

# Basketball Outlook

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Basketball, after going through about half of its schedule, has stopped for a short intermission while the cagers do a little cramming and quiz-taking. There is a chance that after the exams many of the quintets will have to put altered teams on the floors. These exams have a funny way of catching some of the outstanding athletes at the wrong time and making them sit on the bench for the remainder of the year.

During this short interlude we find the Southern Methodist Mustangs at the head of the ladder with five victories and no defeats. At the other end of the ladder we find the Texas Christian Frogs without a victory. The chances are that S. M. U. will go through undefeated and that the Frogs will go through without winning a single contest.

Baylor and Rice are the only two teams that appear to have any chance at all of winning or tying for the championship. Each of these teams has lost one game.

The Aggies are floundering around just above T. C. U. They have won one game, that being from the Frogs last week. The Cadets have been playing good ball this year, but it has always been just a degree under that their opponents were playing.

"Big Dog" Dawson says he didn't have a chance to do anything against the Ponies. He fouled out of the game early. He said that the only way he could get to the ball under either basket was to just jump in and start climbing those lanky boys. The officials didn't think much of his method and soon called the required four fouls on him. Dawson says that it will be a different story when they get the Baccus-coached Mustangs down here Feb. 20.

Dawson has been playing some very good ball for the Cadets this season. Last year he looked very rough as a freshman, but in reality he was a diamond in the rough. This year he has been polished and is a very glittering young man.

Tom Tinker is another of the Aggies who has been playing very good ball this season along with Captain Sammy Dwyer, Jude Smith, J. T. Lang and Jame Carrigan.

McQuillan tried to cross the Ponies and Frogs up last week. In one game they used Dwyer at forward instead of his customary guard position. In the Frog game Dawson was put at forward and Duncanson at center.

When the Cadets played the Baylor Bears here recently the Baylor coach was heard to make the following remark. "That damn McQuillan told me that he didn't have any material, much less a team."

It is to be remembered that the Aggies were ahead or tied with the Bears until the last few minutes of the game. The Baylor coach was very much afraid that he was going to lose that fray.

The Aggies will get back into harness Feb. 11 when they take on Texas here. They follow this up with a trip to Waco for their return engagement with Baylor on Feb. 14. Feb. 16 finds them back at home meeting the Toads from T. C. U.

The Mustangs pay the Cadets a

visit Feb. 20. After the Pony fray McQuillan takes his Cadets to the Ozarks where they play those towering Razorbacks Feb. 24 and 25. The curtain will come down March 2 in Gregory Gym in Austin when the Aggies tangle with Jack Gray's Steers in their return engagement.

Polishing up on sinking free throws will hold much of the practice time in future. The Cadets lost to the Mustangs because of their weakness in this department of play.

Carswell of Rice, Norton of S. M. U., Wilkerson of S. M. U. and Adams of Arkansas are waging a terrific fight for his point honors of the conference. Carswell is in the lead with 57 points and is trailed by "Sniper" Norton with 51. Wilkerson and Adams each have 47 counters.

Unless some of the Cadets bust too many hours at mid-term the entire team with the exception of Red Holland will be back. Holland is the only one who will graduate, and he is doing so only because he was too smart and gleaned enough grade points and honors one term before he was scheduled to do so.

The total points made by each player of the Cadets have not been totaled yet, but it is thought that Dawson is high-pointer of the squad.

Coach Manning Smith's freshman team has not shown up as well as was expected. They beat Allen Academy one game, but then lost two to the Rice Slimes. They still have to play the Texas Short Horns and also have another fray with Allen.

Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson and Steve Stephenson are about the only two real basketball players on the team. Both of these men will aid the varsity greatly next season. The varsity will be back almost intact. It has never been very pleasing to say "wait until next year," but it does look as if the Cadets will have their best cage team next season. Their entire starting five will return and these men will be able to get a little rest as the substitutes will be good men.



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