

Red-Hot Cagers After Baylor's Scalp Next



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Cage Situation Slightly Altered After Aggie Win Sat; Smitty's Team Performs Brilliantly

Wanted: A big sized man-hole for a certain A&M sports writer to crawl into. After Saturday night's astounding Aggie basketball victory, your writer has been the object of many verbal blasts—the double-barreled kind and deservingly so.

For a week or so I've been pecking away at Manning Smith's team, criticizing them, and telling everybody what was wrong with them. At the time, I figured I had the right dope on those boys, but Saturday night—well! I have no alibi—I really figured TCU would win the game although in a very close tilt.

Now, the situation is wholly changed. It's already a proven fact that Smitty's lads were very much under-rated and they must be regarded definite threats for a high conference berth if not the title itself. There were still many apparent weaknesses noticeable on the part of the Cadet team, especially to those close followers of the cage game but all in all, the Maroon team exhibited the best form of any A&M team seen in the DeWare Field House in many a decade.

The five "iron men", as the story went in most metropolitan papers, truly were iron men. They played forty minutes of grueling basketball and how they withstood everything is an amazement in itself. It is almost obvious that these basketballers, all of whom played sensational ball, cannot hold that pace throughout the cam-

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Leo Daniels Shows Ear-Marks of a Good Coach

Hardest working of the Maroon-White squads is the supposedly docile Leo Daniels, the All-Conference Aggie back this past season . . . Leo really has his White team members on line and many have commented the fine coaching turned in by Daniels . . . This writer looked the teams over Saturday and the way Leo and his boys were going, it made my eyes pop . . . From first hand information, it looks like a real battle next Saturday between the Maroons and Whites, with the former boasting a more formidable

backfield while the latter a better forward wall . . . The backfield combination of Snooks Thomas, Billy Compton, Vance Carrington and Earl Bemus of the Maroons has almost everything including passing, punting and running . . . Rock Roberts, the passing ace from Corpus, headlines the White team and an aerial game is in prospect Saturday . . . Kelly Utley's booming punts are also going to be quite on the asset side for the Whites . . . Here's more about that ear-muff incident Saturday (See KYLE FIELD, Page 4)

Introducing the "Benzoin Kid"

Red Roman, Ass't Trainer, Was Top High School Grid Star

By Mike Haikin

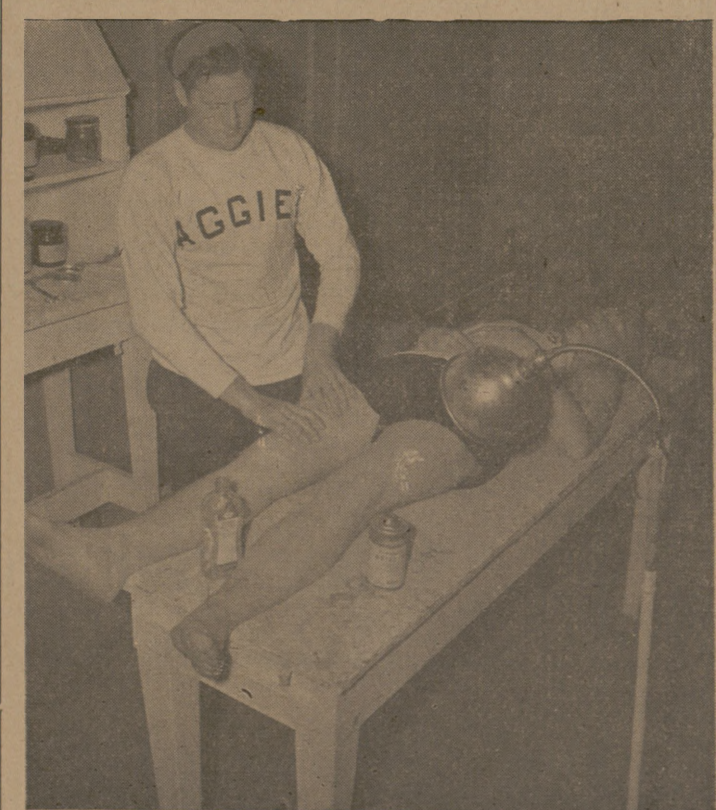
The genial Daniel Webster defines "benzoin" as a resinous juice of a tree of Java having a fragrant odor and used in cosmetics and incense but Lincoln Roman, the red-headed trainer assistant to Lil Dimmitt has another word for it. "Benzoin," says the inimitable red-head from Houston, "is the life-blood of an athlete. You gotta have benzoin in order for the boys to stick together. And I'm just the guy to give it to 'em."

Colorful Personality
And so the story began—a story of one of the most colorful personalities on the A&M campus. It wouldn't take much figuring to discover that culprit for all one has to do is just take a jaunt down the gym and there'd be Roman splashing his favorite benzoin on one of his athletes.

So much does Red go for that "benzoin" that the boys around the gym have ironically named him as the "Benzoin Kid," a trade mark Roman adorns atop his black cap. But a few details about our hero before we settle down to his training room exploits, probably more discussed by the athletes than their actual sport.

First Home, Training Room
Lincoln Roman, who refers to Houston as his second home, the training room, of course, being his first habitat, ranks as one of the top running backs turned out by John Reagan High School. No sooner had Roman received that coveted sheepskin than who should

be on his tail but Aggie's genial Lil Dimmitt, and with a flurry of words here and there, he soon convinced Red that A&M, after all, was the best place to secure an



honest education. Of course, Dimmitt added, he would have to play football once in a while, but that shouldn't interfere with his studies.

At any rate, Dimmitt's flowery talk soon convinced Red that A&M was to be his school and from there he and a great majority of the Heights patrons believed that

Free throws missed: Dawson 4, Cokinon, Chronister 2, Peden 3, Watkins 2, Blackmon 2, Pettie, Huffman, Humphreys.

Maroon-White Game, Saturday, Kyle Field, 3 p.m. Benefit Army-Navy Relief. 25¢.

Next in line comes the charity gridiron clash between the Maroons

and the Whites at 3:00 o'clock on Kyle Field. This will pit two selected groups of intramural football aces gathered from all over the school against each other. All proceeds will go in the benefit of the Army-Navy Relief Fund.

Last, but far from least, will be the polo game attraction between the Aggies and a strong Lamesa team. It'll be the first of a two-game series and everything points to an interesting tussle between these two exponents of the mallet game.

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Handball Finalists To Clash Tonight At 9:30

Play Bears at Waco Wed After Scoring Upset Sat

"Iron Men Overpower" Bruins Have Lost Two Games While Ags Hold Conference Lead

Sensational shooting and fine close guarding brought a surprising victory to the Aggies over the highly rated conference favorites Horned Frogs here Saturday night, that saw five "iron" men going to route to stack up a 53-26 score. From start to finish, the Frogs were completely outclassed by fire floor play and great hustle.

It took the combination of Dawson and Watkins under the basket Huffman and Peden to down the Frogs. The Aggies used the zone defense to bottle up the Frogs that resulted in long shooting and wild passing. The team that held the tall Arkansas team to 25 points in the Oklahoma tournament, only to make one more point against the Aggies, 12 of these being free throws.

Dawson started the ball rolling first, and 10 minutes of play saw the Aggies leading 14-5. From then to half time, the Aggies increased their lead that saw it at 29-11 at mid-point. The Aggies came out in the second half, scoring first, and Humphreys, after five minutes of play, scored the first points for the Frogs; the score then being 35-13. With ten minutes gone, the Aggies were leading 43-19; five minutes to go, 49-25.

Scoring honors was shared by Watkins and Huffman of the Aggies with 14 each; Humphreys led T.C.U. with 10.

A.&M. (53)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Peden, f	4	0	3	8
Watkins, f	7	0	2	14
Dawson, c	3	1	3	7
Cokinon, g	5	0	1	10
Huffman, g	6	2	1	14
Totals	25	3	10	53

T.C.U. (26)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Chronister, f	0	0	1	0
Conrad, f	1	1	1	3
Blackmon, c	2	0	2	4
Humphreys, g	5	0	3	10
McHenry, g	5	3	2	9
Peto, g	0	0	1	0
Pettie, g	0	0	2	0
Totals	11	4	12	26

Officials: Dusty Boggers and Frank Kimbrough.
Free throws missed: Dawson 4, Cokinon, Chronister 2, Peden 3, Watkins 2, Blackmon 2, Pettie, Huffman, Humphreys.
Half time score: A.&M. 29; T.C.U. 11.

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Tickets Going Fast For Benefit Fracas

Tickets are dwindling rapidly for the annual Maroon-White football tussle in benefit of the Army-Navy Relief and indications point to a nice crowd next Saturday afternoon. Duets may be obtained at the following places: Loupot's Trading Post, Aggiefield and Lipscomb's Pharmacies in the old areas and George's Confectionery in the new area.

Meanwhile, both the Maroon and White squads settled down to hard work after almost a week of light drills. Uniforms were issued to 50' men, 25 on each squad, and contact work was featured by the two squads.

As things stand now, it is almost a certainty that again, as of years back it'll be a battle between pass and power. The Whites, headlined by Johnny "Rock" Roberts of I Field Artillery, lean toward the aerial weapon, while the Maroons, boasting a bevy of line-plungers including Bill "Snooks"

Thomas and Vance Carrington, the star of last year's 19-0 Maroon victory have power plus.

The board of strategy, notably the Culien Rogers and Weldon Maples of the Maroons assisted by Wayne Cure, Jake Webster and Boots Simmons on one side and Enel Weson, assisted by Leo Daniels, Willie Zapalac and Pete Slaughter on the other side are confident of victory for their respective sides. This goes on further to clarify the fact that this game is expected to be the top one of the past three years.

Officials have been selected from the Physical Education Department but W. L. Penberthy, director of PE, has not yet made a definite statement as to who will actually call the game.

First Sergeants in each organization will be given tickets to sell for the game and cadets may obtain from same any time during the week.

Class A Football Finals Postponed; To Be Played Wed

Tonight at 9:30 two class A intramural handball teams will come to the end of the road—the finals. These teams are A Company Chemical Warfare and E Battery Field Artillery, who were victorious in their semi-final matches last week. In their semi-final clash A CWS defeated the E Engineers squad by a 2-1 count. The day before the Field Artillery team had taken 8th Corps Headquarters into camp by the same score.

The final game promises to be close, with either one of the two evenly matched squads capable of coming out the victor. The A CWS team features Keeny, Burks, Griffin, Baker, Haralson, and Miert. No reserves were used in their semi-final clash last week. Playing for the Field Artillery squad are Crowder, Esser, Lehman, Baker, Simmons, and Brin; with Hudson, Maroner and Pittard in reserve.

Finals in other sports are also soon to be played. The class A Football finals which will be played Wednesday, is going to be strictly a Field Artillery affair, the two finalists being B Field and I Field. It looks as though either way the outcome goes the Field

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

Climaxing today's Intramural game will be the bout between E Battery Field Artillery and A Chemical Warfare Service to decide the Class A handball champs of the college. This match will take place on the handball courts in the little gym at 9:30 p. m. this evening. Both teams have fast, experienced men and a furious hard-fought game is expected.

Two Field Artillery upperclassmen teams were slated to meet yesterday afternoon in the final match of the Class A football eliminations but wet weather caused the game to be postponed. It will probably be played Wednesday afternoon and the two teams to participate will be B Field Artillery and I Field Artillery. Both of these squads have reputations as teams which take to the air frequently with deadly passing.

Playoffs in Class B ping pong will begin early this week with a number of top teams expected to see action in these bouts. One of the last regular games played was a league playoff match in which C Engineer freshmen beat the "first-year kay-dets" of 1st Headquarters Field Artillery by a score of 3-0. Other last-minute matches in ping pong saw C Infantry take

Headquarters Signal Corps with a 2-1 score; A Chemical Warfare beat H Infantry 2-1; K Infantry defeat G Field Artillery with a 2-1 tally; K Infantry blanked D Replacement Center and F Infantry shutout D Engineers by similar scores of 3-0.

The high-point of the annual Intramural program will take place in Sbsa Hall banquet room tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. at the Intramural Banquet honoring the recreational officers who will graduate soon. This annual banquet is always a successful affair and a good turnout of recreational officers and others is expected. W. L. (Penny) Penberthy, head of the Physical Education department, will head the affair. A number of the college officials are expected to be present.

Class A tennis playoffs have been momentarily stopped because of inclement weather but things will get underway as soon as the situation improves. The department is trying to get this phase of the program played off as early as possible.



Mike Mann

'Mural Banquet Held in Sbsa Hall Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock the Physical Education Department will hold its annual intramural banquet in the Banquet Room of Sbsa Hall. The banquet is held for the Recreation Officers of the Corps and for their Junior assistants. Each year it has been a policy of the PE department to announce the results of the intramural season at this banquet; but this year, due to various unexpected difficulties, the results will not be made public until later. A large crowd of Recreation officers, assistants, and invited guests is expected, but any officer or assistant who can not attend is advised to inform the Intramural Office at once.

Master of Ceremonies for the program will be W. L. Penberthy. One of the highlights of the banquet will be the presentation of awards to the outstanding Recreation Officers. Mr. Penberthy stated that, as usual, the annual ceremonies will not include any great number of principal speakers. He said, however, that there would be one principal speaker, but his identity, as yet, has not been announced.

Norton Requests Presence of Gridders

Coach Homer Norton requests the presence of all football squadmen, freshmen, numeralmen, and cross country lettermen at Sbsa Hall Banquet tonight at 7:30 for a dinner and get together, at which time awards will be presented.

Big Sports Weekend Set For Next Saturday; TU Tilt Is Top Attraction

It'll be a big weekend for sports minded fans next Saturday afternoon for everything in the way of athletics will be on hand that day.

No. 1 attraction of the day, of course, will be the feature Southwest Conference basketball tussle between the Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns. The Ags demonstrated last Saturday night against TCU that they're no "breather"—in fact many basketball experts regard the Maroon team a definite threat for the title.

Next in line comes the charity gridiron clash between the Maroons



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