

Aggies Bow To Rice; TCU And SMU Here This Week-end

Bill Henry Scores 30 Points As Owls Hand Cadets First Conference Defeat

Led by their giant center Bill Henry, Rice Institute's highly-regarded cagers lived up to expectations Saturday night when they swamped the Aggies 53-22. Henry scored 30 points during the three

quarters he played to walk off with the individual scoring honors. Milton Cherno of the Aggies was runner-up with 13 points to his credit.

Twenty personal fouls were committed by the Aggies.

The Owls started off fast, taking a six point lead in the opening minutes, but the Cadets fought back and tied up the game at 10-all early in the first half. However, the Rice team had too much on the ball and pulled away to hold a 25-12 advantage at the half. Friday night A. and M. will take on its second conference foe when Texas Christian's Horned Frogs come to Aggieland. The following night S.M.U. will attempt to maintain its winning ways when the Mustangs tangle with the Aggies in DeWare Field House.

Box score:

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Rice	23	9	14	53
Wehr, f	1	2	3	
Murphy, f	1	1	2	
Foley, f	5	1	0	11
Roach, f	0	0	0	0
Scruggs, f	0	0	0	0
Henry, c	13	4	1	30
Davenport, c	1	0	0	2
Noonan, g	1	0	3	2
Motgan, g	0	1	0	1
Mendenhall, g	0	0	3	0
Vahldeik, g	0	1	3	1
McBride, g	0	2	0	2
Totals	23	9	14	53
Aggies	22	6	20	22
Cherno, f	5	3	5	13
Collins, f	1	0	2	2
Abrams, f	0	2	0	0
Blackstone, f	1	0	0	2
Ellis, c	0	0	5	0
McCormick, g	1	1	0	3
Cashion, g	0	0	1	0
Weinbaum, g	0	2	2	2
Howell, g	0	0	2	0
Totals	8	6	20	22

Free throws missed: Wehr 2, Foley 2, Scruggs 4, Henry 4, Noonan 2, Morgan, Vahldeik, Cherno 3, Abrams, Ellis, McCormick 2, Weinbaum, Howell.

Referee, Ab Curtis; umpire, John Rodford.

SHORT COURSE

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stages, each in turn depending on the ones before. These are soil, plant, animals and humans. If the soil does not have plant food it cannot convey it to the plant and so on through the other three stages. The very efficiency of production which we have attained is mining our soil of essential minerals at an accelerated pace and it is imperative that these essential factors be restored at greater speed than in more leisurely production of former years, Dr. Jones said.

Bryan Blalock, Marshall, president of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas, will be toastmaster at the banquet to be held tonight in Sbisa Hall. Short talks are to be made by H. J. Solomon of the Rice Food Administration; Hugo Swan of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas, and M. E. McMurray of the Texas Dairy Products Association.

Specialists of the Texas A. & M. College who will appear on the afternoon program, include: Dr. Roy L. Donahue, Department of Agronomy; R. R. Lancaster, Extension pasture specialist; Dr. Paul B. Pearson, nutritionist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; P. T. Monfort, associate professor of Agricultural Engineering, and A. L. Darnell, professor of Dairy Husbandry.

E. R. Eudaly, director of the livestock division of Universal Mills, Fort Worth, was master of ceremonies of the afternoon program. He served in the same capacity for the forenoon and afternoon programs today.

Cooperating with the Texas A. & M. College in staging the short course are the War Food Administration and the AAA of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Texas dairy feed manufacturers and the two organizations of dairy products manufacturers.

BATTALION Sports

INTRAMURALS

By R. L. Bynes

Since everyone has finally arrived on the campus from the Christmas holidays, and now that old Sol has finally decided to show his face, the intramural department is preparing to start things off with a bang in 1945. The latest meet was the recent cross country race held on Saturday, December 16, 1944.

The winning time, and incidentally a new record for both the course and intramurals, is the excellent time of eight minutes, six and nine tenths seconds, set by Dick Widner of D Company. The previous record for the course was set by Waldo Shannon in 1943 with a time of eight minutes, thirty seconds. The P. E. class record was set by J. D. Hampton in August, 1944 with a time of eight minutes, twenty seconds; while the Air Corps record was set by Hinshaw in 1943 with a time of eight minutes, seven seconds.

It was a hard fought, nip and tuck race all the way, between Widner of D Company and Zeiss of H Company, Zeiss being "hot on his heels all the way" with another remarkable time of eight minutes, nine seconds. The race was run in heats comprised of five men from each outfit, the team with the low score winning the meet. The first man to finish registered one point for his respective team, the second man two points, third man three points, etc.

Team winners are as follows:

Place	Team	Points
1st	D Company.....(Low)	42
2nd	E Troop	73
3rd	E Company	138
4th	G Battery	143
5th	Tie—H Co. and A Co.	148

Members of winning team, D Company:

Widner, Dick, finished 1st; Hardie, C. H., 6th; Williams, R. K., 10th; Garretson, G. D., 12th; Woodard, D. G., 13th.

First ten men to finish: 1, Dick Widner, D Co.; 2, W. E. Zeiss, H Co.; 3, A. G. McDowell, G Co.; 4, J. G. Word, E Troop; 5, J. H. Wilshusen, E Co.; 6, C. H. Hardie, D Co.; 7, W. Roberts, B Bat.; 8, J. E. Mortensen, G Bat.; 9, J. B. Lawrence, E Troop; 10, R. K. Williams, D Co.

In the three years gone by there have been only three Aggies who have run the course in less than eight minutes, thirty seconds until Saturday's meet. They are: Hahn (April 1943), time 8:25; Fred Mason (October 1943), time 8:25; and J. D. Hampton (August 1944), time 8:23.

In the football department, A Company overwhelmed F Battery by a 27-6 margin, to reach the finals with F Company. The football champ will be determined when A Company plays F Company some time in the near future.

Basketball champs are as follows:

Winners, League A, B Battery. Winners, League B, B Company. Winners, League C, A Company. Monday afternoon found most of the outfits engaged in volleyball games. C Company, with a sextet composed of Ash, Mercuson, Cox, Powell, Daily, and Mosmeir, succumbed to the slam-bang play of English, Abrams, and Arbuticle, and came out on the losing end with a score of 15-3, 15-6.

Playing the best two out of three, the A Company sextet came out on top with a score of 15-7, 15-6, while C Battery with Wilson, Powell, and Boswell, came out with the consolation score of 15-7.

Track Prospects Asked to Meet With Dimmitt Wed.

All Aggies who have had any previous experience in track or field events are asked to report to Coach Lil Dimmitt at DeWare Field House Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

Daily workouts for the cinder path artist will begin in the very near future, and Coach Dimmitt is anxious to get a line on just how many boys he will have out. Boys are needed in all race and field events, and anyone having any previous high school experience is urged to be at the Gymnasium Wednesday.

land harvested in 1943.

But the phenomenal agricultural production of last year is casting shadows into the new. The December report of the BAE estimates that 5,028,000 acres have been seeded to winter wheat in Texas for harvesting in 1945. This is 13 per cent larger than the area seeded for 1944 harvesting, the greatest sown to winter wheat since the fall of 1937.

The report says that the wheat crop for 1945 harvesting was started under favorable moisture conditions. This is in sharp contrast with the 1943 fall sowing which was dusted in amid a prolonged drought. But with timely moisture subsequently the acreage yielded Texas' greatest wheat crop.

Looking ahead, however, BAE says that "based upon factors which are measurable on December 1 and can be related to yield in previous years" a harvest of about 52,940,000 bushels is indicated for the state in 1945. While this conservative forecast is considerably less than the 1944 yield, BAE explains that "the final outturn, of course, is largely dependent upon conditions prevailing after December 1."

The University of Cincinnati observatory was the first erected in the United States with public funds.

Aggie Cagers Lack Height Age, Experience To Win

In order to better acquaint the Corps with the members of the basketball squad, The Battalion is running these thumb-nail sketches of the boys who wear the Maroon and White on the maple floor. Although the Aggie cagers have failed to make an impressive showing to date, they form a hustling combination.

Kenneth Abrams, forward is six feet two inches tall, weighs 190 lbs., has 4 high school letters and hales from El Paso.

Tommy Blackstone, another forward, is 6 feet tall, weighs 160, is 18 years old, has 2 high school letters to his credit and is from Altus, Okla.

College Station's own Jimmy Cashion is guard, weighs 160, is 5 ft. 10 in. tall, has 4 high school letters and is 18 years old.

Another forward, from El Paso, is Milton Cherno, 6 feet tall, weighing 175 and has 3 high school letters to his credit. He is 21 years old.

Bob Collins, from Alvin plays center, is 6 ft., 1 in., weighs 170 lbs. has received 2 high school letters and is 17.

Tom Daniel, forward, is 6 ft. tall, weighs 180, is 16 years old, has earned 2 high school letters and comes from Kerrville. Another center is Hub Ellis, who weighs in at 180 lbs. is 6 ft. 2 in., has 1 high school letter, is 17 and comes from Fort Worth.

Bill Fincannon, center from Beaumont is 6 ft., 2 in., weighs 190 lbs., has 2 high school letters and is 17 years of age.

Hilton Hall, from Hughes Spring is 21, has 4 high school letters, is 6 ft. 1 in., weighs 165 lbs. and plays forward on the team.

Curtis Homeyer, from Caldwell plays center. He is 6 ft. 4 in., weighs 195 has 2 high school letters and is 18 years of age.

Cotton Howell the 185 lb. 6 ft. guard is 18, has 2 high school letters and is from Nacogdoches.

Bill McCormick, guard from

Dallas has earned 1 high school letter. He is 5 ft. 8 in. and is 16.

Don Nickolas plays guard, is 5 ft. 10 in., weighs 155, is 18 years old and has lettered 3 years in high school in Mineral Wells, Tex.

Jim Farmer from Mangum, Okla. is 17, weighs 190, plays guard, and is 6 ft. tall. He has lettered 3 years in high school.

Bobby Sapp, the guard from Blackwell, Okla. weighs 155 lbs. He is 18 years of age and is 5 ft. 9 in. tall, with 2 years of high school experience.

Morton Shefts, the 195, 6 ft. 2 in. guard from San Antonio, is 17 years old with 2 years of high school experience.

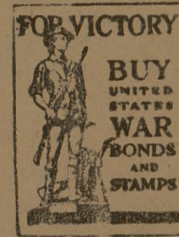
Charles Weinbaum, the only returning letterman on the squad, is a guard from Beaumont, weighing 150, 5 ft. 10 in. tall. He is 18 years of age.

Oscar White, the 6 ft. 4 in. center from Rising Star, weighing 185 lbs., is 19, with 3 years of high school experience.

Paul Yates, an even 6 ft. guard from Fort Worth, weighs 190 lbs., is 18 years old and has had 3 years of high school experience.

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Aggie Ex Has Flown 50 Combat Missions

1st Lt. Lewis S. James, Jr., 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. James, Sr., of 822 N. 2nd St., Temple, Texas, has flown his 50th combat mission over enemy territory, participating in the bombing of railroad yards at Munich, Germany, on Nov. 22.

Navigator on an AAF Flying Fortress, Lt. James has been serving in Italy for the past four months with a heavy bombardment unit of the 15th Air Force. He was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement in aerial flight."

The citation for his award reads: "On Oct. 13, 1944 Lt. James was navigator of a B-17 type aircraft designated as Deputy Group Lead on a mission against enemy installations in Florisdorf, Austria. When engine trouble forced the Group Lead to leave the formation, Lt. James became Group Navigator, a responsibility he had never before discharged."

"Despite adverse weather, which caused deviations in the route plan, and although he could not see the ground for the greater part of the flight, he succeeded in avoiding all known flak points and navigated the formation accurately to the target and back to the home base."

"By his resourcefulness, initiative and superior professional skill, Lt. James has reflected great credit upon himself and the Air Forces of the United States of America."

A student at Texas Agricultural

Farms Surpass All Records in '44

Year-end figures from a comprehensive picture of the amazing achievement of Texas farmers in 1944. Although hampered by labor difficulties and much bad weather at planting time they harvested 29,190,000 acres of principal crops, some of which brought record yields. According to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA, Austin, this was not only the largest acreage in recent years, but was two per cent more than the

and Mechanical College, Lt. James enlisted in the Army on Feb. 19, 1943. His application for the Aviation Cadets was accepted later in the same year and he won his navigator's wings at Hondo, Tex., in May, 1944.

With assignment to combat flying duty in Italy, he became a member of his present unit, the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operation. Now in its third year of combat operation, it has scored more than 350 bombing missions against Axis targets throughout Europe.

In addition to the Distinguished Flying Cross, Lt. James has been awarded the Air Medal with two oak Leaf Clusters.

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