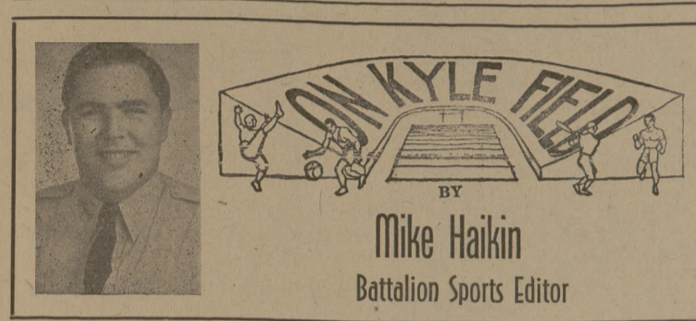


Ag Cagers Card 3 Games TwentySeven Playoffs Are Underway



BY Mike Halkin
Battalion Sports Editor

Cage Team Shows Plenty of Possibilities; Cokinos Looks Like All-Conference Material

They're not of championship calibre but they do have plenty of possibilities.

That, in a nutshell, is about what one can say about Manning Smith's hustling Texas Aggie basketball team after its initial showing of the year last Wednesday night.

Of course, it would be pure folly on my part to judge a team by its first game, but I think in the Aggies' case that might be permissible. The fact of the matter is that the Maroon and White wearers gave a surprisingly pleasing performance and many fans left with an idea that the 1942-43 A&M basketball year would be filled with all the thrills that were amassed by Marty Karow's five last year.

One thing, I'm sure many of the patrons noticed, was that for the first time in a number of years the Aggies sported a five-man team instead of that one-man show which has been so characteristic of past Cadet fives. The team this year seems to be balanced with each member of the quintet having a definite part in the game. It was very pleasing to look at the box-score and see the points so widely distributed among the players concerned.

The hustling and exceptional spirit and basketball ability of ball-hawking Mike Cokinos is going to pay much dividends in the long run. That little Beaumont scrapper has already given basketball at A&M a real boost with his ever-hustling showmanship, hitherto and this year should find him right in the midst of things when all-con-

Quintet Has Two Games Scheduled With Randolph Field

Coach Manning Smith's Texas Aggie basketball team will hit the road Tuesday afternoon for San Antonio where they are scheduled to play four games, including a couple with Randolph Field, a team they took in stride last Wednesday, 54-41.

Other games on tap include a tilt with St. Mary's Thursday afternoon and a tussle with Duncan Field the following day. The games with Randolph are scheduled for Wednesday and Sunday.

Following the San Antonio trip, the Ags will swing into Corpus Christi for a two day stand. There they will meet Jack Gray's powerful quintet on one day and engage Marty Karow's five the following day. More service games are on tap for the Christmas holidays but have not as yet been worked out by Coach Smith.

Meanwhile, the team went back to resume hard practice schedules and Friday afternoon saw Manning Smith run his team through a grueling two-hour scrimmage period.

The starting lineup of Mike Cokinos, Leland Huffman, Pete Watkins, Jamie Dawson and Les Pedersen continued to work with precision-like skill and drew much praise from Head-mentor Smith.

The highlight of the past two sessions has been free-throw shooting, something that the Cadets were invariably weak in their tilt against Randolph Field. Each player was given so many shots from the foul line and expected to make a certain percentage. This procedure was followed until the player hit almost perfection.

TwentySeven Gridsters Are Given Letters

Rogers and Simmons Are Elected Co-Capts

Twenty-seven members of the Texas Aggie football squad have been announced as grid lettermen for the 1942 season in a release by the athletic council. Following the announcement, the team met and elected Cullen Rogers, wing-back and signal caller of the team as well as the leading pass receiver in the nation, and Elvis (Boots) Simmons, hard blocking end, as honorary co-captains of the past Aggie team. Both are seniors.

Those that were given letters included the following: Ends—Boots Simmons, Somerville; Bill Henderson, Houston; Marion Slaughter, Houston; Truman Cox, Donna; and Floyd Hand, Pasadena. Tackles—Henry Foldberg, Dallas, Don Luechy, Monahans; Wayne Cure, Gilliland, J. B. Montgomery, Moran; Leonard Joeris, Abilene; and Walter Steymann, Bastrop. Guards—Felix Bueck, Schulenberg; Ray Mulhollan, Belton; Weldon Maples, Fort Worth; and Ed Ogden, San Benito. Centers—Bill Sibbey, Abilene, and A. J. Mercer, Temple. Backs—Leo Daniels, Bryan; Willie Zapalac, Bellville; Cullen Rogers, Mart; Jake Webster, Sweetwater; Ed Dusek, Temple; Barney Welch, Stephenville; Vernon Belville, Yokum; Otto Payne, Amarillo; Bob Williams, El Dorado; and Ed Sturcken, San Antonio.

Highlight of the lettermen released by the athletic council was the fact that Bill Henderson earned

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Status of Freshman Athletes To Be Decided Today at Meet

The annual fall meeting of the Southwest Conference opened last night and will continue on through today primarily to decide the age-old question whether or not freshmen entering college will be eligible to participate in varsity athletics.

Because of the recent 18-19 year old draft law, many of the conference schools are going to suffer consequent loss of some of their star athletes and most of the schools are requesting the permission to play freshmen.

One of the few remaining collegiate athletic groups in the country that has not yet given in to freshman participation, the conference is considered certain to pass a rule allowing the first-year men not only to compete in football next fall but also to carry on through spring sports this year.

While there is a possible likelihood of a sharp curtailment of the sports program in general, it was not believed the entire athletic setup would be scrapped—and in fact it was not considered likely

Handball And Basketball In Semi-Final Stage

By Mike Mann

8th Corps Headquarters handballers moved into the semi-final round as they defeated D Engineers by a score of 2-0 in a quarter final class A match. Frost and Schaper, together with Burgess and Howard, won the deciding matches for the Corps Headquarters team. The third game of the series was still in progress when the first two were finished and play was ceased as the Corps Headquarters group had taken the victory.

Two eighth final handball matches were played and the winners have moved into the quarter rounds. E Engineers took C Chemical Warfare and H Field Artillery beat A Field Artillery. The scores of both games were 2-1.

Starring for the E Engineers team were Sutherland, Hampton, Flowers, and Huff who won the matches while Hardin and Kuykendall won the single match for the Chemical Warfare squad.

H Field Artillery stalwarts included a team made up of A. Cokinos and Patrick and another consisting of M. Cokinos and Leske while Knetsar and Reed came through to take the lone bout for the A Battery team.

Class B Basketball

F Coast Artillery decidedly trounced E Field Artillery by a score of 21-1 in a quarter-final match. L. A. Smith and S. L. Jenkins, with six points each, led the Coast team to the victory. E Field (See 'MURAL SPORTS', Page 4)

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Willie Zapalac Accepts Invitation to East-West Tilt;

Willie Zapalac, the hard-hitting Aggie blocker, has received and accepted an invitation to play for the West team in the annual East-West game held at San Francisco . . . Babe Hollingbery, Washington State coach, and one of the co-coaches of the West team, had plenty of praise for Zapalac's fine playing against his team at San Antonio last Saturday and assured Coach Homer Norton that he would do everything in his power to get Willie to San Francisco . . . It seems as if Zapalac hit the jackpot because he was also nominated by the football squad as president-elect of the "T" club . . . the rest of the entries—track, basketball and baseball—will get their chance at nominating their president but I don't believe they can find anyone better than the big Bellville gridster . . . incidentally that was a prepaid political advertisement . . . the football curtain rings down on the regular 1942 season this afternoon with the UCLA-USC game at Los Angeles headlining the day . . . This corner picks the Trojans, USC to you, by a couple of touchdowns primarily based on the statements made to this writer by Jay Stoves, hard-hitting tailback and Bill Remington, superb center, both from Washington State who declared that Southern Cal was a very underrated team indeed . . . they figured that the latter would trim UCLA . . . Coach Homer Norton returned to college from a very successful hunting trip only to put on his travel clothes again and head out for Dallas for the annual conference meet, the first part of which was held last night . . . Ditto for Lil Dimmitt, who, while there,

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

by Mike Mann

Another group of unsung heroes of the Intramural department is the flock of Aggies who are employed by that department to act as officials of the various intramural sports. These men seldom receive any praise but they are constant recipients of criticism, mostly in fun, however, from the boys who play in the games they referee.

These boys are just plain Aggies, like the rest of us and they are constantly trying to do a good and fair job. Often their decisions do not fit just right with the aims of one or other of the teams. When this happens the student official is the target of much criticism. Often the boys are just doing a bit of good-natured kidding but sometimes these disputes lead to friction between the teams.

The next time we are out playing an intramural game and the referee is confronted with a tough decision, let's not be so quick to gripe at him if the decisions does not go our way. The chief aim of these boys is to call the game in as fair and equal manner as they are able to. If anyone has ever earned words of praise it is this group of boys who do the officiating of the intramural games.

A lone basketball match was played in the Class A division between C Cavalry and F Engineers. The Cavalrymen were victorious with a score of 19-4 over the Engineers. Gruy starred for the Cavalry squad with a total of 14 points. Carrington accounted for four points for the winners. The Engineers' two field goals were made by H. Q. Haile and K. E. Esmond.

C Coast Artillery freshmen won a ping pong match over C Signal Corps by a score of 2-1 in Class B competition.

The playoffs in Class A Handball and Class B basketball are now well under way and the final matches will be played sometime next week. Class A tennis playoffs have been bracketed and actual playing will begin as soon as good weather and the movies allow. Two league playoffs, A Coast Artillery vs. 3 Headquarters Field Artillery and Infantry Band vs. A Quartermaster, must be played to decide the occupants of two of the bracket-



Mike Mann

Tumbling Team in Need of Members; Contact Stephens

Prospective members for the Aggie Tumbling team are being sought by Bobby Stephens, team captain. Numerous pleas and requests have been transmitted by all means of communication but evidently all of these entreaties have fallen on deaf ears. This is a team which is conducted and supervised by its own members. It is not supervised by any faculty department and all stunts and tricks are originated by the members. Lacking a coach the boys have always worked hard and put on many thrilling exhibitions which have earned them much praise.

Aggies, here is a chance to get on a real, cooperative team which is free from outside supervision. The members do all the planning and work and consequently, receive all of the good words of praise. Come on, old Army, see Bobby Stephens at Dorm 11 or go to the mat room at the gym any afternoon at 6 p. m.

Valuable Angora Journal File Given to Library

Angora goat raisers of Texas are the recipients of a priceless gift in the form of handsome bound copies of the Angora Journal for the years 1915 to 1938 inclusive, which have been presented to the A.&M. College where these exclusive annals of the progress of the development of the Angora goat and mohair industry in the United States are on file in the College Library and available to all interested in the American Angora and mohair industry.

This file of the Angora Journal,

SWC Rates Second Place Nat'l Despite Early-Season Setbacks

By Paul B. Williamson

1942 Intersectional Record, 200 Evenly Matched Games

Section	Games	W	L	T	Pct.
Southeast	64	40	19	5	.664
Southwest	42	20	19	3	.512
Pacific Coast	26	11	11	4	.500
East	58	26	27	5	.491
Missouri Val.	54	24	26	4	.481
Midwest	75	35	38	2	.480
Rockies	22	8	11	3	.432
South Atlantic	59	20	33	6	.390

Southeastern football teams won practically two out of three of their intersectional contests through Dec. 5 of this 1942 season. That put the football teams in the states of the Southeastern conference very definitely ahead of those of the other football provinces of the nation this year.

In 64 intersectional games played—in which so-called breathers or push-over games were not counted—Southeastern teams won 40, lost 19 and tied 5; for a winning average of 66.4 per cent. Incidentally, or rather very importantly, it should be pointed out that the Williamson System does not consider games like those between Tennessee and Dayton, Georgia Tech and Davidson, Ouichita (Southwest) and Peru (Mo. Valley), Dartmouth and Miami of Ohio, and other similarly matched football contests as representative in comparing the intersectional strength of the sections represented by the teams in such cases.

It is trite beyond words and is obviously misleading to say, for instance, that because a relatively powerful Eastern team like Dartmouth whaled the stuff' out of a little team like Miami of Ohio, ergo the East should be credited with an intersectional victory over the Middle West in that game.

The Southwest was intersectional runner-up to the South this season. In 42 intersectional games, teams from the Southwest (including teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Border conference) won 20, lost 19 and tied 3; for a

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