

Looking at the Aggies . . .

From This Angle

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Conference Heads Knock "Bonuses"

The question of paying "bonuses" to high school athletic stars to induce them to come to Southwest Conference colleges again hit the limelight this past week as the representatives from each conference school met in Dallas to discuss subsidization of athletes.

This column was lamenting the fact only last Friday that A & M has been playing winless ball in the player-grabbing league which annually takes place around this time of the year. In the past several years, the fight for schoolboy stars has become a virtual auction with the athletes waiting

for the highest bid before selecting which school they will give their sweat for on the gridiron. We mentioned indirectly that A & M just hasn't been around financially when all the stars were being auctioned off.

Now it appears, if the results of the Dallas confab mean anything, that the conference is going to crack down on this out-in-the-open professionalism and take preventive measures to see that the state's enterprising young athletes will start playing for their dear old alma mater and not for their dear old pocketbook.

Moneyless Aggies Above Suspicion

All of which means, if this de-emphasis does come to pass, that A & M may again, in the immediate future, be getting their fair share of schoolboy hot-shots WITHOUT going into the school's gold reserves.

And, although some well-padded alumni of various conference schools who don't mind laying down a million or so bucks to see that their favorite Johnny Star or Billy Whiz comes to their alma mater, may not like the sudden turn of events, the move by conference officials in Dallas, is definitely for the best as far as collegiate sports in the Southwest are concerned.

More than 13,000 veterans training in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi are currently suspended from Veterans Administration subsistence rolls for failure to report their earnings.

they haven't been riding any gravy train anyway. There "salary" will remain the same—the regular \$50 a month plus room and board that is allowed under conference rules. But for the glamour boys of several conference schools, notably Rice and Texas, the sock to their pocket books ought to be pretty hard to take.

Anyway, the move probably will bring about more even competition in the SWC and help prevent lopsided scores. And, theoretically, that's supposed to be the idea behind intercollegiate athletics anyway.

Of course, as far as the players themselves are concerned, the loss in cash will be pretty hard to take. Naturally this last statement doesn't apply to most Aggie gridders as

Aggie Five Embarks for Houston Tourney

Karow Takes 17 on Second Cage Jaunt

Scarcely home from a week-long journey through the East and Midwest, the Aggie basketball team leaves tomorrow afternoon for Houston where Coach Marty Karow's charges will engage in the two-day Houston Invitational Tourney.

The meet, sponsored by the Houston Sports Assn., is a single elimination affair with a consolation bracket for first round losers. The Aggies, who took it on the chin from several of the country's finer cage crews in the course of the Eastern swing, meet more stiff competition in the tourney which brings together seven Texas fives and George Peperidge College of California.

Heading the list of Texas entries in addition to A & M are the Rice Owls, perennial power in SWC cage circles; also Texas Tech and West Texas State, who annually stage a two-team duel for West Texas honors. The University of Houston, Sam Houston State Teachers College, and the Denton Teachers, round out the entrants.

The tourney gets under way at 6 o'clock Friday night with four games scheduled.

Karow stated Wednesday that he would carry a squad numbering 17 to Houston. They are Reagan Collingsworth, Bill Batey, Homer Adams, Sam Jenkins, Mike Garcia, Cotton Volding, Ray Klutz, Jim Kirkland, Turnbow, Jim Petit, Tom Clark, Dub Thornton, Peck Voss, Kampermann, Chuck Weinbaum, Ray Whittaker and Wright.

The Eastern trip just about decided the Aggies starting lineup for the Houston affair, Karow said, with five men emerging from the maze of aspirants as more or less definite starters. Collingsworth and Batey will hold down the forwards, with Volding slated to start at center and Adams and either Jenkins or Garcia down for the guard positions. Volding, who came out late for basketball practice due to his previous duties on the gridiron, was listed on the traveling squad for the Eastern trip only at the last moment. But "Cotton" showed such form on the trip only at the last moment. But "spot away from Kamperman.

Thirty-five Swimming Hopefuls Eye SW Conference Top Honors

Anything resembling a big splash in the vicinity of the P. L. Downs Natorium these cold, wintry afternoons is just the work of Head Swimming Coach Art Adamson and his herd of some 35 swimming hopefuls.

Adamson, who has been directing the Aggies' destinies in the splash sport since 1934, has had his assorted crew of lettermen, squadmen and veterans working out daily almost since the start of the semester. The squad, which has been cut some since workouts first started, now numbers 35 including four Southwest Conference titleholders and five other returning lettermen.

Returning to lead the Aggies' assault on the SWC crown currently held by Texas are Robert Cowling, conference champion in breast stroke in '42 and '43 and individual medley champion in '42; Allen Self, SWC champ in the individual medley in '46, and the 440 free-style in '45; Jack Riley, SWC king in the 440 freestyle in '46 and Danny Green, conference cham-

Champion in the 220 and 440 free-styles in '43.

In addition to this formidable array of talent that bids fair to produce a team that will threaten the sturdy grip T.U. has established on conference swimming honors, Adamson has a freshman standout in Jimmy Flowers, two-time schoolboy state champion and record-holder in the breast stroke, plus nine squadmen from previous years.

In the last 14 years the Southwest has been competing in swimming, T.U. has won the title outright 12 times and tied once with A & M. The Aggies won the only crown in '45, finishing second to T.U. in every other year except '34 when S.M.U. grabbed runner-up honors. A&M, T.U. and S.M.U. have been the principal participants in inter-collegiate competition with T.C.U., Rice and Baylor being represented only occasionally. Arkansas has never engaged in SWC swimming competition.

Returning lettermen: John Heeman, '46, E. J. Fisher, '44; Robert

F. Jones, '44; Richard Lea, '45; and Gene Summers, '46.

Returning squadmen: H. S. Evans, '42; S. C. Helbing, '44; Arthur Lapham, '43; W. R. Matthews, '45; B. J. Shields, '46; Bernard Syfan, '44; David Babbitt, '46; William F. Colville, '46 and Tommy Knox, '46.

Dunkel Picks T.U. To Cop Cage Crown

The worst will happen in the Southwest Conference Basketball Race this season—namely T. U. to finish first and A & M last—if the annual ratings of Dick Dunkel, well-known basketball forecaster, which appeared in last week's Colliers Magazine, are to be taken as an indication of things to come.

Dunkel, in annual ratings, picks the Longhorns to win the Southwest Conference title after a fight with Arkansas and Rice and selected the Aggies to bring up the rear.

Dunkel also picked the University of Kentucky, which submerged the Aggies under 83-18 score, to win the National championship.

Two Aggies Working With Westinghouse

Eugene E. Goodwin, Jr. '42 and Paul Q. Olschner '45 recently joined the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as members of the Graduate Student Course. Goodwin received his degree in electrical engineering from A & M in 1942 while Olschner received his bachelor's degree in 1945 and his master's degree in electrical engineering in 1946.

Two of many young men selected from colleges and universities throughout the country, Goodwin, and Olschner are receiving engineering, manufacturing, and classroom instructions designed to fit them for active participation in the corporation's post-war production program and for future leadership in the electrical industry.

Longhorns Remain Unbeaten; Topple Long Island, 47-46

The University of Texas Longhorns continued down the unbeaten basketball trail this week, notching their second straight win on their current Eastern jaunt by knocking off highly-touted Long Island University in Madison Square Garden by a thin one-point margin of 47-46. The Longhorns, who are definite pre-season favorites to cop the conference crown won by Baylor last year, previously had defeated Canisius University in the first game on the trip.

Meanwhile, the Southwest Conference was adding to its prestige in other sections of the country as Rice bumped Marquette, 45 to 38 and S.M.U. surprised everyone by winning the Big Six tourney in Kansas City.

The Ponies, who finished sixth in the conference last year, and who had dropped their first two games this season, defeated Kansas and Kansas State to win the meet after Oklahoma, and Arkansas, the pre-tourney favorites had each bowed to the Kansas entries.

Baylor, defending conference king, ran into trouble on its Southern swing, suffering lopsided losses to Tulane and L.S.U.

Aggie Bee Cagers Take Blinn 57-31

The Texas A&M "B" basketball squad wound up their second game with a 57 to 31 win over the Blinn Junior College cagers here in College Station Tuesday night following a defeat of the same team on the previous week.

The Cadets took the lead from the beginning and held it throughout the game. Blinn scored the first point on a free throw but failed to score in the first five minutes of play except on penalties. The Ags held a lead of 31-16 at the half and came back after the rest to chalk up an additional 26.

The Blinn basketekers made an effort to catch up at the end of the first half and succeeded in scoring 6 points in the last few minutes of play.

For the Aggies Whittaker was high point man, scoring some 12 points in the first half alone. Wright and Vass also did commendable work.

Volleyball Crown Goes to C FA; Basketball to G Inf.

Cliff Ackerman The College Volleyball Championship went to a hard fighting "C" Field team Monday night as they battled against a strong Veteran team from Dorm 15. The match went the full three games with Dorm 15 winning the first game 15 to 2. "C" Field came back to win the final two games 15 to 5, 15 to 11.

Spark of the winning team was Tittle with his driving spikes. Horne was the ace set-up man and Davis played a good game in all positions.

Dorm 15 played an all around outstanding team on the floor headed by such players as Barnett, Schauers, Broome and Rich-ey.

This closed one of the most successful volleyball seasons in the Intramural sports calendar, thanks to the cooperation of all concerned.

BASKETBALL On the court front "A" Inf. won the Corps Championship as they

outplayed "G" Inf. 20 to 12. Setting up defense which kept "G" Inf. ace scorer Rippetoe in a hole throughout the game, "A" Inf. played the game as they wanted too. Golden was the outstanding player of the night as he scored 8 points for the winners. Luker and Bell took the defensive honors.

Over on the losing side Tate was the outstanding player as he moved all over the court to keep his team in the game.

The line-ups for the teams are as follows:

A Inf. Pos. G Inf.
Bell F. Neil
Luker F. Watson
Fergus C. Tate
Golden G. Rippetoe
Degan G. Hudman

Sub's A. Inf. Simpson.
Officials: "Breezy" Breazeal and "Jo Jo" White.
Score: First Half Final
A Inf. 11 20
G Inf. 4 12

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