

Basketball Team Starts Two-Game Series With SE Oklahoma Tonight

ON KYLE FIELD

By PAUL MARTIN

SMU Prospects Dim for Repeat of '47 Grid Performance as Seven Linemen Out

Before closing the doors on the 1947 grid season and looking to the basketball season that is already in progress, we might as well take a look at next year's football prospects.

Southern Methodist, undisputed SWC champions this year, will have back next season the entire backfield that set the conference on fire in the past two months and in addition, the highly-touted Kyle Rote will be eligible for varsity berth when the time comes. With Doak Walker, Gil Johnson, Paul Page, Dick McKisack, and Co., how could the red and blue go wrong? Only one thing stands in the way of their fielding an even better squad next year: Seven of the fourteen linemen are leaving.

Texas Christian boasts a large crop of sophomores and juniors and should have essentially the same team that wound up in third spot this year. Lanny Berry and Pete Stout will be back to spark the attack plus a fine aggregation of linemen.

Rice Institute will lose comparatively few men, the heaviest loss

being back George Walmsley. Other than that, the Owls should not be weakened to any great degree by losses.

Arkansas will have back with it the one-man team who sparked the Forkers to what few victories it did manage. Clyde Scott has announced that, though he is eligible to graduate by taking work in the summer, will not leave until after the '48 season.

Baylor promises little more than a mediocre team though young Bob Woodruff will be in a better position to use what talent he has. Bobby Griffin, the flashy fullback who, along with Lyle Blackwood, sparked the Bruins this year, will be back and the biggest loss appears to be in Center Ollie Jack.

A&M suffered a heavier loss in players this year than at any time since 1941. Twelve men on the first string have hung up their maroon and white doekings for probably the last time. We say "probably" because some of these men have eligibility left but are slated to graduate.



DERYL (BILLY) TURNBOW, a product of Perrin, is a forward on the Cadet hardwood squad. He is slated to start tonight against the visiting cage squad from Southeast Oklahoma which is the first in a two-game series between the two teams, the second being Saturday night.

Aggies in Second Game of '47 Season; Playing Time Set for Eight O'clock

By ART HOWARD

One of the highest-scoring Aggie Basketball teams in several years will take the floor at 8 p. m., in DeWare Field House tonight in the first of a two game series with Southwestern Oklahoma Teachers College. In their first game of the season last Monday the Aggies equaled their last season's high score of 63 points, and indications are that they will do even better tonight.

In spite of their impressive start, Coach Marty Karow has been working his team hard this week. With only one starter over 6' 2", Karow is worried about getting the ball off the backboard and has been working his squad on rebound practice. The team has also been working on their passing plays to speed up their scoring rate. Aggie guard Bill Batey will be required to wear glasses if he gives the ball to any more maroon-clad players when the Aggies are wearing the white jerseys, according to Coach Karow.

No doubt the Farmer team will be slowed up tonight because of the temporary loss of razzle-dribble Mike Garcia. Mike will rest tonight and possibly tomorrow night also on doctor's orders because of an injury suffered in practice last week. He has not been able to work out steadily recently, and consequently he is not in top form as yet.

Potent Bill Batey has been shifted to the guard position to give him a chance to shoot his long shots and let the taller boys get under the basket. Batey was the high-scoring man on the Aggie team last year and made 17 points last Monday in the season opener.

As the season goes on there will be a fight for the center spot on the squad with Bob Kamperman and Don Volding vying for starting honors. Both men have shown up well in practice and Coach Karow may alternate them in competition. Kamperman has looked good in the scoring column while Volding does his best fighting for the ball.

Not overly optimistic, Coach Marty Karow said that the caliber of his squad will be proved by this time next week. After tomorrow's and Saturday's game with SE Oklahoma, the Cadets will be host to the East Texas Teachers College here Monday or Tuesday night. Should the Farmers come through with wins, prospects will look good for a few conference wins.

A&M is expected to have a much better season this year than last in conference play, due to the weakening of the other teams as much as the added polish of the Aggies. Texas has only three men returning from their Conference Championship squad last year, and they may have trouble filling the gap left by All-America John Hargis.

Coupon holders having surnames starting with A to G inclusive will be given priority for admittance at the game tonight; if the gym is not filled by 7:45 p. m., it will be opened to other coupon holders and to the public. Tomorrow night surnames H to O will be admitted first.



MIKE GARCIA, flashy Aggie guard, may not be able to play tonight in the clash with Southwestern Oklahoma because of earlier injuries. The 6 foot two inch cager earned a letter last year and has two years of eligibility left.

Louis Confident In Bout With Walcott

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—Coldly confident, Joe Louis closes hard training today for his world heavyweight title defense against Jersey Joe Walcott in Madison Square Garden tonight.

"I will win," said Joe as he prepared to do a final four rounds publicly at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and then rest up for his 24th fight with champion Walcott, hopeful but silent, about the gates on his last workout at Grenloch Park, N. J.

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Rule Changes Have Little Effect On 1947-48 Basketball

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 5 (AP)—There will be few changes in the way basketball is played this season. Even those who will not be apparent to the spectators.

For that matter, not many people pay attention to the rules anyway. If their team is losing the officials are bound to be calling them wrong. That's why one prominent official said not long ago: "If I'm going to have to be called a so-and-so I at least ought to have more money. I don't like to be called one for what I'm getting now."

The Southwest Conference raised the pay from \$25.00 to \$40.00 last spring. Now, the fans should be able to call the officials so-and-sos without so many gripes from the referees and umpires.

Here are the only changes of note in the basketball rules:

Last year the officials informed the coaches when there were only four minutes left to play. Wholesale substitutions could be made at that time. From then on, however, just one at a time could be made. This season time will stop automatically on all dead balls in the last three minutes but the coaches won't be informed on how much time is left. Unlimited substitution may be made.

In other words, there was nothing but confusion resulting from the four-minute rule. There's no use in stopping the game to virtually ask the coach to make substitutions.

Fouls that occur when play is suspended will be technical instead of personal and the ball will go out of bounds to the offended team. The purpose of this rule is to have fouls called instead of being ignored. Personal fouls hurt a lot more than technicals because they can get players out of the game.

Champions Hold Long Reign As Boxing Business Becomes Art

By R. L. BILLINGSLEY

With the approach of the fistic encounter between champion Joe Louis and chief contender Jersey Joe Walcott tonight, we are given pause to survey the balance of the other recognized world titles and become confronted with one foreboding fact. Of the seven popular club weight divisions, five have been converted into virtual monopolies by their respective titleholders, and for a business that boasts short reigns there are quite a few long term leases being held.

To anyone who has an ear for the radio or an eye for the press there is no need explaining that friend Joseph Louis Barrow first blew into New York from Detroit as a promising lightweight prospect, and smashed his way into the highest pugilistic office in the world, he has been an unsurpassed leader in his field. Not so well known but just as firmly entrenched are some of the less weighty champions, who, despite their lack of million-dollar gate publicity, put up the same kind of show as the larger guns and in so doing bring sport to the two dollar ticket crowd.

Since he inherited Billy Conn's outgrown trunks in 1941, Gus Lesnevich has been pushing the lightheavies around rather forcibly, and promises fair to continue the showing routine. The middleweight crown, in the possession of popular Tony Zale from 1941 until this summer, suffers not one bit from lack of competition because of the presence of the fiery Rocky "Bad Boy" Graziano, but due to the Rock's bad service publicity and several run-ins with state boxing commissions, his chances of being nationally recognized as possessor of the title are slim. Although not so long a holder of his office as his co-champions, "Sugar Ray" Robinson has so thoroughly left hooded his way into the welterweight berth that when the N.R.A. issued its annual report, they made no mention of challengers, but only of outstanding boxers in the field.

Although he was temporarily slid under during the war months, little Willie Pep has held the flyweight reigns with such length and firmness that only the fight fans with heads remember his predecessor. Literally his time hasn't been quite that long, but he has held the title for such a length of time that he wears it with more familiarity than his given name.

The explanations for these mass monopolies are many and varied. The most obvious reason of course would be the extraordinary ability that seems to have appeared from all directions at once. Louis' twenty one successful defenses of his crown, Robinson's vicious slashing style, and Lesnevich's array of floored opponents support this theory well. Then too,

during the war years, the promising boys were gaining weight on army potatoes, managers and trainers went into more lucrative fields, and the gyms and stables were generally barren. It takes several bouts, a rigorous training schedule and that old element time to round a likely puncher into a title contender, and the new crop of talent simply hasn't had the time to come up to the lower rope.

In general, professional boxing has grown up during the past decade, and the late trend of exerted stays may well become the rule rather than the exception. With no end in sight of the growing Louis legend, the extremely popular Brown Bomber serves as an indicator of this possibility. In fact if you will the list of men who have stepped into the squared circle for a second try at Jolting Joe, Max Schmeling's old Louis in a non-title fight, came back for another go, and is still readjusting his jaw.

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