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Here is a bit of news that we pass on to you that carries quite a smell. The University of Southern California's unbeaten but twice-tied Trojans were rated as the nation's champion college football team of 1939. This was the way Professor Frank G. Dickinson of the University of Illinois headed his system of awarding national gridiron titles. He had the Texas Aggies rated in second place, and Cornell, Tulane, and Tennessee ranked third, fourth, and fifth respectively.

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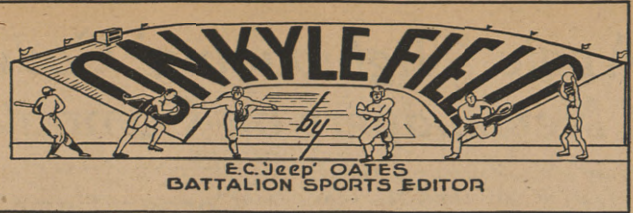
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BATTALION SPORTS EDITOR

Cadets Take Denton Teachers 31 to 29

Game Is 5th Pre-Season Meet of Year

The Aggie cagers played their fifth pre-season game Thursday night as they met the Teachers from North Texas State Teachers College in a fray that saw the Cadets trailing 27 to 29 with only ten seconds left to play, but in that time the Cadets rang the basket for four points to win 31 to 29.

A. & M. jumped into an early lead when Jude Smith broke the ice to give the Aggies a 2 to 0 lead. The Cadets led most of the way, but the game dragged slowly until the last minute.

At halftime Coach McQuillan's boys held a 15 to 14 lead. During the last minute the Aggies saw they were going to lose the game if they didn't do something and do it in a hurry. They had the ball down near the Teachers' basket, but could not put it in. The Teachers then wrestled the ball away from the Aggies and went down to the Aggie end of the court to stall.

Only about 15 seconds remained when J. T. Lang grabbed the ball and headed towards the Teachers' goal. He stopped and crouched way out in "right field" and let go a "peg" that was good for two points and the game was tied up.

The Teachers put the ball back in play, but Bill Henderson stole the ball from one of the bewildered visitors and passed to Tom Tinker, Aggie high-point man for the game, who passed into the goal from the "40 yard line" to win the game just as the gun fired, ending what was otherwise a listless game.

Woody Counts of NTSTC was high man with 11 points and Tinker was the leading Cadet point-maker with nine, being followed by Henderson with eight.

LONGHORNS, RED RAIDERS IN CAGE MEET TONIGHT

The Texas Longhorns, defending basketball champions of the Southwest Conference, receive their first critical test of the practice season this Friday and Saturday at Austin when they meet the Red Raiders from Texas Tech.

In their opener with Sam Houston Teachers of Huntsville, the Steers came out on the long end of a 57-37 score. They then took Southwest Texas to the tune of 52-28, with reserves playing the second half.

The starting line-up will probably include Moers, Spears, Hull, Chester Granville, and Denton Cooley. This year's team is the same as last year with the exception of Capt. Willie Tate, center.

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AGGIE TEAM RETURNS IN GOOD SHAPE TO TRAIN FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY GAME

Once more the thud of leather on leather and of bone on bone was heard on Kyle Field yesterday as the Aggie football team returned to training in preparation for the New Year's Day Classic.

Basketball at A. & M. Has Been The Neglected Sport; Improvements Needed

After watching the Texas Aggie basketball teams for the past four years we've reached the point where something must be done for this sport. If you have followed basketball at Aggeland for the past years you too will agree that basketball in A. & M. has been slightly neglected insofar as material is concerned.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Engineers moved into the win column Thursday evening by claiming a booth in the final match for the tennis crown. Guy, Oswald, Curry, and Nolen were the winners as the "bridge builders" turned back the 3rd Hq. Field Artillery in two matches.

In a quarter final game A Field Artillery, last year's champs, downed Headquarters Cavalry in three matches. The Field team is determined to take it again and have the same team as of last year with the exception of V. C. Denton who lettered on the varsity squad.

B Infantry closed out to C Engineers 3 to 0 in three games of fast handball. Muse, Cloninger, McCulloch, Timm, McKee, and Gray were the men composing the winning teams.

The 2nd Combat Train Field was matched against D Coast in water polo and was playing the best game. With one point marked up for the Coast team, Womble forced the goalie of the opponents against the bank to tie the score. From then on it was tighter than ever and Goalie Sorelle for the Field boys was getting a good going over. On one misplay he drew back to pass to mid-pool and accidentally touched the goal for the Coast team. The final score, 2 to 1, with Coast in the lead.

Class B swimming meet is scheduled for 3 o'clock this evening with teams due to report at 2:30 for organization. The preliminaries should prove a bit interesting, in fact, as much so as the finals which come off tomorrow at the same time.

Entry cards for Class B table tennis, or ping-pong if you so choose to call it, have been called for by December 18. It seems as though the program will be pretty crowded on the return to classes next year. Speedball is scheduled to start right away, the fish start ping pong, the football playoffs will be in order, handball will still be the speed game, and the Class A swimming meet will be in preparation.

Aggies Nosed Out In Polo Match Friday

The Cadets were nosed out in the last few minutes of play in a hard fought game of polo Friday afternoon on Jackson Field by a superior Lamesa team.

The game went rather slowly in the first half, with only one score being made and this during the second period when Woodward put one through for Lamesa on a penalty shot.

Fast riding and hard hitting a plenty came in the fourth period when Spencer Barron pushed one out of a goal post scramble to tally for the visitors. The most spectacular play of the afternoon followed when Sid McDonald brought one all the way down the field to mark one up for the Aggies. Maloney accounted for the second Cadet score of the period when he lifted the ball out of a corner of the field and rolled it between the flags.

During the fifth period both teams made one goal. Williams for the Aggies and White for Lamesa. Gus White's penalty shot and goal in the sixth period made him the high point man of the game with a total of four tallies.

Officials for the game were: Umpire, Jack Hays (Calif.); Referee, Maj. Wing (Army).

HOUSTON A. & M. CLUB ENTERTAINS AGGIE TEAM 18TH

Players and coaches of the championship Aggie football team will be guests of the Houston A. & M. Club at a dinner dance to be staged at the Rice Hotel in Houston on the evening of December 18.

The Houston Post "Most Valuable" trophy will be awarded and presented at the banquet. A floor show will be given and dancing enjoyed after the snappy program which the Houston Club declares will be brief. Members of the football squad and their coaches will be introduced and Homer Norton will speak.

Visitors from many South Texas points are expected to be present for the party, as well as representatives from other Texas cities and other A. & M. clubs.

Style predictions from a college columnist: This winter the fashionable co-ed will find the bustle a stern necessity.

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Sam Houston State Teachers Figure They're Top Team

How about this? Students of Sam Houston State Teachers College are yelling because they have not been asked to play in a post season bowl game of great importance.

As told by one of the future teachers, it all came about at the idea of Albert Reese of the Galveston Daily News.

Of course it's done by comparative scores but still it seems strange. Sam Houston beat Rice 9 to 8. Rice tied Arkansas 12 to 12, making the teachers' team a point better than the Razorbacks. Arkansas defeated S. M. U. 14 to 0, so the Bearkats are 15 points better than the Ponies. Since S. M. U. lost to the Aggies by 6 to 2, they say Sam Houston is 11 points better than A. & M.

And if you argue with them about who is the No. 1 team of the nation, they'll come out with another flow of teams and numbers. This one is over Tennessee. If Sam Houston was 11 points better than the Aggies (think of that), they would be 30 points better than the Owls, due to the 19 to 0 defeat by A. & M. Rice lost to Vanderbilt 14 to 12, leaving the Bearkats 28 points better than the Commodores. Tennessee covered Vanderbilt 13 to 0 making Sam Houston 15 points better than the unscored-on Volunteers.

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