

Cadets Lose First Conference Game To Rice



Fish Basketball Team Is In Poor Shape; Closs Scores Almost As Much As Fish

The Aggie freshmen got the tar beat out of them Thursday night by the Rice Slimes. The final score was 50 for Rice and 21 for the Fish.

Closs, tall Rice center, rang the bucket for 20 points, just one less than the whole freshman team for the Aggies.

We feel sorry for Coach Smith and his players for having to play the game at this early stage when the Fish are not in shape.

Congratulations to the pistol team on their most recent victory. It looks like the boys may mean business again this year.

For many years there has been a gripe about the number on the basketball scoreboard. The num-

"Rural Room" Is Scene of Best Banquet Of Year Given in Honor of Ball Club

Just south of the border, down Rural Room way, Frank Simon and wife had the best banquet of the year for the football team, if some of the football players can be quoted. "Just think, not a single speech and loads and loads of good food to eat," voiced one member of the club who was seconded by the remainder of those present.

The banquet circle is still in full swing. Dough Rollins just returned from a long cold trip to Bonham. . . . Sam Bass is getting in some early baseball practice. That is he is mashing on a piece of sponge rubber to strengthen his grip and also the hand which he broke last season. . . . The Aggies broke all tradition this year including captains. Price, Boyd and Smith were selected as co-captains. . . . Someone asked Ziggy Sears if Judge Landis had made him a free agent yet. Sears worked the Rice-A & M. basketball

game here Thursday night. During baseball season Ziggy does some "blind tom" guessing in the major leagues. . . . When Ziggy called a foul on Dawson the other night "Big Dog" replied, "Boy I got my money's worth out of that foul." . . . The greatest fullback of all time is "Rock" Audish. If you don't believe it, ask Audish, his roomie will tell you too. . . . Congratulations to all the cadets who braved the cold to swarm the gym Thursday night. . . . Billy Sansing over at Texas made a crack about the Aggies the other day. You know that boy is getting to be a top flight sports writer. He really had a good column. . . . The Rice Thresher staff was up for the game the other night. Yeah we see why the Rice coaching staff had to have a change. . . . They say that Neely will have to be the one and only "big poppa" if he goes anywhere with the Owls.

bers go up to 40 only and there are few games played here where one of the teams fail to make that many or more points. At every game where the score is over 40 there is always a question about the score. Some of the officials have been working games here for years, but they still ask what is the matter with the score board. A few numbers should not cost much and they are badly needed. Here is a suggestion to the freshman class. If the numbers are not provided this year it would be nice if the freshman class would leave some money to purchase numbers with. True the freshmen usually don't make any money, but they made a few "Buttons" this year and they would be willing to leave a couple of dollars for some numbers.

Conference Standing

	W	L	Pct
Rice	4	1	.800
Texas U.	3	1	.750
Texas A. & M.	3	1	.677
Arkansas	2	1	.667
S. M. U.	1	2	.333
Baylor	0	3	.000
T. C. U.	0	3	.000

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DEMONSTRATION OF "JEEP" POSTPONED

The demonstration of the oil well "Jeep" which was to be made by the Halliburton Oil Company Friday afternoon was postponed because of the cold weather.

The machine, which is a device to aid in oil well drilling by determining the nature of formations drilled, was to be exhibited for the benefit of petroleum and physics students.

The demonstration will be held next week if the weather permits, officials of the Petroleum department announced.

The National Student Federation held its 1939 congress at the University of Minnesota during the Christmas holidays.

Owls Now Leading S. W. Conference

With Kinney and Selmon leading the way with 14 points each, the Rice varsity trimmed the Aggies here Thursday night 62 to 44 and took the conference lead away from the McQuillan charges.

Captain Woody Varner stepped out and gave the Aggies a two point lead at the start of the fray and they led for the first nine minutes, but then Selmon, Kinney and Gomez found the range and they grabbed the lead which they never turned lose.

At the half Rice was leading 30 to 21. Dawson and Varner were the outstanding men for the cadets. Varner did some superb guarding

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Rice (62)				Texas A. & M.			
	Fg	Ft	Tp		Fg	Ft	Tp
Craddock, f	2	1	5	Tinker, f	2	1	5
Steakley, f	2	0	4	Lang, f	0	2	2
Gomez, f	4	3	11	Henderson, f	4	0	8
Kinney, c	6	2	14	Stevenson, f	3	1	7
Pepper, c	0	0	0	Duncan, c	0	0	0
Selman, g	6	2	14	Dawson, c	5	1	11
Palmer	3	0	6	B.J. Adams, o	0	1	1
Carswell, g	3	2	8	Smith, g	3	2	8
				Varner, g	1	0	2
Totals	26	10	62	Totals	18	8	44

Officials: Curtis (Texas); Sears (Kentucky Teachers).
Personal fouls: Tinker, Dawson 4; Smith 3; Varner 3; Lang Adams 2; Craddock, Steakley 2; Kinney 2; Selman 3; Palmer, Gomez 4.
Free throws missed: Tinker 2; Henderson 3; Dawson 2; Smith, Craddock, Kinney, 2; Selman.
Half-time score: Rice 30; A. & M. 21

Aggies Schedule Eight Football Tilts For Their 1940 Grid Season

An eight game schedule will be the bit of the Aggie grid team for 1940, according to the release from the athletic department.

The Aggies could have played most anyone they wanted to in 1940, but many big schools including Ohio State, California, Boston and others were turned down because the cadets were already under contract to go to California and it was thought best to make only one long trip. It was thought that these other games would keep the players away from school too long on one stretch.

A. & M. would have played some of these teams if they had been willing to come to Texas to play, but the Aggies do not have the time to take a flying trip all over the United States to pack in a big gate for the home school.

You get your contract figure and that is about all when you go to play these games. You usually get the same amount if these are 5,000 or 50,000 fans.

It has gotten to the point where Southwest Conference teams can make the big teams come here if they want to play. This conference is in the lead now and if any team wants to prove their might they can come here to do so, A. & M. is not going there to do it.

The schedule: Sept. 28, Texas A. & I.; Oct. 12, U. C. L. A. at Los Angeles; Oct. 19, T. C. U.; Oct. 26, Baylor at Waco; Nov. 2, Arkansas; Nov. 9, S. M. U. at Dallas; Nov. 16, Rice; Nov. 23, Texas at Austin (May be moved up to Nov. 21 or 23).

BATTALION Sports

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All Expense Trip To Fort Worth Finals Is Award In Boxing Meet

A five day, all expense trip to the State Finals in Fort Worth, is the award to the eight winners in the eight weights, which will be given in the District Golden Gloves Tournament to be held at Gatesville, February 5, 6, and 7. In addition, suitable trophies will be awarded to the winners.

Jack Devaney, licensed A. A. U. referee will handle the bouts, and seconds will be provided for the entrants.

As a protection against professionalism, all entrants as in Ft. Worth, must be eligible for A. A. U. membership, which is a fee of 25c, and requires that the boxer has not received more than \$35 for a match, as well as other requirements.

A. A. U. rules will be strictly adhered to, and the same qualifications will be met with here as in Fort Worth.

Entries must be received at once, as preparations for the tournament must be finished in the near future. Weighing-in, drawing for places, and other necessary arrangements will be made the afternoon of February 5.

More than one-half of the University of Wisconsin alumni live in the Badger state.

Indiana University has an eternal blaze in a Union building fire-place to symbolize the institution's "fire of hospitality."

Drake University radio students broadcast 370 shows a year over Iowa broadcasting stations.



For the third time in as many years A Field Artillery carried off the Class A Intramural Tennis Championship this past week. E Engineers were the last victims of the buggy boys climb from the bottom to the claiming of the title.

Of the men composing the winning team, three have been on all three championship teams. Conly, Harrison, and Pratt are the veterans. Others forming the squad are Allen, Heidenheimer, Giles, Hensel, Shelton, and Leathers.

In the matches with E Engineers, Giles, and Shelton defeated Curry and Nolen, 6-0, 8-6; Harrison and Hensel downed Oswald and Guy, 6-3, 8-6; while Allen and Heidenheimer fell 1-6, 0-6, to Bouter and Gwin. All players excepting Allen for the Field team are veterans of last year's squad.

E Field Artillery retained their undefeated and unscored on record against C Cavalry in a play-off game of water polo using various team combinations with 13 men. It was all the troop could do to stay in the water with the E team running up eight points and closing out their opponents.

It's all up to C Coast Artillery now as to whether or not they'll

25 Aggies Start Track Workout

League C. handball. 2nd Hq. Field Artillery has played their last scheduled game against D Engineers and emerged from the final strain with two games to the castle boys' none. Both the Coast and the Field team have lost a game, the Coast losing theirs to the Headquarters.

In another of the final series games in water polo this week, 3rd Combat Train Field Artillery and I Infantry each used 10 men to try their best against each other. The game ended with the Train holding a 6 to 2 lead on the paddle feet.

The Headquarters Signal Corps could be considered the "hard luck" boys when it comes to handball. They played out their schedule and ended with only one loss but A Field Artillery also did the same thing. The Field's loss however was a forfeit to the Hq. Signal team. In the play-off for the league title, the flag wavers tried all they had to hold the buggy boys back but lost out in the last of the three games.

Shelton and Edwards of the Field defeated Conglin and Hunt While Streater and Keelan of the Signal Corps handed Mitchell and Smith a beating. After that, it was all up to the match between Denton and Couch for A Battery and Hemington and Cupples of the Corps. The games were drawn out and it looked pretty desperate and the managers went home. The final outcome—A Field Artillery still in the running.

Two more teams were entered in the tennis schedule than last year. 44 was the number of entries received as compared to last year's 42. Only two forfeits were called.

Prospects Bright As 10 Lettermen Return For Work

Now that the maple-pounding basketballers have well initiated their season, the fast-moving sports world is turning its eager eyes to the cinder path at Kyle Field where Monday twenty-five track team aspirants reported to Coach Dough Rollins to start workouts.

Ten returning lettermen and a host of hopefuls from the last year's freshmen ranks will form the nucleus from which Coach Rollins hopes to shape out a winning aggregation. The lettermen on hand are: co-captains John McLain and Ed Driess, Mick Hogan, Red Cecil, Paul Dillon, Bob Schiller, Jim Thomason, Jude Smith, Bill Conatser, and Marshall Robnett.

One of the brightest prospects among the newcomers is Ralf Henderson. Henderson was a junior college transfer last year from Paris Junior College where he was a record half-miler in the prep school ranks. His record time for the 2640 foot jaunt is 1:57. R. C. Johnson, who got his numeral in 1939, also shows great promise in the quarter-mile trek.

The Aggie track team will open their schedule with a trip to Laredo to compete in the Border Olympics on March 1. The next week-end the thinly-clad players hosts to the strong San Marcos Teachers College here. The next week the team does a bit of road work to Fort Worth to compete in the Southwest largest annual meeting of track and field stars at the Fat Stock Show and Exposition, before opening their annual schedule with regular conference foes.

A salamander is the mascot of the student at Mount Angel College.

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