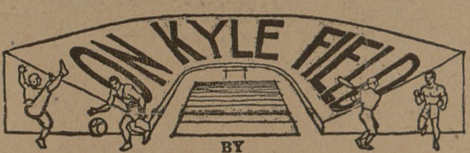


# Cagers Clash With Duncan in Return Game



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## A&M-Duncan Field Game May Prove More Interesting Than Expected by Most Fans

Tonight, the Texas Aggie basketeers make their second bow before the home folks when they play an improving quintet from Duncan Field at 8. This, of course, is the only sports event on the campus today but it may turn out to be more interesting than any one suspects.

A few weeks back, the Aggies slaughtered the Duncan team, 60-21, but that happened while the ace of the team, Henson, a top-notch cage star that the Cadets encountered in last year's tussle with Bradley Tech, an Eastern basketball power, was unable to play. Coach Manning Smith of the Aggies is highly sold on Henson and declares that he may give the Maroon team quite a lot of worry.

I don't contend that Duncan has really an exceptional cage team. No, not that at all. But they did give TCU, the winner of the recent Oklahoma tournament, a real fight and may duplicate that effort against A&M tonight.

The game tonight is technically just another step for the Aggies in preparation for bigger things to

come—the Southwest Conference race. But fans crave for excitement in any kind of sport and that is what may happen tonight.

The DeWare Field House was crowded almost to capacity in the Ags' initial game a few weeks back and I daresay the majority of the customers were given their money's worth by the superb hustle of the Aggie team. That's the main thing about Coach Smith's crew. They may not be of a championship caliber but you'll never have the boys convinced of that. They have one thought in mind—winning the conference flag and as long as that thought stays right where it is, local basketball fans are going to receive plenty of thrills watching the Cadets put in their bid.

So, let's all try and be there tonight for a game which promises to give the average fan his share of excitement. If nothing else, the Aggies will have you cheering for them for their dynamic hustle and spirit. It's a ball club worth supporting.

## Sports Squibs From Here and There; Ernest Genthner, Fish Athlete, Joins Armed Forces

Ernest Genthner, all-around Aggie freshman athlete, has left school for the armed forces. . . . Genthner was the tree-top Fish end on Lil Dimmitt's fine team. . . . Also he is reputed to be an exceptional baseball star and basketball ace. . . . His loss will be keenly felt and here's hoping Aggieland can retrieve him following the war. . . . Incidentally, speaking of freshmen, quite a number of those lads stood out in A&M athletics in 1942. . . . Probably the standout freshman athlete was Lee Forrest, highly efficient pitcher on the Fish baseball squad last spring. . . . Forrest was a sensation and was expected to be an integral part of the varsity baseball team this year. . . . However, he has since been inducted in the army. . . . Other exceptional athletes include Buryl Baty, George Stroh-meyer, and Marion Flanagan, stars of the football team. . . . Personally, I'd rate Danny Green, the sensational Dallas swimmer high up for the top honors but the kid actually didn't take part in freshman swimming since that sport comes later in the year. . . . Danny will then be a sophomore and eligible for varsity competition. . . . Green has been one of the most publicized freshman athletes to attend A&M and so far he has lived far above expectations. . . . There must have been something in the wood pile when TCU upset Arkansas in the Oklahoma tournament. . . . It definitely was an off day for the Razorbacks and an exceptionally fine day for the Froggies. . . . And, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Coach Hub McQuillan's team did it again when they encounter the Hogs in a two game series in Fort Worth. . . . However, we're still on the Arkansas band wagon and picking the Razorbacks for the 1942 basketball crown. . . . you know it's a funny thing about sports writers, they just have to harp upon something. . . . the recent write-up given by a UP writer on the Sammy Baugh case was not only uncalled for but it was definitely harmful. . . . the scribe panned

Baugh for not showing up at last Sunday's battle between the pro all-stars and Washington Redskins and demanded that a heavy fine be imposed upon the former TCU ace. . . . It's like panning the Red Cross or the USO for not contributing once to a worthy cause. . . . Baugh is probably the most colorful figure in football today and his performance has more than benefited the various charity societies. . . . Speaking of basketball reserves, the Aggies have one who should prove very valuable as the season goes along. . . . He's Bill Nutto, a Detroit Michigan lad, who has shown basketball ability plus since enrolling here at A&M. . . . During his freshman year he was selected as a model to other first-year basket-ers. . . . Coach Manning Smith continually used Bill as an example before the latter's teammates. . . . last year Nutto, although not letting, played in the team's last time out, but in the upset victory over Rice. . . . He is a five-foot eleven inch lad weighing 155 lbs. and plays with a style reminiscent of Eastern cage players. . . .

## Wine, Beer Curfew Wanted by Texans

Austin.—Much sentiment for a nightly curfew on sale of beer and wine by the drink is evident State Liquor Administrator Bert Ford said.

Ford added that if the legislature which meets in general session in January asks for recommendations from the liquor board the later probably would recommend that sales be curtailed after midnight.

Cotton hose are sure to be a success with women as long as there is a seam to be kept straight.

There are approximately 15,000 separate parts in a modern automobile, we are told—and we really believe it as there have been occasions when we have heard from each of them.

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## Tilt To Start At Eight Tonight

### Ags Formerly Beat Flyers in Santone; Duncan Improved

The DeWare Field House will be the scene of the second basketball game of the season tonight when Coach Manning Smith's Texas Aggies collide with an improved Duncan Field Quintet. Game time is 8 o'clock.

Showing improvement with each game the Aggies are slowly but surely rounding into peak shape for the coming conference season which opens here next week against the Texas Christian Horned Frogs.

For the first time in years, the Aggies boast of a team that functions with the five men sharing almost equal stardom. In years heretofore, the Aggies teams always were spearheaded by one man but this year Coach Smith has a much different team one that should prove pleasing to the fans.

The starting lineup of Mike Cokinos, Leland Huffman, Jamie Dawson, Leslie Peden and Pete Watkins each have seen stardom in the Ag's past five games. Four of those—Cokinos, Dawson, Peden, and Watkins have at one time or another led the field in the scoring parade.

Those above-mentioned five have seen most of the action so far but they have been aided by three of the best Aggie reserves—Homer Adams, Paul Pennington and Bill Nutto. The latter trio were solely responsible for administering a stinging defeat on the regulars in a recent scrimmage session. Their performance proved rather pleasing to Coach Smith and the boys are slated to see much service tonight.

Meanwhile, the Duncan Field club, which the Aggies incidentally defeated in San Antonio, a couple of weeks ago, 60-21, have improved steadily since encountering the Cadets. Mainsprings of the Flyer Cadet are Cox and Henson, a couple of lads who are schooled effectively in the art of basketball. Cox, by the way, formerly attended school here at A. & M. three years ago and has proven to be one of the stars on the Duncan team.

Henson, a former All-America mention ace with Bradley Tech, one of the leading basketball entries in the East, is the star of the team. He did not play against the Aggies in the team's last time out, but is ready and rarin' to show his stuff tonight. His presence alone, Coach Smith said, will definitely make the game closer than it was when the Ags defeated Duncan in their Christmas tour.

As an added attraction for tonight, Smith said that an attempt would be made to get up a badminton game between the halves.

The Duncan team came here via air and in their party was in-

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## 1942-43 Basketball Squad

Manning Smith, Coach

No.	Player	Home	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Exp.
11	Watkins, Pete	Iowa Park	C	6.5	200	1-VS
12	Nutto, Bill	Detroit, Mich.	G	5.10	155	1-VS
13	Peden, Leslie	Azle	F	6.1	185	1-VL*
15	Woods, James	Mt. Enterprise	G	5.11	165	Freshman
16	Cokinos, Mike	Beaumont	G	5.9	170	1-VL*
17	Foldberg, Hank	Dallas	F	6.2	192	Freshman
20	Dawson, Jamie	Crockett	C	6.6	206	1-VS
22	Sample, Tom	Dallas	C	6.3	195	Freshman
23	Rouprich, S. J.	New Orleans, La.	G	5.11	165	—
24	Sabins, Bobby	Houston	G	5.7	140	—
25	Adams, Homer	Dallas	F	6.0	155	Freshman
26	Pennington, Paul	Houston	F	6.1	172	1-VS
30	Sampson, Bernard	Houston	F	5.11	160	—
25	Hoffman, Leland	Stephenville	G	6.0	170	1-VL*

\*Denotes Varsity Letter

## INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

The powerful E Field Artillery broke into the Class A handball semi-finals when they defeated almost an equally strong H Field Artillery by a score of 2-1 in a quarterfinal contest Thursday night.

It was Maroney, Simmons and Hedson and Crowder that provided the clincher after Mike Cokinos and Leske had taken the measure of Lehman and Brin. Walker, Froberg and Andy Cokinos and Patrick were the losing team for the H Artillerymen.

This hard-earned victory put E Field into the semi-finals of the Class A handball race and they have been scheduled to play 8 CHQ to see which of the two power teams enters into the finals. The other semi-final game pits A CWS against E Engineers. Both of the games are expected to take place sometime next week with the finals scheduled to follow immediately.

In a hard-fought 1/8 final game, A QMC advanced to the quarter-finals of the Class A tennis race by downing E Coast 2-1. The QMC netmen were led by Hahn and Kidd who defeated Lloyd and Bingsley and A. T. Lacy and A. O. Lacy who took the measure of Wagner and Anderson.

Maddox and York provided the only E Coast victory but that was accomplished through a forfeit. That makes the QMC victory that much more impressive since they

had an uphill battle all the way.

The Class B Volleyball race perked up a bit as B Infantry advanced into the quarter-final stage by defeating I Coast Artillery to the tune of 2-0. Both games were thrill packed to the finish, but it seemed that the "paddle-feet" just had too many guns for the artillerymen.

It's now only a matter of time before the final curtain falls on the 1942-43 intramural session. Many teams are in the thick of the race in handball, basketball, football and many of the other sports. It would be pure folly, indeed, if the chances of those teams were affected by the forfeit doghouse and the more we look on it the more we think that that may be just the case.

Intramural managers are urged by Mr. Penny to be sure to check up on all their game schedules so as not to have the word "forfeit" marked up against their record. Also the intramural managers are urged to check up on their freshman participation to see if any of the Fish lack enough games to be given credit for PE. Be sure to notify the freshman if he lacks a number of games. All these could be made up in due time if ample warning is given.

The old narrow trails where two cars could barely pass without colliding are being replaced by splendid highways on which six or eight cars can collide at the same time.

## Ag Athletes Severely Jolted By Recent Junior Induction Order

The recent edict issued by the national government as concerned with the possible induction of present juniors into the regular army has thrown a troublesome atmosphere on the athletic situation here at Aggieland. All of these juniors will be technically ineligible for further competition in intercollegiate sports, and will not be able to play without a special ruling by the Southwest Conference governing body.

According to the edict by the government the juniors would be inducted into the regular army with army pay and left here at A&M for further training. The complications set in when one looks up the conference ruling and finds that players are not allowed to receive compensation in excess of fifty dollars, also these junior athletes would be technically ineligible because of the fact that they would be actually enrolled in the college.

Probably the hardest hit of all sports would be basketball as practically the whole team would be inducted in the new legislation. Pet Watkins, Leland Hoffman, Les Peden, and Jamie Dawson would be hit; these four boys are all

starters on this year's Aggie team which would practically be a death blow to Coach Manning Smith's hopes for a first division team. Other teams dealt a damaging blow will be the track and baseball teams with the thinly clads being the hardest hit.

College officials, notably E. W. (Dean) Hooker, had little, if any comment to say on the recent government order about the possible induction of the juniors.

"We don't know much about the situation," Hooker stated. If there is any credence to the government order, technically, mind you, those inducted into the army and placed at A&M for further training would be ineligible for athletic competition.

As mentioned before the spring sports would suffer severely if the juniors were pronounced ineligible. Most of the teams hinge their chances on the juniors and thus would be left out in the cold if anything would happen to dampen the latter's athletic careers.

The track team, touted as the 1943 conference champ, will lose over half of its men if the ERC and the junior contract men should be called into the army. Most of

## Fish, Varsity Grid Lettermen Urged to Come by Athletic Dept

All freshman and varsity football numerals and lettermen, respectively, and cross-country lettermen are urged to come by the athletic office as soon as possible to give E. W. Hooker, department manager, their jersey sizes and sleeve lengths.

Hooker stated that the varsity footballers can have a choice of one heavy wool sweater or two light "T" sweaters.

Weigh well any extra hard knocks you get. It might be opportunity.

A lie is a poor substitute for the truth, but up to now it is apparently the only substitute that has been discovered.

The trouble with the guy who knows it all is that he never wants to keep it to himself.

## Aggies Schedule Return Game With Corpus Christi Five

DeWare Field House To Be Scene of Battle Monday; Comets Boast Great Record

The Texas Aggie cagers have rescheduled the powerful Corpus Christi Comets for a return match here Monday night, it was announced by Coach Manning Smith of the Aggies.

It may be remembered that Coach Jack Gray's star-studded quintet handed the collegiates a 62-31 lancing in their tussle at Corpus Christi a few weeks ago.

Pre-season surveys and recent basketball results indicated that Lt. Gray, along with his assistant, Ensign "Mule" Dowell, business, has certainly an A-1 team.

Headed by All-American Bob Kinney, three-time all-conference center with the Rice Owls and rated by many as the best center in collegiate basketball, and John Dick, former Oregon University cager, Corpus will roll into College Station undefeated, with three conference schools already as their victims. Besides the Aggies, TCU and Texas fell before the onslaught of the powerful Sailor five.

The other three players on the team made either All-American or all-conference selections. Art Keithly won all-conference honors while at Santa Barbara State and is one of the mistays on the mainstays on the team. Billy Dewell, the former tree-top SMU all-conference center, has been burning up the hardwood floor for the Comets and has added impetus to Coach Gray's free-style coaching system.

Most married men think they would have been rich if they had remained single.

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