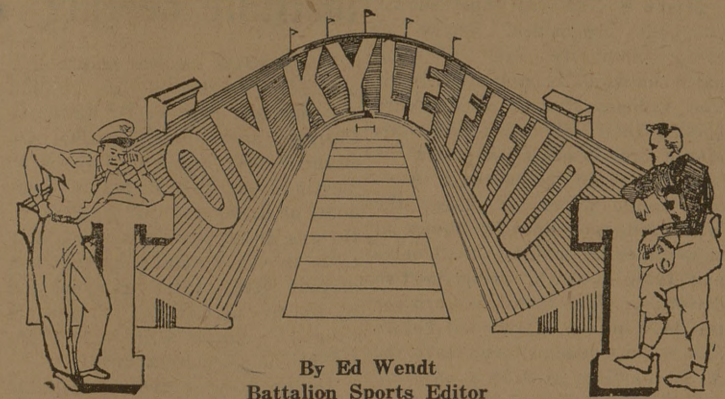


Arkansas Tops Aggies In Dual Win At Fayetteville



By Ed Wendt
Battalion Sports Editor

THEY WERE FIGHTING; WERE YOU?

Yes, Coach Manning Smith's cagers were in there giving their all every minute of every game this season. No, they didn't come out on top; nor did they break any records, nor could they compete with the class as exhibited by other conference teams, but none of their games were pushovers. Never forget, the opponent realized from the start of every game that they were in for forty minutes of real basketball. Handicapped all season by inexperience and lack of height, that "fighting five" battled

their way to only two conference wins in twelve games. You can be assured that they gave their best; keeping in mind every minute that they were representing the greatest school in the world; remembering the bitterness of defeat which they had tasted only too many times. Never once did the Maroon and White show signs of discouragement, even though the opposing score had piled up high and fast. It can't be expressed in words the spirit that was shown in the many afternoons of hard practice before each conference game, nor can we suppose the thoughts of each individual player as he fought his losing battle, and finally, we can't begin to realize the heart-break suffered as they cleared the court after each game. Yes, they were the Aggie cagers of 1945.

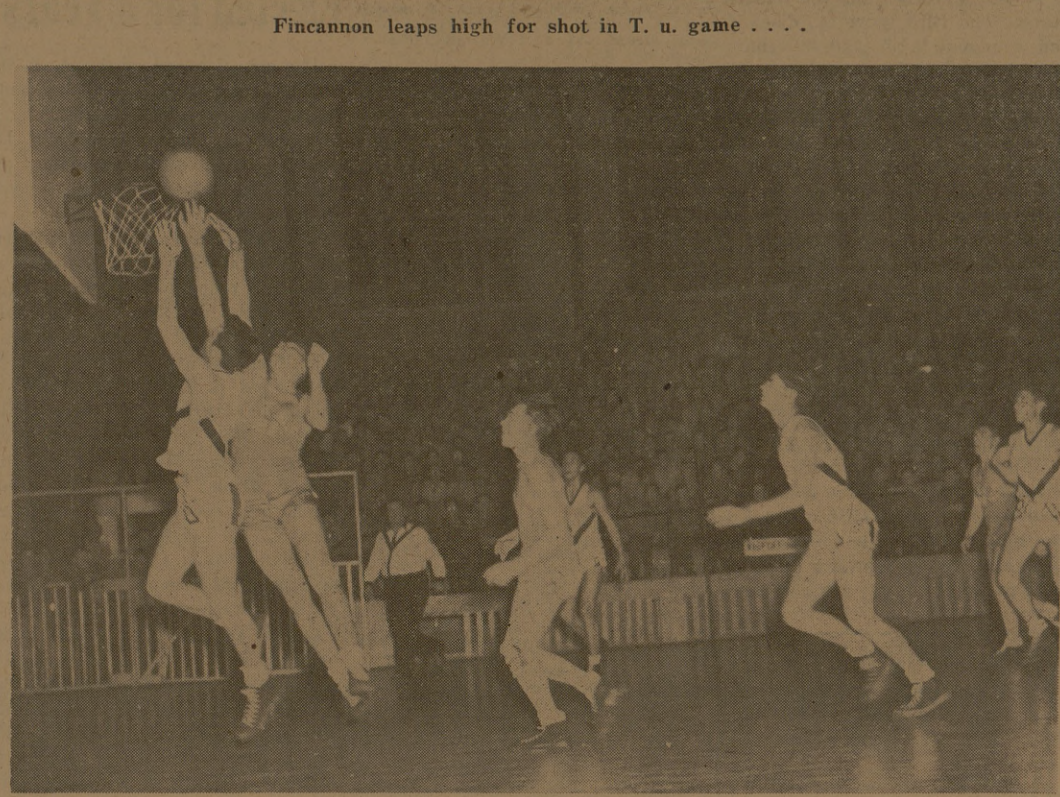
Where was the corps all this time? What did they do to ease the pressure of defeat after each game? Of a student body which numbers over thirteen-hundred, a bare two or three hundred ever showed up at the games in the DeWare Field House. The band was there; the yell leaders were there; yet, hardly twenty-five per cent of the corps ever showed up to support the "fighting five".

What has happened to the overpowering spirit of the "twelfth man"? Surely, nothing could stand in the way of a freshman's making the varsity games.

Basketball season is over now, and nothing that we "could have done" will erase this awful challenge to the mighty spirit of the "Twelfth Man". We have only the future in which to compensate for the past.

BUSY SEASON AHEAD
With baseball season opening March 1 and track season in full stride, the Maroon and White will see plenty of action this Spring. It might be a good idea for some of the freshmen to go down between 5 and 6 P. M. every afternoon and watch the track and baseball teams work out. Since we are out to win nothing less than the conference crown in both these events, it is hardly asking too much for the Corps to go down and watch these boys work out a few minutes every day. Let's get that "ole spirit worked up once again. Make the boys out for these varsity sports feel that they've got the "Twelfth Man" behind them.

Above all, we should fill the



In the above picture Bill Fincannon is shown jumping high for a shot at the basket in the Texas game. Cleary is the teasipper attempting to block the shot. Other Aggies in the picture are Ellis, number 35, Goad, number 13, and Weinbaum.

George Kok Scores 54 Points In Two Games; Goad, White Are High for A&M

By Bill Fincannon
Last Friday and Saturday nights in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the Texas Aggies closed another dismal basketball season, losing both games to the strong University of Arkansas Razorbacks. On Friday night the Aggies were able to score but 21 points against what was one of the best teams the Aggies have played all season. The Razorbacks were running up a score of 80 points while the Aggies were getting their 21. The Aggies missed cinch shots close under the basket all night long. The high point man, Goad, scored but 6 points, while Ellis and Weinbaum were next with 4 each. Kok, Arkansas' tall center, was high point man of the game with 32 points. He was followed closely by Flynt with 22. The tall Razorbacks controlled the backboard with ease. Practically all of Kok's points were scored in this way. The first few minutes of the game the Aggies played good ball, the score being 10-6 in favor of Arkansas after five minutes of play. The Aggies scored one more point during the first half to make the score 37-7 at the intermission. Scoring twice as many points the last half as they did the first, the Aggies were

never able to come close to the free scoring Razorbacks.
Saturday night was a replica of Friday except that the Aggies made a few more of their shots under the basket. Kok and Flynt were the work horses for the Razorbacks again. They both scored 22 points to lead the scorers again. The Aggie center, White, was high for the Aggies with 12 points. Goad and Weinbaum were next high with 8 and 7 points respectively. The Aggies were ahead in the opening moments of the game 4-2. After that, however, the Aggies were unable to keep the pace. The score at the half was 45-22. After this the Aggies were struggling to keep the score down rather than score themselves. With this defeat the Aggies finished the 1945 basketball season. Although outclassed on the basketball court, the Aggies showed up well on and around the Arkansas campus.

STUDENT CO-OP
Bicycle and Radio Repair
PHONE 4-4114

EXPERT SHOE REPAIRING
Make those rationed shoes last longer by bringing them for needed repairs to
HOLICK'S BOOT SHOP
We use only the best material available.
Makers of Fine Boots
We have served the Aggies for over 50 years.
At the North Gate

LOUPOT'S
A LITTLE PLACE ---
--- A BIG SAVING!

TOWN HALL
--- presents ---
the inspirational music of
THE A CAPPELLA CHOIR
--- from ---
North Texas State Teachers College
under the direction of
Dr. Wilfred C. Bain
Forty voices blended in a human "symphony of beauty". A varied program designed to give a panoramic view of choral music, ranging from elevated church music to negro spirituals.
AN EVER POPULAR GROUP WITH NEW
DRAMATIC PERFECTION
GUION HALL
Tuesday Evening, February 27
8:00

Varsity Baseball Practice To Begin Formal Practice Here Thurs. Afternoon

All-Conference Players Named By Assoc. Press

By Ed Wendt
A trio of Rice cagers made the 1945 All-Southwest Conference basketball team as selected by the coaches for the Associated Press. The three Owls were giant Bill Henry, little Murray Mendenhall and Wehr are both with the Navy Specialized Training Program at Rice. George Kok, towering center of the Arkansas quint, also made the All-Conference team at a forward position. Kelly Avery of SMU completed the spotlight quint. Avery, Kok, and Wehr all tied for All-Conference forwards; whereas, Henry and Mendenhall were unanimously voted, respectively, at the All-conference center and guard positions.

Charlie Weinbaum of the Aggie quint just missed a position on the All-conference high point teams as selected, also, by Associated Press. To qualify for the team the respective players must score 100 points or more in conference play. Charlie, lacking one "ringer", closed Saturday night with 98 points.

Topping the Maroon and White (All-civilian) Cage team this season are Charlie Weinbaum with an all season total of 140 points and Bill McCormick trailing with 138 points. White rang in 126, Ellis 94, and Goad 40. Of the twenty-four engagements this year, Weinbaum and McCormick are the only two players that saw action in all of them. Goad played in the last eight games and had an average of five points per game. Cherno, who participated in 17 games, left Feb. 5 with an average of 7.7 points per game.

All Season Individual Standings

Player	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Ellis, f	23	32	30	94	4.09
Fincannon, f	20	5	4	14	0.70
Goad, f	8	15	10	40	5.00
Collins, f	20	4	4	12	.60
Cherno, f	17	49	33	131	7.70
Abrams, f	15	8	1	17	1.13
Farrell, f	3	1	0	2	1.00
White, c	19	45	36	126	6.63
Homeyer, c	14	4	4	12	.86
Shefts, c	3				
Weinbaum, g	24	54	32	140	5.83
Adams, g	7				
Hall, c	12	10	3	33	2.75
McCmck, g	24	46	46	138	5.75
Howell, g	7	5	3	13	1.85
Voss, g	11	1		2	

More than twenty times as much plant food is removed from sloping land by erosion than is removed by crops. It requires about four hundred years for natural processes to build an inch of soil. But that same soil can be washed away by a single heavy rain.

grandstand to the rafters at the first baseball game scheduled here; likewise, everyone should endeavor to stay here the week-ends during which track meets are held on Kyle Field. So, come on 'ole Army; let's give out, so that we'll really "Show up, at the show down."

Pete Jones to Meet With All Prospects

"Pete" Jones announced yesterday that if the weather permits he will meet with all men out for varsity baseball Thursday afternoon for the first organized practice of the season. He intends to get organized as soon as possible so as to get in a few intra-squad games before the season opener on March 16.

George Strickhausen and Al Retteg are the only returning lettermen of last year's ball club. Several men of last season's squad are returning but "Pete" Jones emphasized that "the balance of the men that we are going to work with have had no previous conference experience." At present the darkest outlook is that of filling the pitcher's position. Looking good in a afternoon workouts last week were Sterling Dietz, Edward Dixon, Billy Frank, and Charlie Smith. All these boys have had experience on high school or industrial teams. Pete Jones added that he intended to have his pitchers "lined up" before the week was up.

The total number reporting to Jones up to last night neared the fifty mark; however, it is expected that more than that number will meet with him Thursday afternoon for the opening practice.

The Maroon and White will open their baseball season here with Southwestern University in a two game series March 16 and 17. Return games will be played in Georgetown, Texas on March 30 and 31. The first conference game will be played here with Texas on April 6.

SMU and TCU have entered teams for conference competition again this year. Last season only three Southwest Conference teams were out for the baseball crown and they were Rice, Texas, and the Aggies. The Longhorns and the Aggies split the Conference title, both winning an equal number of games.

-DISTRACTIONS-

(Continued From Page 2)
with him though till he sends him to a doctor for a checkup. He convinces the doctor that he is a sick man and gets by the CO. And they live happily ever after, I guess.

Lowdown: Just what an Aggie would order.
Palace—Playing in Bryan this Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday is "Kismet," starring Ronald Colman, Marlene Dietrich, James Craig, Edward Arnold, Joy Ann Page, Florence Bates and Harry Davenport. A great screen version of a great stage show, the technicolor version of a famous stage play in which beauty is by no means the small factor. The story tells how, in ancient Bagdad, a scheming but lovable magician-beggar, the King of the Beggars, promises his beautiful daughter that she will wed a prince, and lives to see Fate and his craftiness turn his promise into reality.

The costumes in this picture, that are worn by the actors, I understand, are enough to make anyone want to see the picture.
Lowdown: One for the books.

Aggie Tracksters Prep For First Meet At Laredo

Lil Dimmitt's thinly clad men have really been working out hard lately. The men have been smoothing out the passing of the baton for the 440 yard dash and the one mile relay event.

The Aggie tracksters have also been running 440 yards for time quite frequently. This also serves to build up the Dimmittmen's speed, wind, and endurance.

The first meet the Maroon and White spikemen will participate in will be the Border Olympic at Laredo, Texas on March 9. This will be a high school, college, and service team affair. The only close competition that will be offered to the men from Aggieland will be from T. U. and Rice Institute.

Until that meet, the track team will be spending a lot of time on Kyle Field putting in the finishing touches on their specialties.

News of Promotion Of Aggie-Ex of '42

Word has been received on the campus of the promotion from First Lieutenant to Captain of R. L. "Rusty" Heitkamp, '42., of New Braunfels, presently commanding a field artillery battery with the U. S. Third Army in France.

Captain Heitkamp was in Battery A, Field Artillery Regiment, and edited the 1942 Longhorn. He was represented in Who's Who in the 1942 yearbook and was a member of the Accounting Society, Triangle Club, Captain of his regimental staff and served on the Student Activities Committee.

Let's all refresh... Have a Coca-Cola
...or being friendly along the way
The camaraderie of the open road is summed up in the words "Have a Coke." At stops, everyone steps up to the familiar red cooler for the friendly refreshment of ice-cold Coca-Cola. Wherever you go, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes—a symbol of friendly refreshment.
BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY
BRYAN COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY, INC
GEORGE STEPHAN, President
It's natural for popular names to acquire friendly abbreviations. That's why you hear Coca-Cola called Coke.
© 1945 The C-C Co.