| Elkins, Texas | 4 | 11 | 9 31 |
| Reynolds, SMU | 2 | 13 | 5 31 |
| Fomby, Texas | 4 | 11 | 3 25 |
| Hart, Rice | 4 | 9 | 5 23 |
| E. Taylor, Texas | 4 | 6 | 7 19 |
| Sumner, TCU | 2 | 6 | 6 18 |
| Bell, A & M | 2 | 5 | 7 17 |
| Marcum, A & M | 2 | 7 | 3 17 |
| Hoke, A & M | 2 | 6 | 4 16 |

INTRAMURAL GRID STANDING

| | P.W. | L. | Pct. |
|-----------|------|----|---------|
| Eng. | 3 | 2½ | ½ .830 |
| 1st. Inf. | 3 | 2½ | ½ .830 |
| 2nd. Art. | 2 | 1½ | ½ .750 |
| 2nd. Inf. | 2 | 1 | .500 |
| 1st. Art. | 3 | 1 | .333 |
| Cavalry | 2 | ½ | 1½ .250 |
| Comp. | 3 | 0 | .000 |