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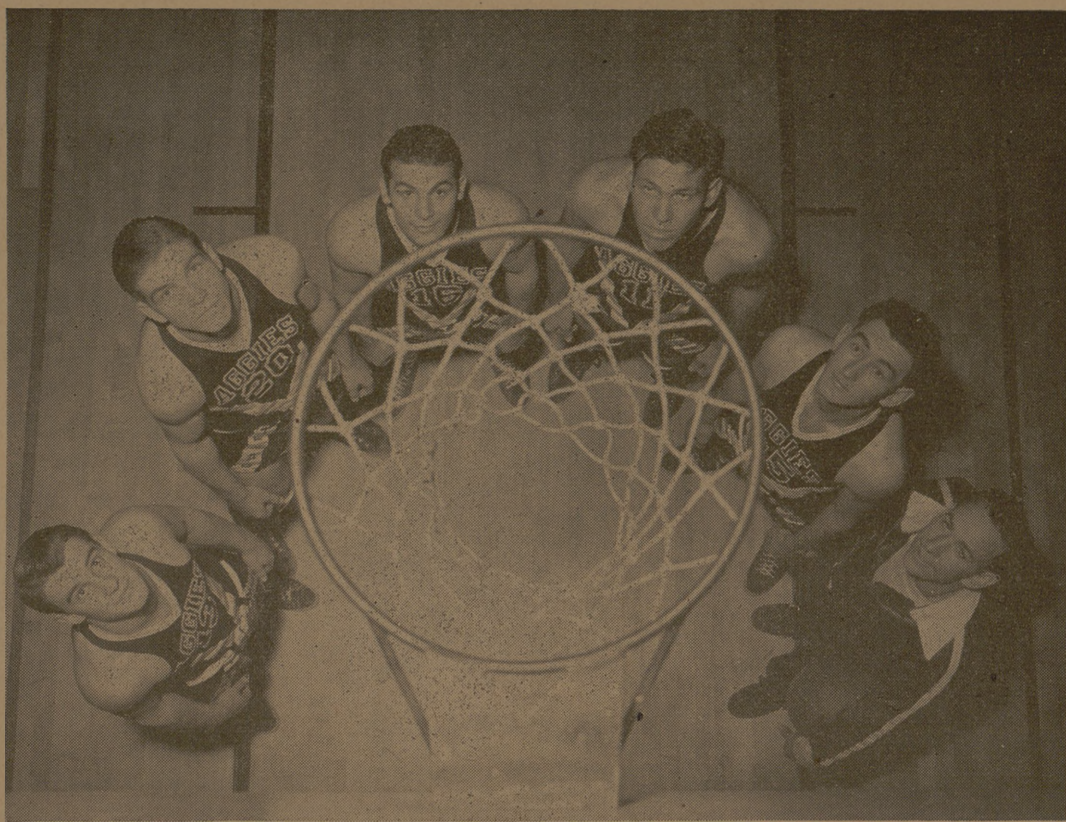
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Meet the Aggie Iron Men



Left to right, clockwise, Leslie Peden, forward; Jamie Dawson, center; Mikie Cokinos, guard; Pete Watkins, forward; Leland Huffman, guard; and Manning Smith, head coach.

—Staff Photo by Phil Crown

Big Sports Day at Aggieland Today; TU Cage Fracas and Charity Grid Game Top Bill

Well, it's a big day in sports today at Aggieland and fans, both football and basketball, are in for more thrills than they can bargain for.

In the first place, the Maroon-White football game, slated to start at 3 o'clock on Kyle Field, will serve as an antidote to the feature basketball attraction between the Texas Aggies and the league-leading Texas University Longhorns.

But back to this Maroon-White classic. Both coaches of the two teams promise plenty of action and fans are guaranteed to see almost everything. For four days now, both squads have been "run

through the mill". The boys are ready to shoot the works and an interesting session is promised.

Both the Maroons and Whites bank almost totally of offensive action, with the former featuring an excellent ground game and the latter leaning towards the aerial weapons. It's very hard to pick a winner, since both teams are so evenly matched. The Maroons have the better backfield but the Whites boast a much sturdier line. However, taking everything into consideration, I believe that Leo Daniels' fine team will edge out the Maroon team of Cullen Rogers and Weldon Maples by a scant margin. Say, 19-13.

And now the basketball game tonight. I don't know about you folks, but that's one game I wouldn't miss for all the tea in Boston. I have faith in Manning Smith's cagers—who wouldn't after they scored 53 and 58 points respectively in their past two games? I don't say outright that the Maroon and White shirted basketweavers will win tonight but it's a cinch that the Longhorns will have a fight on their hands.

The thing I feared would happen following the TCU game did happen in the Baylor game last Wednesday. The five Aggie "iron" men just couldn't stand the pace

and at Waco it was terrific. When Les Peden fouled out, Manning put little Bill Nutto in with only six minutes to play and in that short time, I think Smith found himself a real ball player. Nutto not only scored a point per minute but he actually was responsible for keeping the Aggies in the game. You'll see a lot of him tonight, I assure you.

Tonight's game with Texas University is going to be one of those games you read about—the A&M-Texas battles usually all are. If you don't see one more basketball game in your life, I'd sure recommend this one to the thrill-loving public.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Bob Williams, '39 Baseball Captain, Succumbs

Remember Bob (Lefty) Williams, the captain of the 1939 Aggie football team? . . . Well, word comes in that Bob passed away a few days ago in an army hospital . . . no details were given. Williams was one of the mainstays of the 1937 championship nine and his leadership the following year was instrumental in giving the Ags a tie for second place in the standings . . . Our most sincere sympathy goes to the family

and friends of Lefty Williams . . . Here's a social announcement, Weldon Maples, guard on this past year's Aggie football team will march down that familiar aisle January 24 with Miss Rae Corder . . . Miss Corder represented Texas A&M a few years ago, at the annual Blue Bonnet festival held at Texas University . . . the Texas Aggie cagers play Rice Institute Wednesday night at Houston and just the mention of the game brings to mind one of the most sensational basketball upsets turned in by an Aggie team . . . It all happened last year in Houston and the Owl cagers, who incidentally went on to tie for championship, boasted to have one great team centered around "Bat-Em" Bob Kinney . . . No one gave Coach Marty Karow's team a chance but when the final gun sounded the score stood at 36-34—yes, in favor of the Cadets . . . So, in Houston Wednesday night, another thrilling scrap is due to be on hand . . .

Former Aggie Track Star Gets Army Commission

Charles V. Griffin, Jr., 27, recently completed training at Camp Berkeley in the seventh class of the Medical Replacement Training Center Officer Candidate school and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps.

A graduate of Texas A. and M. College, Lt. Griffin was an agricultural agent for his Alma Mater as well as a rancher, himself. He was the youngest agent employed by the school in 1941. He was a member of the mile relay team at A. and M., which won the southwest conference and set a record in winning the Texas relays in 1938.

Today's graduating class is the first of the new semi-monthly groups to complete the Medical Administrative officer training of the Medical Replacement Training Center Officer Candidate School. Following a recent announcement by The Surgeon General of the Army, 1000 soldiers will be commissioned here monthly during 1943.

A Coach of Many Sports

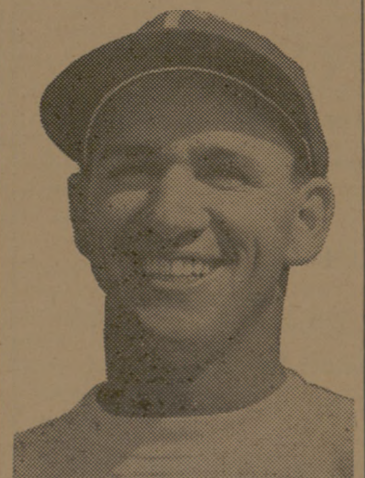
Smith, Cage Coach Here, Was Big Star Athlete at Centenary

By MIKE MANN
Assistant Sports Editor

Currently directing the efforts of the Texas Aggie basketball squad is Manning Farr Smith, former All-American grid star at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, who earned six varsity letters while there. Smith's middle name was taken from the name of an uncle, Rezin Farr, who

played on one of the first grid teams in existence at A. & M. The Smith family has been prominent at Aggieland—an older

Texas, and, to quote Smith, "I started to college when I was five as I entered the Baylor kindergarten there". Just as Smith reached the high school age his family moved to Shreveport where he attended high school at the C. E. Byrd High School. Pulling in letters in football, basketball, and baseball each year for two successive years was the highlight of Manning's high school career.



Coach Manning Smith

brother of Manning's, M. V. Smith '23, was an end on the grid team and an All-Conference third baseman on the Aggie squad.

Born in Belton, Manning was born in Belton,

After leaving high school he enrolled at Centenary College located near his home. Manning majored in physics and minored in math, finding time during his freshman year to go out for football, basketball and baseball. Near the end of his first year, Centenary dropped baseball from their program of athletics and for the remaining three years Smith concentrated on the two remaining major sports. He won letters in football and basketball each year of his remaining three years of eligibility. Incidentally, Homer H. Norton, present director of athletics at A. & M., was head coach at Centenary during the time Smith was there.

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A CWS Wins Class A Intramural Crown

Nose Out C Infantry By Five Points; E-FA Third In Tough Race

By Mike Mann
Assistant Sports Editor

A Company Chemical Warfare Service was awarded the honor of the Class A Intramural Champions of the college for the semester now ending. The Chem boys put on the heat in the home stretch and ran up a total of 305 points to the move to the front and take the crown. Their nearest rivals were C Infantry with 300 points and E Field Artillery with a score of 295 points. The Class A champions of the summer semester, H Coast Artillery dropped to 23rd place with a total of 215.6.

J. H. Barrett, Beaumont, is the A Chem Warfare recreational officer, has done splendid work this year in managing the efforts of his outfit in the Intramural program. Rendering excellent aid to Barrett was his Junior Assistant, F. C. Keeney who hails from Westlaco, Texas. Keeney, in addition to rendering assistance to Barrett, proved to be an important cog in all the athletic teams of his outfit.

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

Overcoming all opponents the A Quartermaster tennis team won the Class A tennis championship as they defeated the A Infantry upperclassmen by a score of 2-1. A. T. Lacy and D. R. Ramirez beat J. W. Griffin and C. M. Demack as B. F. Kidd and H. C. Hahn took J. B. Pettit and A. E. Denton to win the two matches for the QMC. I. M. Wasserman, E. J. Vacek beat I. O. Glazer and A. O. Lacy to take the lone victory for the losing Infantrymen.

Before their foes in the final match, the A Quartermaster boys took D Engineers with a score

of 2-1 in a semi-final match. In the semi-final round, A Infantry took C Infantry with a score of 2-1. The results of three quarter-final Class A tennis matches were: C Infantry 2, G Coast Artillery, 0; A Infantry 2; 3rd Headquarters Field Artillery 0; and D Engineers 2, 1st Headquarters 1. A single eighth-final game saw 7th Corps Headquarters take K Infantry by a score of 2-0.

Another championship was decided—this one in Class B ping-pong—as H Coast Artillery took 7th Corps Headquarters by a score of 2-1. R. C. Henry and W. K. Boyd won the two matches for the Coast squad while J. P. Mullery took the lone match for the losing team.

Before losing to H Coast, 7th Corps Headquarters beat F Engineers 3-0 in a semi-final bout and F Field Artillery by a 3-0 tally in a quarter-final match. H Coast had defeated A Chemical Warfare 2-1 in a quarter-final game.

Much similarity was seen in a pair of Class B football games played the other afternoon. Both games were in the quarter-final round; both ended in tie scores of 6-6; and the game was awarded to the winners by virtue of penetrations—the winning teams have one 20-yard penetration and three 40-yard crosses while the losing squads had two penetrations each—two 20 and one 40.

Well, all that remains to complete the Intramural program is the playing of the final match in Class B football. The season has been brought in under the wire due to the wonderful cooperation of the

(See INTRAMURALS, page 6)

Tumbling Team Will Perform Tonight At The Texas-A-M Game

The Tumbling team will add their bit to the Aggie-Texas basketball game tonight as they plan to give the fans something else for their money when they put on their first exhibition of the year during half time. Last year the fans will remember the fine showings of the Tumbling team, with their clowns and their antics.

Bobby Stevens, the captain, will not be able to perform due to a back injury, but a well-planned show is in store.

DeWare Field House Is Scene of Battle at Eight

Hargis and Overall Mainsprings of Steer Attack While Teamwork Characterizes Ags

O. K. Ole Army, it's Texas U. again! The last time, which will be hard for any Aggie to forget, it was 12-6. As far as the Aggies are concerned, it will be a different story in a different sport when the Longhorns will be trying for their fourth straight conference basketball victory against the Aggies at the DeWare Field House tonight.

The Longhorns boast of victories over Baylor, SMU, and Rice in the conference race, while the Ags hold one win over TCU and one defeat at the hands of Baylor. At the final gun, the Longhorns bested Baylor by 7 points; S. M. U. by 4. The Aggies after a wild over-time clash, saw the Bears with 4 buckets more. So the game will be one of great importance

to both teams. Will Try To Stop Hargis The Ags will attempt something that no other conference team has been able to accomplish against the Longhorns—that is the job of taking care of the University's tall center, John Hargis. The chances are that if the Cadets limit the sharpshooter, the final whistle will find them victors. In the three

Fish Cagers Tackle Allen Academy at 5:45

This evening at 5:45 the very promising Aggie Fish squad will tackle the Allen Academy team in DeWare Field House as a preliminary to the Aggie-Texas battle. The Fish have come forward with an extra good looking bunch of prospects this season. They are led by Joe Madison, an ex-Amarillo star. Also on the squad is a boy by the name of Caperman, who they say is really good; and Sammy Jenkins, captain of last year's Regional Championship Austin High team of El Paso.

The Fish have played only once so far this winter and that was an encounter with the Loupot All-Star aggregation in which they were victorious. The All-Star squad was headed by Bill Henderson, all conference for the Aggies last year. Any freshman team, playing in their first game together, that can lick a team with "Jitterbug" Henderson in the line-up, must really have something. Also on the All-Star squad were Cullen Rogers, Boots Simmons, Weldon Maples, and many other greats of the grid-iron.

The Fish will go into the Allen game batting 1,000 percent and, playing the kind of ball they did against the Loupot aggregation, should be victorious. No matter what the outcome may be it is certain that this contest will make it worth one's while to come early and see.



BUCK OVERALL

conference games so far, Hargis has averaged 20 points per tilt. Hargis limited the big gun of the Rice ace, Tom Closs, with one point in their tilt in Austin last week.

Many of the fans will remember the final game for the Aggies last season when they downed the Longhorns here in a rough game that closed with a final score 46-42. Hargis was high point for the Longhorns that night with 14 points. The referees that night really earned their money, and the game tonight prove very similar.

The starting lineup for the Longhorns has another capable cager who is an important cog in their machine; that being Buck Overall, a junior college transfer. Buck handles the forward position and usually takes second honors in scoring.

Average 54 Points for the Texas Five The battling Cadets have an average of 54 points in their two conferece tilts, and boast of no one man star. The Aggies were far (See CAGERS, page 6)

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