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Aggie Cagers Play Fine Ball Even In Defeat; Les Peden's Play Has Been Noticed

This corner has heard comments on the basketball tilt last Saturday night and most of them were a credit to the Aggie Cagers and also some to the Rice Cagers. Every sportsman likes to see teams play hard and fast and this tilt wasn't far from that. On the whole the game was pretty clean and some fine sportsmanship was shown on the court that night. Many have called to my attention the clean play and fine sportsmanship shown by the Aggie cager, Les Peden, all season. And they were not far from wrong when they said that he was one of the best athletes in this part. One of the things that a fan noticed is how Les acts when a foul that is called on him. Have you ever noticed that little grin on his face as he walks down the court with his eyes on the floor? He never says a word but just walks over to the goal and grins. Les was a main cog in the baseball machine last year when the Aggies took the championship. This year he leads the nine as captain and if someone doesn't

watch out, he will lead the baseballers right into the title again. Peden is a remarkable hitter and covers the third sack with fine form and ability. He might be called on to do some of the pitching also this year. Lee Huffman is also the kind of fellow that this corner has noticed to be a fine athlete. Last Saturday Lee was handicapped with having a sore right hand that cut his scoring a great deal. In a summary of the game in the Houston Post Sunday morning, the writer said only that Huffman was limited to a pair of field goals, saying nothing of the fact that his shooting hand was injured. Lee turned in a fine floor game as did Dawson and Cokinos. Pete Watkins showed some fine guarding under the basket, getting rebounds time and time again. The Aggies will tangle with the boys from T. U. Wednesday night and if the Longhorns aren't ready, the Ags might take that game. The Steers will be playing their hardest to get at least one half of the conference tilt.

"Whites" Down "Maroons" In Last Inter-Squad Game Of Spring Training

Another chapter in the Aggie 1943 Spring Training book was written last Saturday afternoon when the "Whites" rolled over the "Maroons" 18-6 in a full game scrimmage. Sparked by Barney Welch, the "Whites" hit pay-dirt early in the game when he got loose for a 64-yard punt return through the entire "Maroon" team. Otto Payne, after a recovery of a fumble deep in "White" territory, hit tackle for 18 yards and the second score of the game. The final period saw the Maroon team, under the leadership of Ed Sturcken and his aerials, push over their first White touchdown. A pass from Sturcken found its mark in the hands of Marion Settegast who lateraled off to Gus White who ran it over. The last and final score of the game came when the "Maroons," with the ball down deep in the "Whites" end of the field, tallied after an off tackle drive by Otto Payne. Gus White played his usual fine brand of ball along with Jelly Steyman in the White line. Thursday will find the gridsters putting away their togs until fall when the season, they hope, rolls around again. Thursday will conclude the 30-day prescribed Spring training.

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Cadet Cagers Meet Longhorns In Final Game Wednesday Night at Austin

Ags Take Fourth Place By Win; Title To Rice Owls

The spotlight again this week is focussed upon the Aggie cage team as they meet the Texas Longhorns Wednesday night in Austin for the final game of the season. The conference title has not yet been decided as a win by the Aggies will throw the conference right in the lap of the Rice Owls.

The Owls last Saturday night clinched one half of the title as they dumped the Aggies here. The Longhorns the same night kept in the running by downing the Baylor Bears in Austin 51-38. Until last week, the Longhorns seemed to have the conference in the bag but a disastrous trip up north found the Steers losing to the T. C. U. Horned Frogs and S. M. U. to throw the conference in an undecided mess. The Rice Owls dropped their first three conference starts only to make a strong comeback and win the next nine to assure themselves a part of the crown.

So the result of the race will have to wait until the last minute in the last game, Wednesday night, to find the spots for the conference teams in the rank and file.

Regardless of the Wednesday night tilt, however, the Arkansas Razorbacks will take the third berth in the rating and if the Aggies are victorious against the Longhorns, they will take the fourth place along with T.C.U. If the Longhorns win over the Cadets, the Aggies will drop down into fifth place with S. M. U.; the Longhorns will share the title with Rice, Baylor is a sure shot for the cellar spot.

In the individual scoring race, (See BASKETBALL, Page 4)

SWC Basketball

Team	W.	L.	Pts.	Op.
Rice	9	3	495	443
Texas	8	3	521	450
Arkansas	8	4	551	474
Texas Christian	5	7	436	507
Texas A. & M.	4	7	526	542
Southern Methodist	4	8	538	545
Baylor	3	9	481	587

Last Week's Results
Rice 36, Texas Christian 28.
Southern Methodist 65, Texas 56.
Baylor 40, Southern Methodist 34.
Arkansas 33-54, T.C.U. 23-39.
Rice 40, Texas A. & M. 30.
Texas 51, Baylor 38.

This Week's Schedule
Wednesday—Texas vs. Texas A. & M. at Austin.

Player	G.	F.	TP.
Bill Closs, Rice, c.	76	45	197
John Hargis, Texas, g.	61	38	160
Clay. Wynne, Ark, g.	63	34	160
G. Carpenter, Ark, c.	62	34	158
L. Huffman, A&M, g.	66	16	148
T. Tomlinson, SMU, c.	53	35	141
Buck Overall, Texas, f.	49	34	132
Pete Watkins, A&M, f.	52	20	124
F. Edwards, Baylor, f.	42	17	101
Bov McHenry, TCU, g.	38	19	95
Van Sweet, Baylor, f.	44	7	95

Sports Squibs

By John Stout

We are just three weeks from the Southwest Conference swimming meet that will be held in Austin. The meet is scheduled from March 19 to 29. Even though the Aggies are weak in fourth and fifth places there is an excellent chance that this year's team will walk away with that coveted championship.

Probably carrying the biggest load will be Danny Green, the present Southwest 220 and 440 champion. Last summer Danny placed third in the National A.A.U. meet in both the 880 and 1400 yard events. Another champion on the team is Bob Cowling, the southwest 100 yard individual, and 100 yard breast stroke champion. Not for-

getting the boys that will be adding that extra punch that is required in every meet, there is George Haney, Jack Kiel, Shrimp Latham, and Dick Winters. Bert Cree, R. H. Meiser, and Pulls will head the diving end for the Aggies.

Ernest W. Pannel of the class of '41 has received his commission as Ensign, U.S.N.R., from the Naval Training School at Columbia University, New York. Pannel was a three year letterman playing tackle for the Aggies. He received mention as All American tackle in 1940 and in the All Star-Pro game in Chicago in 1941 he was voted as the best player on the field.

The A. & M. Rifle team has a very good chance this year as being one of the best. A. & M. has ever had—if they can only get some more reserves. Captain Williams is asking for anyone that can shoot pretty straight to come down to the Armory and try his luck. You may be the one that he is looking for. Even though you are not so much interested in being a top notch rifleman this year very valuable information can be had just for the asking. Another good thing about it is that the ammunition for trying out doesn't cost anything. It's not out of your way to go by the Armory, and practices are held at your convenience. Help the boys out by going down and (See SPORTS SQUIBS, Page 4)

Aggie Cagers Drop Second Home Game To Rice Saturday Night; 40 - 30

Les Peden Stars as Aggie Cagers Put Up Strong Fight; Dawson Shows Great Form

Losing their second home game of the season Saturday night, the Texas Aggies bowed to a determined Rice cage team, 40-30. The win for the Owls counted the ninth consecutive conference win to cinch for them one-half of the conference title.

Thirty-five of the forty minutes of play saw the scrapping Aggie ironmen put up a fierce fight, only to lose out by a late Owl rally. With ten minutes left to play, the score stood 31-23 Rice, after the Cadets retaliated from an Owl rally after half time.

Jamie Dawson started the scoring with a free shot for the Cadets and soon after McDonald sank a long one to make the count 2-1 after three and one-half minutes of play. Huffman got loose for a crib to put the Aggies in the lead for the last time. Closs and McDonald contributed one goal each to put the score 6-3 with five minutes gone. From then to half time the score was nip-and-tuck, with the Owls never increasing their lead over five tallies. The score board at half time read 18-15 Rice. The final stanza saw the Aggies lose in the last ten minutes when Darling sank a one-hander and Closs scored a short one and a free throw. Croucher added two buckets to conclude the final scoring with four minutes remaining.

Les Peden sparked the Cadet cagers with 12 points, many of these being far out on the court. Closs was high point man with 13, but failed to break the scoring record of the conference. Dawson lead the Ags under the basket with rebounds and fine guarding of Closs. Lee Huffman ailing from an injured hand, tallied four points, but turned in some nice floor play. The box score:

Rice	G	F	Pf	Tp
McDonald, f	5	1	1	11
Cook, f	2	0	1	4
Darling, f	1	0	0	2
Closs, c	5	3	2	13
Lambert, g	2	0	1	4
Croucher, g	2	0	1	4
Cummins, g	1	0	2	2
Totals	19	4	8	40

A. & M.	G	F	Pf	Tp
Watkins, f	3	0	1	6
Hutto, f	0	0	0	0
Peden, f	4	4	2	12
Adams, f	0	0	0	0
Dawson, c	1	4	2	6
Sample, c	0	0	0	0
Cokinos, g	1	0	1	2
Pettit, g	0	0	0	0
Huffman, g	2	0	1	4
Foldberg, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	8	6	30

Officials: Ziggy Sears and Lee Ward.
Free throws missed: Cook, Closs 2, Cummins, Hutto 2, Dawson, Huffman.
Half-time score: Rice 18; Texas A. & M. 15.

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INTRAMURALS

By John Stout

It seems as though the 15 new basketball courts aren't going to be enough, according to an announcement about 15 new basketball courts, other than those that are being constructed on the varsity practice field, now being planned. The newest new courts will be placed north and west of the clay tennis courts. The fifteen courts now being constructed will be ready for use within a week or so.

The Intramural offices and the P. E. offices have changed places. The Intramural offices are in the southwest part of the building while the P.E. offices are in the northeast section of the building. If you have a P.E. excuse for class 300 you must take it by the P.E. offices.

Yesterday afternoon a record was set for the total time of one individual section of boys in the P.E. cross country dash. The last man cleared the finishing line in 20 minutes. So far no other section has equalled that. Say, all of you 20 and 25-minute boys, let's help those guys out that run it in less than 10 minutes. Surely you're not twice as slow as they are.

The badminton courts are now open to any boy that wishes to play the game in his time off. There are four courts that span the gym floor and plenty of equipment is furnished for each.

D Sig could hardly get started against A Inf when they were defeated 3-0 by the Inf. Fuqua, Spradling, King, Morris, Wanja, Alley, and Quick lead the attack of the Signal corps boys. The fish of 10 CHQ kept their organization from being in total defeat, when they bested 6 CHQ 2-1. The upper classmen lost with the same score against E Sig. E Field was thrown from the undefeated list of teams in Class A speedball when A CWS defeated them with the one-sided score of 8-2. 3 CHQ must have been scared of E Coast's 16 men that were present and ready for them when the Corps Headquarters boys never showed up with a single man.

G Field, undefeated in any sport as yet, stopped the 5th CHQ boys flat. The Corps Headquarters group never scored. You know the rest. Softball season began yesterday afternoon at 4:00 on the old drill field where ten diamonds are laid out. It might be a good idea for your intramural managers to see that your boys know the rules before they go to the field to play. Listed below are a few of the more important rules as they appear in the Students' Handbook for Intramural Athletics.

Baylor Basketball Mentor Leaves For Army Air Corps

Coach staff of Baylor lost another coach last week when Bill Henderson, basketball coach and football line coach, accepted a second lieutenant's commission in the army air corps, and reports for training at Miami Beach.

Frank Kimbrough, who was head football coach, received a commission in the navy week before last.

There is now only one member, Jim Crow, left of Baylor's coaching staff. Athletic Director Ralph Wolf stated that there had been no decision made regarding spring football practice.

There have been rumors around Baylor's campus whether they would have a football team next fall, or drop football for the duration.

Gus Mistrol, one of the many ex-Aggies, was graduated from the C. E. department in 1928 at the age of 17.

We must not let go manifest truths because we cannot answer all questions about them.—Jeremy Collier.



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