

BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

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Battalion Sports Writer Reviews Prospects for the Caging Season

Since the basketball season is yet in its infancy, the job of picking a winner at this stage of the season would be rather difficult. In looking over the rosters of last year's teams we find that there are a number of experienced men who will be playing for their Alma Maters again this season.

Here at A and M, who furnished a team that finished second in conference last year, Coach John Reid faces the difficulty of replacing Joe Merka, who for the past three years has been a mainstay at the center post as well as the best offensive man on the squad. Merka scored more points last year for the Aggies than any man on the team and finished third in the individual scoring in the conference, eked out only by Richard Allison of TCU and Jack Gray of Texas. Sheppard was the other senior letterman to finish last year. To take the place of these two graduates are some nine sophomore candidates for different positions on the team.

Eight returning lettermen make up the nucleus of a 1935 team that will contend for the conference championship. They are Captain Griffin Breazeale, Johnnie Davis, Tommy Hutto, Max Tohline, Joseph Bisbey, Monte Carmichael, Taylor Wilkins and Ellis Stansel. Of this group five are in their last year of playing. Namely: Breazeale; Davis; Hutto; Bisbey; and Stansel. The freshman team of last year has quite a group of prospects to offer the varsity. Johnnie Black from Bryan is a small man, but will make the other guards hustle for a position. Ed Lee, Houston; Paul Evans, Fort Worth; Clyde Jones, Huntington; Norris Johnson, Bryan; Z. B. Cox, San Antonio; Earle Button, Houston; Jack Crichton, East Point, Ga.; Dave "Goon" Schriewer, Seguin; Henry Qualtrough, Houston and Arlington Helbing, San Antonio. Of this group, Lee, Black, Jones and Evans loom as real prospects for varsity letters. "Pete" Dowling, Houston, who broke his leg during early football training was a good basketball prospect. Dowling's recovery from the injury in time to play basketball is very doubtful. Two squadmen from last year at the guard position, who are making strong bids for a regular berth on the first string, are Percy Shands, Forney, and Carlton White, Amarillo.

At the center position where Joe Merka has dominated for the past three years, the most difficult problem presents itself. From early season practices Captain "Acorn" Brazeale, who has made his letter at the forward position for the past two years, seems to have the outside track over Tohline, Johnson and Schriewer.

At the forward positions there are Tommy Hutto, Johnny Davis, Ellis Stansel, lettermen, as well as

Clyde Jones and Paul Evans, who were "hot-shots" on the fish team last year. Jones towers better than six feet and has a good chance to be a regular. Tohline, who is now working at the center position, has made a letter at forward. He can fill in at either place as the occasion calls.

The Aggies have a group of husky guards that may be classed with any in the conference. Taylor Wilkins, who won the Aggieland Pharmacy Trophy for the most valuable man last year, will be the spark of



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Aggie Basketball Captain



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the Aggie defense. As well as being a demon on the defense, he has a good eye for a basket. Wilkins scored many goals from the guard position last year. Joe Bisbey, and Monte Carmichael are lettermen at guard. Lee and Black are two sophomores who looked good on the fish team last year.

Coach Reid has a number of games for the squad before they enter the conference dispute in January. The Aggies went to Marquez Monday night and played the Sam Houston Bearkats. The Texaco Scotties of Houston will be here Thursday night. Then Saturday, December 15, the Aggies will end their first week of games with Stephen F. Austin Teachers at Nacogdoches. Three games are scheduled for next week: December 17, Sam Houston Teachers at Huntsville; December 21, Humble Oilers at Arp; December 22, Humble Oilers at Henderson. The Humble Oilers boast such

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