

ON KYLE FIELD

by PAUL MARTIN

The Southwest Conference cage schedule has experienced remarkably few upsets to date with the top contenders retaining their lead and playing consistently fine games. Appropriately enough, the two top contenders, Texas and Arkansas, will not lock horns until the end of the season which will be a fitting climax to a hard-fought tourney.

Cagers Take on Speedy Longhorns

On Friday night the Aggie cage squad will take on the Baylor Bears in Waco and try to redeem themselves of the loss suffered to this same team earlier in the season. That game was considered such a set-back in that the Bruins had a poorer record at the time. Baylor will enter this match with two wins and 2 losses. Therefore should the Bruins step out on top, they will displace the Farmers from their precarious fourth place berth in conference standings. Should the Cadets win the tilt, and they have a good chance of doing so, it will merely be a scrimmage for the game on the following Monday. On this date they are to meet the Texas Long-

horns who admittedly have one of the best teams in the league and their record to date further substantiates this. Also, the Steers will be playing on home floors which is an advantage to any team.

Texas' John Hargis has already proven his ability when it comes to dropping the sphere through the hoop and Al Madsen has made quite a name for himself on the hardwoods despite his mere 5-foot, 10-inches of height. The Steers are further reinforced by long John Langdon and tricky guard Roy Cox. The latter is only 5-foot, 8-inches but he makes up for this in speed and accuracy. His ball-stealing antics have set up many a point for the Longhorns. Jack Gray's charges rely on speed rather than height the same as the Aggies and the Steer have proven past masters of the art.

This will be a game to watch for the greatly improved Aggie quintet could conceivably give the Steers a run for their money.

Norton Controversy Nears Climax

Recently a resolution passed by the executive committee called for the resignation of Coach Norton from A&M. The resolution further demanded that action in one form or the other be taken this week. This latter demand was most imperative as some action must be taken in order to prepare for the spring training which is only a

month away. This corner has it that no action can be taken by the Athletic Council toward the termination of Norton's contract as the Attorney General made a similar ruling a few years ago in a case concerning A&M to the effect that no money may be paid from state funds for paying for services not rendered.

SWC Cage Teams To Have Light Week

Last Monday night the Bruins handed TCU's Horned Frogs a 58-46 defeat to keep the latter in the winless column and brought themselves up to two wins and three losses. The Bears have a scheduled tilt with the Aggies this Friday night in Waco which, should the Baylorites win, displace the Cadets from their precarious fourth place in conference standing.

Baylor demonstrated its playing ability by jumping into an early lead against their weaker opponents and holding this lead even after the Bears had substituted their reserves. At the half Baylor led 23-16 despite the fact that TCU's Leroy Pasco led in scoring with 15 tallies followed by teammate Gene Schmidt with 11. Scoring on the Baylor side was pretty evenly distributed with Forward Bill Johnson leading with 10 points.

Other conference games include TCU and SMU in Fort Worth Saturday night and Texas and Texas A&M in Austin on Monday night. Arkansas will play a non-conference team—Arkansas State Teachers in Fayetteville on Saturday also.

Rules Committee Meets in Texas

Meeting for the first time in Texas, the rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association gather together at the summer home of Dana X. Bible in Kerrville, this week, to ponder over the new proposed rule changes.

No radical changes are contemplated by the committee members and the meeting promises to be a mild one in comparison to national meeting held earlier this month.

Three minor recommendations have been put up by the football coaches and the committee will concentrate on them. They are: 1—Moving the ball in twenty yards from the sidelines instead of the present fifteen.

2—A liberalized substitution rule.

3—Restrictions on the so called "running shift." The committee head is Wm. J. Bingham of Harvard and includes such coaches as Amos Alonzo Stagg, W. A. Alexander of Georgia Tech, D. O. McNaughty of Dartmouth, Col. L. M. Jones of West Point, Wallace Wade of Duke, H. F. Crisler of Michigan, H. W. Hughes of Colorado, W. O. Hunter of Southern California, as well as Bible.

Local Volleyball Teams in Four-Way Tie For Top Honor

The Tigers, Yankees, Pirates and Red Sox are in a four-way tie for top honors after the second round of play Monday night in the College Station volleyball tournament. Each has one two series of games in the 12-loop organized among business men, A & M officials and other residents of College Station. These games are being played each Monday night in the gymnasium of A & M-Consolidated school, two series being rolled off each hour beginning at 7:00 p. m. Results of Monday night's were:

Ray Hickman's Pirates winning from Luther Jones' Cardinals, 15-8 and 15-6.

Lloyd Berryman's Rebels finishing ahead of Orin Helvey's athletics, 15-10, 10-15 and 15-7.

Grady Elms' Tigers won from Howard Barlow's Cubs, 15-5 and 15-1.

Bill Cowser's Braves taking Carl Tishler's Giants, 15-10 and 16-14.

Jo-Jo White's Red Sox defeated Norman Anderson's Dodgers, 15-9 and 15-13.

W. M. Dowell's Yankees taking the measure of Benny Zinn's Indians, 15-5 and 15-5.

The volley ball tournament will continue through nine more weeks.

Freshmen Corps Volleyball Champs



The Freshmen volleyball team of "B" Battery, Field Artillery came out winners in the Corps intramural competition after defeating "A" Battery last semester. Pictured above are the members of the winning team. In the top row in the usual order are Thomas Galbreth, John Henderson, William Hensch and Robert McClellan. In the top row are Ed Ruhman, Floyd Patterson and Malcolm Williams.

Waco Columnist Lauds Botchy Koch as New Aggie Net Mentor

Jinx Tucker, sports editor of the Waco News Tribune and noted sports critic did a clever piece of satirical writing about his "old war horse", Botchy Koch, whom he boosted into All-American fame as a guard in 1930 at Baylor. Botchy is now on the Aggie staff and was in Waco where he visited with Tucker. He happened to mention that he will handle the Aggie tennis team and the following is Jinx's column comment on Koch as a net mentor.

Big news that we get from Aggeland is that Botchy Koch, big rough football immortal of Baylor university, has been named head tennis coach at A & M. Koch is going to work the boys from the ground up, and teach the netters the proper ethics of the courts. He points out with growing alarm that some of the boys are forgetting the traditions of which the great game was founded. "Why, last year, while watching a college tennis match," says Koch, "one of the Baylor boys in the act of serving asked the Aggie if he was ready, and the Aggie merely nodded his head. Anyone knows that is not correct," emphasizes Koch. "When I played tennis and was addressed in that manner my polite answer was always 'serve', and that is the way it is going to be from now on. The game has degenerated to such an extent that sometimes the boys say I won 6-0, or in A & M's case most of the time; I lost nothing to six'. They probably know it is not right, and I will teach them to say correctly six love or love six. If you are going to teach a game to any group of youngsters no matter what the game might be, you have to teach them the correct rules in every detail, and correct conversation regarding the game goes with these rules. My tennis boys are going to play correctly and converse correctly regarding the game, or I will get another group of tennis player," concluded

Koch, and from the deep frown of determination on his rusty face, we are guessing that he might get a new group anyway. It is evident that he is going to rule the courts with an iron hand. He will brook no unorthodox strokes. The Blinn college grip, made famous by Lewis Hilley, will have no place on the tennis courts of A & M, so long as Koch is coach. And the first A & M tennis player who runs around his backhand will be expelled from the Aggie courts by the old tennis master. It is said that it took lots of pull and pressure down at A & M for Koch to land the job. He went before the athletic council with so many recommendations concerning his tennis coaching ability that he had to make two trips, but he really did not get the job till he gave his ideas of thics and courtesies on the courts. Even then he was unable to wheedle the Aggie athletic authorities out of a long-time contract. His contract is for only one year, and a long-time contract will hinge on how well he handles the tennis situation at A & M. His job is not an easy one. The tennis outlook at A & M is far from rosy. The old school has dropped far behind in the college tennis parade, but Koch says he is the man that can get A & M out of its tennis rut.

Magliolo to Play Guard On Longhorn Team This Season

Head coach Blair Cherry of the University of Texas has announced that the Longhorn football team will boast the services of Joe Magliolo, veteran blocking back, next season. Magliolo missed the last six games in the 1946 season because of a broken arm but would be in a position to interfere with any would-be tacklers this coming year.

Basketball Contest Coupon

This is the fifth in a series of coupons to be published in the Battalion before each conference game played by A. & M. This coupon must be filled out and returned to the Student Activities office by noon Monday, February 3.

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Aggie Cage Squad to Meet Texans in Austin Monday

The Aggie cage squad will take on the highly-touted Longhorns next Monday in Austin for the first tilt of the season between the two rivals.

Only three days after their match with Baylor University the Aggies will meet the Steers who have been lying idle since their game with Rice on January 18. Boasting the services of some of the leading hardwood aces in the southwest, the Steers are leading the conference to date along with Arkansas.

Probable starters for the Ags will be Bill Batey and Don Volding at forward, either Glynn Smith or Bob Kamperman at center, and Homer Adams and Mike Garcia at guard. The addition of Lynn Smith to the team and the possible use of Buddy Moore will give Marty Karow a full strength squad plus capable reserves.

Texas' overall picture for the season, both conference and non-conference games, is 14 wins and one loss, including a win over powerful Long Island University. A&M is lagging somewhat with seven wins and nine losses, including two wins and two losses.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	Won	Lost	Pct.
Arkansas	4	0	1.000
Texas	4	0	1.000
SMU	2	1	.666
A&M	2	2	.500
Baylor	2	3	.400
Rice	1	4	.200
TCU	0	5	.000

Football Schedule For '47 Announced

The Aggies plan to play three, perhaps four games on Kyle Field next fall during the football season. Games with Baylor, SMU, and Texas are definitely set for College Station with a possible game with the Southwestern University on tap.

Here is the schedule as announced earlier this week by the Athletic Department.

Sept. 20—Open Date*
Sept. 27—Texas Tech, San Antonio
Oct. 4—Oklahoma, Norman.
Oct. 11—LSU, Baton Rouge.
Oct. 18—TCU, Fort Worth.
Oct. 25—Baylor, College Station.
Nov. 1—Arkansas, Fayetteville.
Nov. 8—SMU, College Station.
Nov. 15—Rice, Houston.
Nov. 27—Texas, College Station.

*Open date will probably be Southwestern University.

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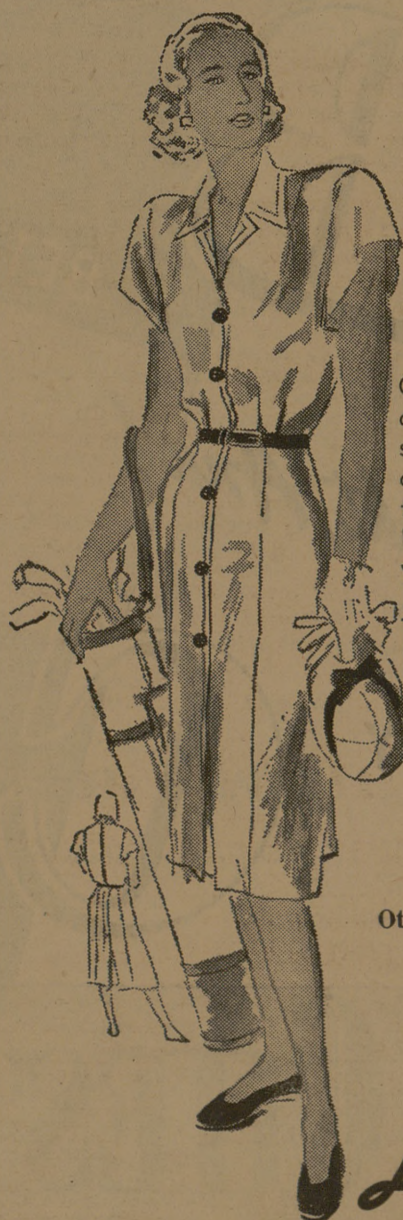
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