



AGGIE BASEBALL PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

SPORTS BITS

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Starting with February 2, the varsity candidates will begin their training for the great American game. When the thud of bats, and swish of balls begin resounding on Kyle Field, its a sign spring isn't far off.

Coach Hig is fairly well pleased with the prospects for the coming season—and reports that he may be able to turn out a better well-rounded team than last year.

Back in his freshman days at A & M Coach Hig once pitched a no-hit, no-run game against the University of Texas nine. The Aggies won that game 1-0, but lost the next game at Austin and the championship as well.

Right now, his main idea of Heaven is a team that will beat Uncle Billy's Texas Longhorns at will. Judging from his success the first year he was coaching varsity baseball—it won't be long now before his dream comes true.

The return of Pamp Pampell, all-conference third sacker, to school will prove a considerable boost to the Aggie prospects for this season. The old conference ruling on eligibility has been changed, and the new one stating that an athlete must register within fifteen days after the opening of either term has made Pamp eligible for the coming season.

The conference basketball race is still a big muddle. All of the teams picked to win this past week-end came out on the small side of the score. T C U was forced to accept only one victory over the Razorbacks, and Texas was humbled by the lowly Baylor Bears when Strickland threw the winning throw from the center of the floor as the gun went off.

The next game played by the Aggie cagers will be the game against Baylor University at College. This will be the first athletic contest between schools in over four years.

The cadet attendance at these Saturday night basketball games hasn't been near as good as it could be. At the start of the game last week, it looked as though almost a third of the crops was absent.

The loss to Rice the other night did in no way eliminate the Aggie cagers from the conference running—so when Aggie meets Bear, be on hand—and give the team the best of your support.

So, if you want to be vitalized into the power of thinking real thoughts, and if you want never to know one dull instant while reading, do what has been done by the best specimens of mankind since there have been books, resolutely leave out whatever is not of the best—Ernest Dimnet.

Aggies Have Two Intersectional Games For 1931

Following the plan adopted this year of playing only nine games during the season, the 1931 A & M football schedule carries only four games outside of the conference games. Two of these games are inter-sectional games with the University of Iowa and Tulane University of New Orleans.

The game usually played with the Arkansas Razorbacks has been omitted, and the Baylor Bears have filled in their place at the same date.

The first major game of the season will be when the Bell-coached players invade New Orleans for a game with the twice Southern Conference title holding Tulane Greenies. The week following, the Aggies will engage the University of Iowa gridsters in the annual State Fair game in Dallas on Oct. 10. This game will mark the last appearance of the Aggies in a State Fair intersectional game for at least two years, as the contract was not re-negotiated by A & M and S M U Mustangs are to take the place.

The Maroon and White will open the conference season against the T C U Frogs in Ft. Worth on Oct. 17, and will meet the Baylor Bears at College the next week, for the first time in four years. The game with the Centenary Gentlemen at Shreveport on Oct. 31, completes the schedule of non-conference games. S M U at College, Rice at Houston, and Texas at College are the other games of the season.

The complete schedule is as follows: Sept. 26—Southwestern U. at College Oct. 3—Tulane University at New Orleans

Dallas
10—University of Iowa at Dallas
17—Texas Christian at Ft. Worth
24—Baylor U. at College
31—Centenary at Shreveport
Nov. 7—Southern Methodist at College
14—Rice at Houston
26—Texas U. at College.

But change is the immutable law. The innovations of one age to become the familiar practices of the next. Revision, remodelling, progress everywhere! The inexorable pressure of the new, the fresh, the original! We may defy, we may protest, yet the world does move and the directing forces of human activity is forward.—Nation's Business.

Of the \$1,801,900 spent by the Federal Government during the first half of the present fiscal year—July 1 to Dec. 31—\$1,127,670 was for operating costs of the War and Navy Departments, veterans' administration and interest and sinking fund of the public debt.—the result of war loans—according to figures given out by the Treasury Department.

INTRAMURAL GRID STANDINGS

	Pd.W.	L.	Pct.
1st. Inf.	4 3½	½	.875
Eng.	4 2½	1½	.625
2nd. Art.	3 1½	1½	.500
1st. Art.	4 2	2	.500
Cavalry	3 1½	1½	.500
2nd. Inf.	3 1	2	.333
Comp.	3 0	3	.000

Aggies Will Meet Baylor Here Tuesday

The first athletic contest to be played between Baylor University and A and M since the resumption of athletic relations between the two schools will be played next Tuesday night when the Maroon and White basketball team takes on the Baylor Bears in the Memorial Gym at 7:30.

It has been hoped for the past several years that the two schools would resume relations, which were severed over the death of an A & M football student at a football game, and recently at the requests of president's of both institutions the athletic relations were re-established.

Both teams will take the floor comparatively evenly matched as far as comparative scores go. Both teams have a one point victory over Texas, whereas Texas and A & M both split with Arkansas.

Baylor and Rice will have it out Friday night at Waco for fourth place in the conference race, which is at present shared by them and A & M.

T C U and S M U will stage the battle for conference leadership at Dallas next Monday night, the Mustangs being in the lead at present with an undefeated season.

Interest Growing In Intramurals

Although the school enrollment is more than four hundred short of last year, with the exception of class A basketball, an increase in participation in intramural athletics has been shown in every sport. Since the organization of this department, five years ago, the number of participants has never ceased to grow, and should the participation thus far this year continue at the present rate it is practically certain that the total number, competing in the various sports offered, will far exceed the fifteen hundred mark.

With five of the sports already completed and tennis and handball to be finished within the next week, a total of 1335 students have entered in those five completed. However, of this number, some of the same students engaged in more than one of event.

In class A basketball, which opened the program in September, two

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Six Lettermen Returning To Old Places On Team

Cagers Lose Close Game to Rice Owls

Coach John Reid's Aggie cagers just couldn't get going Saturday night against the Rice Owls and lost a heart breaker by the close score of 27 to 24. The game was one of the most hectic affairs played here in recent year, being marred by poor playing on the part of both teams.

With the Aggies leading 12-9 just before the end of the first half, Ray Hart, Owl forward, made two beautiful shots in quick succession to put the Owls in the lead 13-12 as the gun sounded.

The start of the second half was even worse for the Aggies, for the Ricemen immediately proceeded to run up their total to 21 points before Coach Reid's boys could find themselves. Then with 11 minutes left to play, Hart went out on fouls, and the Aggies led by the brilliant Hoke and Veltman, staged a final rally which almost took the victory from the Owls grasp only to be cut short by the final gun.

Captain Hoke and Lester Veltman the Aggies two bids for all-conference positions, at center and guard respectively, continued to shine even in defeat. Veltman tied for scoring honors with Sellars, lanky Owl center, both with a total of nine points, following the Hart with eight to his credit.

The Owls scored all but one of their points on field goals, registering 13 to eight for the Aggies. Of the remaining eight points scored by the Aggies from the gift line, five were made by Veltman out of seven tries.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
S M U	3	0	1.000
T C U	3	1	.750
Arkansas	5	3	.625
A & M	1	2	.333
Baylor	2	4	.333
Rice	2	4	.333
Texas U	1	4	.200

LEADING SCORERS

	G.	Fg.	Ft.	Pts.
Dietzel, T C U	4	25	16	64
R. Williams, S M U	3	20	15	55
Holt, Ark.	8	23	7	53
Reynolds, S M U	3	23	6	52
Dixon, Rice	6	20	9	49
Sellars, Rice	6	15	16	46
Pickren, Ark.	8	18	10	46
Murphy, Ark.	8	13	19	45
Elkins, Texas	5	17	9	43
Sexton, Ark.	8	16	10	42
Hart, Rice	6	17	7	41
Sumner, T C U	4	13	13	39
Strickland, Baylor	3	15	8	38
Fomby, Texas	5	14	8	36
E. Taylor, Texas	5	10	11	31
Alford, Baylor	3	9	7	25
Hoke, Tex. A & M	3	9	4	22
Bell, Tex. A & M	3	7	7	21

Pitching Staff Is Weakest Part Of Team Hard Hit By Graduation

Fortified with eight returning squadmen, six of them lettermen, and a number of freshman numeralmen, Coach Roswell Higginbotham will begin building his second Aggie baseball team on February first. The loss of a large number of men through graduation last year has hit the team rather hard, especially in the pitching staff where three lettermen were lost.

In spite of these losses, the prospects for the coming season are rather bright when all the returning men are considered. The team is hard hit by the loss of Tommy Mills and Pete Wendt, all-Conference pitcher; Lefty Martin, all-Conference first baseman; and Byron Lackey, all-Conference catcher.

From the present outlook, the weakest spot on the team will be in the pitching staff. Coach Hig has only one letterman back, Ab Hawes of Dallas, and upon him the majority of the work will fall. C. M. Lagow, squadman of last season will be out again, and it is probable that he will be called upon to do much service. F. M. Shaw, Ennis freshman numeralman, did very well for the fish last year, and quite a bit is expected of him this year. Shiro Hoke, Aggie basketball star; R. H. Scheer, Marshall; and Charlie Malone of Dallas are expected to report for work with the pitching staff.

H. P. Dansby, of Bryan, is the only varsity letterman returning for the position of catcher. That position will be made stronger with the return to school of R. E. Garvey, freshman numeralman, who is contemplating on coming back. George Lord, Jourdan, is another strong contender for the position.

The hole left vacant by Lefty Martin, premier first bagger of the conference last year, has no varsity man to fill it up. J. P. Miller, Princeton freshman numeralman of last year, is one of the outstanding candidates for the position this year. Paul McFadden, Cleburne, and Shiro Hoke, are both out for the position. Neither of these men have played varsity baseball since entering A & M, although Hoke was out for a short time last season.

Walter Davis, Ft. Worth, is the returning letterman for the position of second base. Red made his letter last year as a sophomore. J. H. Brown, Houston, and W. R. Young, Ft. Worth, both freshman numeralmen, are on the list of outstanding contenders for second.

Coach Hig has two varsity men returning for the corner at third: V. C. Pampell, all-Conference man of last season from Ft. Worth; and T. A. Henderson, squadman from McKinney.

The position of short stop will prob-

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