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### Rice and Arkansas Due to End Up in A Tie; Possibility of Playoff Is Slight

The Southwest Conference basketball race is slowly but surely coming to a finish, with only a week or so of play remaining on the schedule. As the results now stand, it is almost certain that Arkansas and Rice will wind up in a two-way tie, and according to the conference rules, they are declared co-champions. However, there could be a slight alteration of these rules should the Razorbacks and the Owls agree to a playoff. Whether the conference will permit that is another question, but it would certainly pay off if they would give the go-ahead sign. Just imagine what kind of a crowd a three-game series would draw in Houston. Too big to talk about it!

Rice and Arkansas are on top of the ladder, but much credit belongs to the Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns. The Aggies can take a bit more credit because they directly whipped the Owls and indirectly had much to do with the

downfall of the Hogs. It was an almost fatal series that Arkansas had here a week or so ago. They won their games, but suffered the loss of a couple of key men. When they faced the Longhorns, then, they had only five men to accomplish a neat job. The first night they were extended all the way by the Steers, and it was easy to see that they were cracking. Saturday night, it happened. Texas broke away with a big lead, and Arkansas did not have enough reserves to catch up.

Rice has a game with Texas and S.M.U. left, while the Razorbacks face T.C.U. in a two game series. Both should win their games, but Rice may have trouble with the rejuvenated Steers, who seem to have gained a tonic through the playing of Malcolm Kutner. At any rate, it'll probably all end up in a deadlock, but should they attempt a playoff, we'll still say Rice, and this time with ease.

### Mike Cokinos and R B Bayer Combine With Henderson to Give Aggies Double Victory

Coach Marty Karow's five, who suddenly found themselves this week-end, journey to the North to face the T.C.U. Frogs and the S.M.U. Mustangs before returning home for their final engagement of the year. The Ags found S.M.U. an easy opponent, but had lots of trouble from the Frogs. However, a little but sure-footed cager, Mike Cokinos, sparked the Cadets to their third victory of the year. Also give a lot of credit to R. B.

Bayer, a boy who really made a grand comeback after a slow start.

Heretofore, it has been Bill Henderson all the way, but the tree-top Aggie star got that needed help which brings out victory. Bill was not in the best of shape either night, and that's the reason for his unusually low score Saturday night. However, he is back in shape again, and expects to hit a new high while on the road.

### Sports Squibs From Here and There; Date Of Aggie-Steer Cage Tilt Reset to March 3

... The rate of the Texas Aggie-Texas Longhorn basketball game, scheduled to be played at College Station March 4, has been advanced to Tuesday, March 3, by mutual consent of both coaches. ... With the opening game of the annual high school tournament in Austin on March 5, both Coaches Marty Karow and Jack Gray had planned to be on hand ahead of the opening game so agreed to the change of dates. ... Pete Cokinos, brother of the inimitable Mike, kept shouting at Hub McQuillan throughout the game in a sarcastic manner—"Hey, Hub! Little men can't play in the Southwest Conference, huh! ... And then there

was a big laugh as Mike hits the meshes for six straight points and the margin of victory for the Cadets. ... Ironic, isn't it? ... the baseball team opens its schedule against Marland Jeffrey's Sheppard Field Flyers March 4-5. ... Lil Dimmitt's nine may have what it takes in this conference, but we'll talk about that later. ...

### Aggies Triumph Over TCU Frogs Saturday, 33-27

Cokinos Stifles McQuillan's Five With Superb Ball Exhibition

In one of the roughest and hardest fought contests ever witnessed in DeWare Field house, Coach Marty Karow's Aggie cagers downed the T.C.U. Horned Frog basketballers last Saturday night by a score of 33-27. Both teams were eager for a victory on account of the fact that Coach Hub McQuillan of the Frogs was coach of the Aggies for many years.

High scoring honors for the evening went to Big Bill Henderson as usual. But this time he was forced to share the honor with diminutive Mike Cokinos. Both Henderson and Cokinos hit the strings for a total of eight points for the evening.

Standout of the Aggies was Mike Cokinos. Time and again he stole the ball away from the larger Frogs and broke up serious scoring threats. His airtight guarding of Frog Ace Bob McHenry limited that worthy to a measly three points for the evening.

T. C. U. got off in front when Humphries dropped a free throw through the strings when the game was but thirty seconds old. This turned out to be the only time during the evening when the Frogs were in front, although the score was deadlocked several times.

At halftime the score stood at 20-16 in favor of the Aggies. For the first five minutes of the second half there was no further scoring but then both the Frogs and the Aggies began sinking shots. With but three minutes of play remaining, the score read 27-25 in favor of the Aggies, when Mike Cokinos went on a scoring spree to tally six points for the victorious Aggies.

Texas A. & M.		Fg	Ft	Tp
Jarrett, f		3	1	5
Bayer, f		3	0	6
Peden, f		0	0	0
Henderson, c		2	4	6
Nabors, g		3	0	6
M. Cokinos, g		3	2	8
Huffman, g		0	0	0
Watkins, g		0	0	0
Totals		15	7	33
T. C. U.		Fg	Ft	Tp
McHenry, f		1	1	2
Humphries, f		2	1	5
Powell, f		1	0	2
Pelto, f		0	0	0
Blackmon, c		2	2	6
Monroe, g		2	0	4
Barron, g		2	3	7
Pattee, g		0	0	0
Totals		10	7	27

Halftime Score: A. & M., 20; T. C. U., 16.

# Aggie Cagers Take Road to Face TCU Frogs in Return Game Today

## Class A Intramural Basketball Champs!



E Field Artillery Class A Handball Winners. Front row left to right: B. Rodgers, D. W. Simmons, Pat Biggs, C. E. Lehman, C. L. Crowder. Back row left to right: Bill Donnell, C. M. Taylor, and L. O. Schapes.

### Henderson In Top Shape After Illness Last Week

The Texas Aggie cagers journey to Ft. Worth tonight, to resume their feud with Coach Hub McQuillan's T. C. U. Horned Frogs. The Frogs are out to avenge the licking which the Aggies administered to them in their clash here last Saturday night, and with the Aggies out to make it two in a row, the game should turn out to be a real thriller.

The Frogs are one of the best balanced teams in this year's conference race. No one man on the team can be called the sparkplug, since all five starters are just about neck and neck insofar as the scoring column is concerned.

However, Bob McHenry, flashy Frog forward, comes pretty close to leading the purple-clad cagers. Only the superior defensive work of Mike Cokinos kept the Frog ace from tallying plenty more points than he did last Saturday night.

Captain Bill Henderson who has been the Aggie standout throughout the current season is expected to be fully recovered from a slight illness which handicapped him in last weeks tilt, and will lead the Aggies into tonight's clash.

Little Mike Cokinos, whose defensive tactics have dealt opponents much misery in the past, is once again expected to provide an interesting evening for the Horned Frog ball handlers.

Texas A. & M. T. C. U.  
Jarrett, f McHenry, f  
Bayer, f Humphries, f  
Henderson, c Blackmon, c  
Nabors, g Monroe, g  
M. Cokinos, g Barron, g

### Ags Break Jinx In Austin! Swimmers Down TU First Time

For the first time in 10 years, the mighty Texas Aggie tankmen beat a Texas university swimming team. This renowned victory came last Saturday night as the Aggies torpedoed the "S. S. Texas University" by a score of 55-38. Adding happier news, the Aggies still have the edge on the Tea Sippers in that the T.U. swimmers have never beaten the Aggies in water polo.

The victory for the Aggies was due to the superb swimming of high point men Happy McKey, Bob Cowling and Bob Taylor. These men won two individual events apiece and had a big part in winning the relays.

### Swimmers Look Impressive In Win Over Texas

With an impressive score of 55-38, the Texas Aggie swimmers defeated the Texas Longhorn aquamen in a dual meet in Gregory Gym pool Saturday night. The Cadets took eight firsts in the ten contests held in the meet.

Bob Cowling made an outstanding showing in the meet. In the individual contests he took firsts in 100-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breast-stroke. In winning the latter race Cowling came within nine-tenths of a second of breaking the present conference record for the event.

"Happy" McKey came through to win two individual contests—the 50-yard and the 100-yard freestyles while Bob Taylor took the 220-yard and 440-yard freestyle races.

A trio consisting of Captain Ernie Conway, Freddie Renaud and Cowling took the honors in the 300-yard medley relay event. "Happy" Loomis, Taylor, McKey and Renaud came through to win the 440-yard freestyle relay.

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## INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Tonight at 9 p.m., Mr. Penny will hold forth in the big gym with a demonstration of wrestling. Mr. Penny is an avid wrestling enthusiast and participated in



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this college sport in his undergraduate days at Ohio university. The instructional period is open to all upperclassmen and freshmen entered in the wrestling tournament. But credit will be given only to those freshmen who have signed up for the sport.

Evidently the "Bleed" set forth by this columnist did some good. Today there are only three teams in the FORFEIT DOGHOUSE. Seldom is there an excuse for a forfeit. And they can be completely abolished if we only

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### Gridsters Haug Up Togs Wednesday; Norton Summarizes Strength and Weakness Team

By Mike Haikin  
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Completing one of the most successful spring football sessions in a long time, Coach Homer Norton's Aggies will hang up their grid togs Wednesday with gleaming prospects of another great and winning year for the '42 season.

Climax Training Sat  
The Aggies climaxed their

training with their final intrasquad game of the year Saturday in their sports attraction. The men demonstrated many different types of defense during the first half and culminated with an offensive exhibition in the following stanza that swept the Reserves off their feet. The final score wound up 42-0.

Following the game, Coach Nor-

ton expressed that, although he didn't expect his Ags to win another championship, they certainly won't be any pushovers. "We've still got a lot of work ahead of us," the mentor added, "but when we iron out most of our kinks, we should give a good account of ourselves."

#### Tackles Weak

Summarizing the whole '42 set-up, Norton indicated that the backfield was the strong point of the team, while the tackle berths were the weakest. "We have abundant material as far as the backfield is concerned, but only one experienced tackle on the whole squad," Norton said.

Bob Tulis is the only tackle who has had any experience, and he served as a reserve last year. Others in the running for the open post are Don Stout and Jim Wilson from the freshman team; and Jim Montgomery, a holdout last year. From these Norton hopes to select an adequate tackle but prospects are still bloomy in that respect.

The ends, too, are slightly weakened by the graduation of All-Conference Jim Sterling, but in Bill Henderson and Boots Simmons, Norton has two fine experienced wingmen. Add to that Truman Cox and Pete Slaughter, who have sparkled throughout the spring session, Nute Trotter, Floyd Hand, and Hank Foldberg from the Fish Team, and the mentor's troubles are almost over. Of the latter three, Foldberg has been especially proficient with his line blocking gaining much praise from End-Coach Dough Rollins.

#### Adequate Guards

As to the subject of the guard posts, Norton looked half serious and half-smiling. "I hated to lose our starting guards, Les Richardson and Roy Bucek, but figure that Weldon Maples and Ray Mulholland should make more than adequate replacements. Incidentally, the work of Maples has been praised time and again, and the boy should have a great season next fall. Supplementing these

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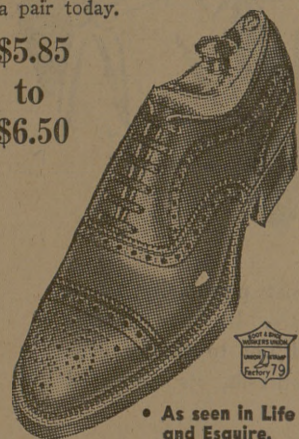


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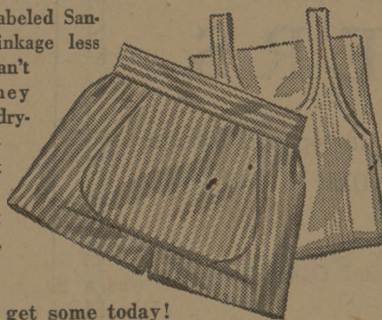
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