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It's Either Ark or Rice for Cage Crown; Aggies Are Key to Owl Championship Hopes

As the basketball teams are taking time off for exams this week, let's take a look at the status of the Southwest Conference race.

In the first place, it's almost apparent that the crown will be in the hands of either Rice or Arkansas. At this stage, the Razorbacks have the upper hand, with the Owls on a notch behind. True enough, T.C.U. has still to be reckoned with, but it's hardly probable that the Frogs could be a match for either Rice or Arkansas. Baylor, Texas, A. & M. and S.M.U. are all but out of the race, so it's all left to Rice and Arkansas.

Since the Razorbacks and the Owls have already played their series, all Arkansas has to do to win the crown is to win the rest of their games, which is not too hard an assignment. Rice still has a chance—a chance in which one of the remaining teams might sneak up on Arkansas and deal it a telling blow. Now, the question remaining is, "Which team has the best chance of pulling such a sneak play?" That answer is simple. The Texas Aggies, of course.

"The Aggies?" a basketball fan

might ask, "what have they got to say in this race. How far they will go, no one can tell, but one thing is sure—they'll fool you quicker than any other conference team. Take that Rice game for example—take both of them if you care to. Who would have ever thought that Coach Marty Karow's crew, which lost the majority of their games this year could even come close to the polished Owl five. But they did—and almost swept the series in a convincing manner. They gave Baylor all sorts of fits before losing by that customary two-points.

Coach Karow is a cagy and smart mentor—he and his cagers have learned plenty from their Christmas tour, and are ready to put their lessons into use.

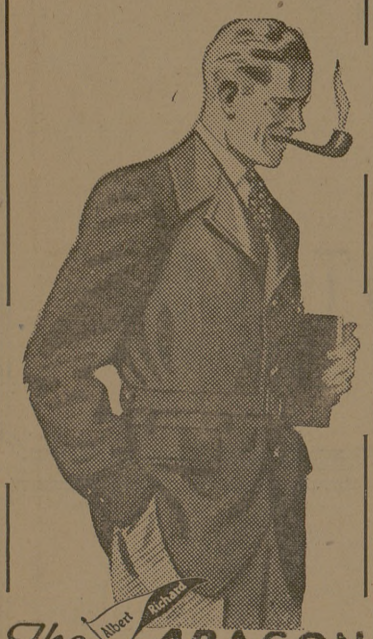
Yes sir, if Rice hopes to get any kind of chance of winning this conference it better start praying that such boys as Henderson, Jarrett, Huffman, Cokinos, Nabors, or Peden, really hit the bucket when they're playing Arkansas. If they can't, nobody else will. Believe it or not, those Aggies are the key to the Owl championship hopes.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Kyle Field Belongs to A&M as Big Debt Is Paid Off

At long last Kyle Field belongs to A. & M.! . . . Coach Homer Norton announced the fact at the annual football banquet last Thursday night . . . Here's the whole story of the Kyle Field debt . . . Started in 1926-27, West stands were built at cost of \$76,000 and East stands and end zone seats were added in 1928-29 at cost of \$265,000 or total of \$341,700 . . . when Norton came here in '34 the debt had been cut down to \$210,000 . . . in the ensuing three years only 4,000 were paid off, but following the '37 season these sums

were retired: 1937, \$18,000; 1938, \$11,000; 1939 (Sugar Bowl), \$66,500; 1940 (1st Cotton Bowl), \$67,500; and 1941 (including second Cotton Bowl), \$43,000 retiring bond 16 years before bonds matured . . . "That has been an awful load and I, for one, certainly am glad that the Stadium now is all paid for," Norton concluded . . . Incidentally, the Cotton Bowl trophy of the 1941 (last year's game against Fordham) was awarded to A. & M. by Dan Rogers at the annual banquet Thursday.

Oscar Burkhard, chairman of the German department of the University of Minnesota, sees no indication of a return of the "anti-everything-German" feeling of World war days.



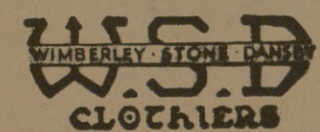
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Aggie Cage Team Preps for Return Engagement With Sam Houston Friday

The Texas Aggie cagers play their first game of the spring semester Friday night when they journey to Huntsville to meet the Sam Houston State Teacher's College Bearkats.

In their last game of the first semester the Cadets were nosed out by the Rice Owls in an exciting tilt which ended with a 44-42 score.

The Bearkats defeated the Aggies in the opening game of the season with a score of 50-33 and the Cadets will be aiming for revenge. The Aggie squad has improved greatly since its first encounter with the Bearkats and all evidence points to victory for the Cadets.

The Aggies take on the Baylor Bears at Waco on Tuesday night, February 3, to re-open their conference schedule. The Bears, like the Rice Owls, also defeated the Aggies by a narrow margin. The Bears were on the long end of a 48-46 score.

Ray Jarrett, who was a big gun in the Aggie-Rice game, can be expected to come through with more of his stellar play. Captain Henderson, Bayer, Nabors, Cokinos, Huffman, and Underwood have been showing up nicely in the practice sessions.

Spring Training Opens Today With 70 Boys Reporting

Loss of Leonard Dickey Is Hard Blow; Fish, Squadmen Expected to Bolster Team

With 15 lettermen returning from last season's Southwest Conference championship squad, Coach Homer Norton will inaugurate the first day of spring training for this year today. Uniforms were issued to 70 men. In addition to the 15 lettermen reporting, 19 squadmen and four boys who were ineligible last season were on deck. These together with some 32 freshmen make up a squad of 70 men.

Prospects loom for a fullback to equal the immortal "Big John" in Ed Starcken, 224 lb. lad from San Antonio. Ineligible last season, Ed gained valuable experience working with the "Blueboys," and in the opinion of the experts seems headed for big things next fall.

Loss of Leonard Dickey to the Air Corps was a heavy blow to Line Coach Bill James' forward wall, but with Tom Barth and Whit Whitworth coming up from the "Blueboys," the tackle posts should be sufficiently bolstered.

At the football banquet last Thursday night Coach Norton announced the lettermen for the 1941 season. Those men receiving varsity letters were:

Dennis Andricks, Houston; Felix Bueck and Roy Bueck, Schulenburg; Harold Cowley, Freer; Leo Daniels, Bryan; Leonard Dickey, Alto; Bill Henderson, Houston; Leonard Holder, San Antonio; Weldon Maples, Fort Worth; Arthur Mercer, Temple; Zolus Motley, Abilene; Derrace Moser, Stephenville; Ray Mulhollan, Belton; Tom Pickett, Temple; Lester Richardson, Houston; Cullen Rogers, Mart; Martin Ruby, Waco; Bill Sibley, Abilene; Elvis Simmons, Somerville; Marshall Spivey, Lufkin; James Sterling, Panhandle; Robert Tullis, Fort Worth; Jackson Webster, Sweetwater; Enel Wasson, Temple; Robert Williams, Eldorado; Maurice Williams, Marlin, and Willie Zapalac, Bellville.

As announced by Coach Manning Smith, the following boys were awarded freshman numerals:
P. J. Anderson, V. R. Bellville, N. A. Brown, T. A. Coers, J. S. Cody, W. I. Compton, J. P. Davis, E. D. Dusek, J. W. Eidson, Carl Eazel, H. C. Foldberg, Melchor Gonzalez, R. E. Haas, N. Hand, A. E. Johnson, J. A. Knight, Morry Mertz, Charlie Manich, Fred Page, W. O. Payne, Arthur Pollard, W. W. Redus, A. R. Sager, T. A. Scott, W. R. Steymann, B. R. Stout, Damon Tassos, W. B. Thomas, J. N. Trotter, F. B. Welch, J. A. Whitacre, G. H. Wilde, J. W. Wilson.

F Field Artillery in Top Place in Class B Intramurals at End of First Semester

H Coast Artillery Freshmen Get 2nd Place In Standings

Keeper of the records Dewey Hoke has tabulated the standings of all Class B intramural sports completed the first semester. The tabulation of these results, resembling a draft lottery, was completed today, and class A results will be in the next issue of the Battalion.

Since many sports overlap into the second semester, it is impossible to figure the correct standings for the 52 class B teams that are entered without having errors because of the changes in standings from day to day that would enter into the tabulation.

The standings as submitted below are not corrected for the number of sports entered and completed, but represent the total number of points accumulated by the top 30 organizations since the beginning of school.

Organization	Total Points	3rd Hq. field
1. F. Field	380	300
2. H. Coast	360	300
3. F. Inf.	345	300
4. B. Inf.	345	300
5. I. Field	312	300
6. B. Sig.	340	300
7. E. Field	322.5	300
8. B. Field	322.5	300
9. C. Coast	320	300
10. G. Coast	320	300
11. Hq. Cav.	320	300
12. 1st Hq. Field	319.1	300
13. B. Coast	316.6	300
14. A. Field	315	300
15. B. Eng.	315	300
16. A. Inf.	314.5	300
17. D. Field	314.1	300
18. F. Coast	312.5	300
19. C. OWS	312.5	300
20. F. Eng.	312.5	300
21. C. Cav.	312.5	300
22. C. Inf.	311.8	300
23. G. Field	306.6	300
24. C. Field	305	300
25. A. OWS	305	300
26. H. Field	300	300
27. B. OWS	300	300
28. M. Inf.	300	300
29. D. Eng.	297.5	300

INTRAMURALS By DUB OXFORD

While intramural activities are now at a standstill, things will be picking up in this department soon. Present plans call for the playing of intramural games next week. Some organizations have already received their entry cards and all concerned will have them soon.

W. L. Penberthy, in commenting upon the success of the intramural participation last semester said, "All of the boys have done a great job so far this year. They have made this season the best in the intramural history of Texas A. & M."

Let's keep up the good work fellows, and not let Mr. Penny down. Because of the present situation there may be some inclination to let up on intramural athletics. This is not the thing to do. Now, more than ever, intramural athletics will have an important place in the curricula of every Aggie.

Recreational Officers Meeting

The January meeting of the Recreational Officers will be held Thursday afternoon at 5 p. m. in the Civil Engineer lecture room. The discussion at the meeting will mostly concern the program that is to be in effect for the remainder of the year. All Recreational Officers are asked to be present, and if it is impossible for them to be there, please have their junior assistant attend the meeting.

Facilities Available
Many students have put their "bleeds" to this department concerning the small amount of equipment that is available to students. To those students who have asked the questions, perhaps this information will clarify your viewpoint of the intramural facilities available.

A&M T Club to Hold Benefit Show Friday

The T Club Association of A. & M. will put on their annual benefit picture show Friday afternoon, according to Pete Henry, president of the T Club.

Pictures of the N.Y.U. and Cotton Bowl games will be shown. All proceeds will go in paying for the T Club dance, which is held at the close of the year.

Whenever classes are not being held the facilities of the intramural department are available to all students and equipment may be checked at the office, which is located at the southwest corner of DeWare field house. These facilities include basketball, volleyball, handball, boxing, wrestling, striking bags, heavy apparatus, football, wand and swimming.

All students of the college are cordially invited to make use of the equipment and the department, and freshmen are especially urged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Red Cross Course

All students interested in taking the Red Cross first aid course, please contact Leroy Brown in D-12 Hart, W. L. Penberthy, or M. L. Cashion in the Y. The course is open to all Aggies, juniors preferably, and will be held at night. The course will consist of 20 hours of instruction.

Jim Parker, Mgr. Of Athletic Stock Room, Leaves for Air Corps

Jimmy Parker, veteran football and track manager, will leave for Ellington Field this afternoon to enlist as a flying cadet. He will start training Friday as the graduating class of Ellington Field leaves for active duty.

Maximilian's Statue Preserved at Loyola

New Orleans, La., (ACP)—In the Bobet library museum on the campus of Loyola of the south, is a small, wax image of Maximilian, ill-fated emperor of Mexico.

The image was modeled from the wax of the altar candles in the church in Mexico where the body of Maximilian was thrown after he was killed.

It was done at the risk of the sculptor's life, but he escaped from Mexico and brought the image of his emperor to New Orleans, where it was given to Loyola. With the image in a glass case, is a clot of the blood of the emperor.

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