

FROM THIS ANGLE

by LARRY GOODWYN

Aggie Cagers Get Last Shot at Glory

The Aggies get what looks to be just about their last chance to salvage some glory from the current basketball season when they meet Texas in DeWare Field House, Saturday night.



Goodwyn

All hopes for even a fourth place ranking in the conference race were blown up Wednesday night by a high-flying Rice quintet that turned on the heat to upset the Aggies in the second half of this game in Houston.

So Saturday night definitely is IT. And, all things being equal, the Aggies could, conceivably, come through and knock Jack Gray's hot-shots from their lofty perch. The 'Sips have everything to lose and nothing to gain by playing the Aggies. They can hardly afford to drop their first conference game this late in the race with the all-important Texas-Arkansas series still to be played.

Baseball Prospects Look Good

Lil Dimmitt, head baseball mentor for the Aggies, released his incomplete baseball schedule Saturday and a bit of crystal-gazing on the future team. Baseball does not get underway in the Southwest Conference until March 1, and coaches are not permitted to work with the teams until that date.

Returning letter-men include ten players from the 46 squad and four from earlier teams. These returnees are pitchers Earl Beesley, Bing Turner, and Arthur Burch; second basemen, Red Burditt and Tex Thornton; shortstops, Cotton Lindoff and Russell Mays; third baseman, Julian Pressly and outfielders Herbert Moon, Floyd DeLafosse, Zeke Strange, Peck Vass, and Willie Williamson. Leo Daniel, All-Conference fielder in '42 and

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when they have beaten the 'Sips, have usually managed to perform said feat at College Station. The Farmers luck in Austin's Gregory Gymnasium is strictly nil. Last year, the Aggies, after dropping a not-too-close game to the Steers in Austin, came back to win the return game in a thriller here at College Station.

And once before, if memory serves correct, back in the distant past, a woebegone Aggie team beat one of the greatest teams Texas ever put on a basketball floor; the margin of victory was one point and, you guessed it, the game was played at College Station.

That was back in 1940 or '41 when Texas was led by their great All-American Bobby Moers. The Aggies won it in the last second of play when a substitute guard sank a midcourt set shot to win, 53-52. To make things even more interesting, the gun went off while the ball was still in air.

Well, it could happen again. And we can't think of any better way to spend next Saturday night than seeing Marty Karow's crew reap some long overdue revenge with the 'Sips playing the role of the victims. If the Aggies can somehow lasso John Hargis, it might happen. Anyway, here's hoping. See you out at the game.

Owls Rally in Second Half to Defeat Aggies 53-48



Joe Pettit
'B' Team Spark

Rice "B" Cagers Stop Aggies, 52-40

The Rice Owl "B" team defeated the Aggie "B" squad by a score of 52 to 40 in a game played as a preliminary to the Rice-Aggie game in Houston Wednesday night.

The Owlets were paced by Spruill and Squires who made 15 and 11 points respectively while Jim Kirkland made 10 to lead the Aggies, followed closely by Joe Pettit with nine.

The game was close through the early stages with the Owls holding a narrow 20-18 margin at half-time but the hometowners pulled away in the second half to win easily.

Five Instructors Added To Electrical Eng. Dept.

Five instructors have been added to the electrical engineering staff, M. C. Hughes, department head, announced recently. They are F. L. Thomas Jr., Alton Sisson, George W. Wehman, Joe Benish and Lynn H. Grasshoff. Benish, Grasshoff and Sisson are A. & M. graduates of 1942 who are returning after army and industrial experience, while Wehman, a Texas Tech graduate, has been promoted from a graduate assistantship. Thomas graduated from Annapolis in 1942 after spending two previous years at A. & M. Hughes also announced appointment of William H. Martin, graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as graduate assistant.

Aggies Tangle With 'Sips At DeWare Gym Saturday

Meeting on the hardwood for the last time this basketball season, the Texas Aggies and the Texas Longhorns tangle Saturday night at DeWare Field House. The game, which is slated to begin at 8 p.m. will be preceded by a game matching the "B" squads of the two schools.

Moncrief Signs Pro Football Contract

Monte Moncrief, three-time letter-man and twice all-Southwest Conference tackle, signed a contract to play professional football next season with the Green Bay Packers of the National Professional Football League.

Moncrief, one of the classiest linemen ever to don the Maroon and white said he would remain in school through the spring and summer semesters and join the Packers late in the summer. He plans to return to college next spring to finish his course in Veterinary Medicine. After graduating in June of '48, Moncrief said he plans to play football and open a practice in Green Bay.

Baseball Films

The Geology Club will show two sports films at its next meeting, slated for February 19. Both films will be concerning baseball and are entitled, "Circling the Bases" and "Inside Baseball".

Site for the meeting has not yet been selected but will be announced as soon as possible.

Fossil Meteorites Rare

Records of fossil meteorites are extremely scarce. Neither the iron nor the stone variety last very long, in a geological sense of time, because the rapid disintegration they undergo, and such meteorites as exist are buried deep in underground strata.

There are approximately 8,272,000 people at work on farms in the United States today, a seven per cent increase over a year ago.

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Bob Kamperman
Center May Worry 'Sips

Swimming Team In Intrasquad Match

Taking a rest from conference competition, the Aggie Swimming team will stage an intra-squad match Saturday night in P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium.

Persons holding even numbered coupon books will be admitted to the event, but seating will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, since the seating capacity at the Natatorium is limited.

The team will be divided into the Maroons and Whites for Saturday's meet. With the top performers of the team matched against one another to provide a fast match.

Already this season, the Aggie swimming team has defeated Oklahoma University, Dallas Athletic Club, and Southern Methodist University, and they are pointing toward the conference championship, now held by Texas U.

A & M, T.u on Air

The basketball game between Texas and A&M at DeWare Field House Saturday night will be broadcast for the benefit of those unfortunates who won't be a member of the chosen few that'll see the contest.

WTAW will carry the game with Mark Halleck and Wally Pierre at the mike to bring a play-by-play account of the game.

A & M Leads, 30-24 At Half But Withers In Final Periods

The Aggie basketball team was back in College Station today sharpening its wares for Saturday night's meeting with the Texas Longhorns following the Farmer's defeat at the hands of the Rice Owls 53 to 48 in Houston Wednesday night.

The off-beaten Owls, who before the game were waging a battle with the winless T.C.U. Horned Frogs for the Southwest Conference cellar, played one of their best games of the season to lead most of the game and win going away.

The win gave the Owls an even break with the Aggies in the two-game conference series between the two schools as the latter had copped the first meeting, 52 to 39 at College Station.

The Owls started off with a bang as Harmen Walters, flashy Rice guard, sank a two-pointer in the opening seconds but the Aggies quickly rallied to forge into an 8 to 3 lead after two minutes and a 14-6 advantage with 5 minutes gone.

At this point, the Owls staged a comeback of their own and with Walters showing the way, cut the Aggie lead to 15-14 with nine minutes to play in the first half.

But the Aggies had one more punch to swing, and stretched their margin to an impressive 30 to 24 margin at halftime.

The second half, however, was a different story. The Owls couldn't miss. Right after the opening of the second half, the Birds poured nine points through the hoop while holding the Farmers to a single free toss and took a 33 to 32 lead. The two teams then traded baskets until the Owls took the lead for good with six minutes to play at 44-43.

Walters was high scorer for the night, dunking in 15 counters while Bill Batey came out of his recent slump to pace the Aggie attack with 10 points.

The loss was the Aggies' fifth in conference play against two victories. The Owls have now won two and dropped six.

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MIKE GARCIA, '50
Aggie Basketball Team

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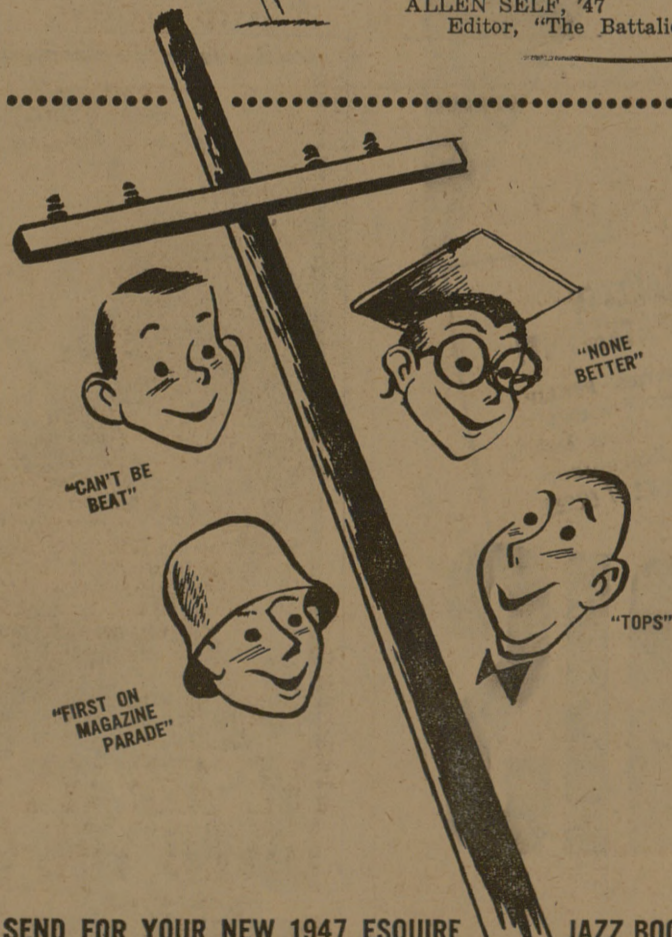


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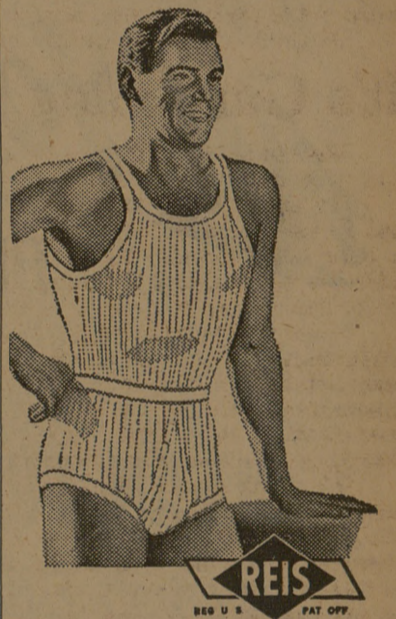
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