

A&M Water Polo Club, Texas In Return Match Here Thursday

The undefeated Aggie water polo team goes after victory number three tomorrow afternoon at 5:10 p. m. when they take on the Texas Aquatics in P. L. Downs Natatorium. In two previous outings this year the Aggie swimmers have downed Baylor and TU by one-sided scores and will be favored to rack up number three tomorrow.

With as fine an array of swimmers as is to be found in the nation A&M undoubtedly has one of the top water polo teams of the nation and admittedly the best in the Southwest. An Aggie team was taken to Detroit for the Senior Nationals last summer, and although they lost two games, they made an excellent showing against more experienced teams and lost by only one goal each time.

This is the first water polo team that A&M has had since 1942 and the men are all short on experience, but as the season progresses the Farmers have a good chance of becoming the power that they were before the war when they held the National Collegiate Championship.

The A&M crew has speed to burn and as can be seen by the scores so far this year is developing an offense that will be hard to equal.

Last weekend the Aggie aquatics took the teapessers into camp 17 to 5 in a 50 foot course which was a definite advantage for the Texas team since the Aggies are used to practicing and playing on a longer course. Therefore there is little chance but to pick A&M for another one-sided victory.

In that the water polo team is not sponsored by the Athletic Department, coupon books will not be honored and admission will be 25 cents plus tax.

Starting lineups will be:

A&M	Position	Texas
Fisher	LF	Pyor
Riley	RF	Taylor
Heeman	CF	Gilbert
Summers	CB	Cook
Green	LB	Anderson
Fleming	RB	Shively
Kruse	G	Raidall

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Aggies Hit Road for First Time Saturday

Ag Cagers Batting 500 in More Ways Than One Thus Far

A&M's Basketball team is strictly a 50-50 team as far as statistics are concerned, having made the same number of field goals, free throws, and total points as their opponents while winning two out of four games.

The only department in which the Aggies are leading is in the fewer fouls committed, with 78 to their opponent's 82. Not counted are technical fouls received in the SE Oklahoma game.

Aside from the statistics the Farmers are away ahead. In spite of being a short team they have held their own in getting rebounds off the board. Ahead or behind, the Aggie quintet has continued to hustle and fight for the ball. Bill Batey and Billy Turnbow are both only six feet tall, but they are the best A&M players under the basket and have been taking the ball away from taller men.

Gene Schrickel's speciality is shooting from the side of the court and he has made about half of his tries from this difficult angle. Schrickel is also good at fighting for the ball and fast-breaking on the offense.

Two Aggies who have been playing basketball together on and off for the last eight years are Mike Garcia and Bob Hovel. They were both guards for Jefferson High in San Antonio back in '39 and '40. Mike has been doing alright in spite of a recent injury but Hovel has not been playing at top form as yet. Garcia was voted the most valuable player last year and has shown signs of hitting his old form again this season.

One unusual thing about Mike is that when he gets hot and starts hitting, the rest of the team begins to click too.

Two Aggie players, Sam Jenkins and Buddy Moore, have been fighting it out for a forward starting post. Both men have been playing good ball and may continue to alternate the rest of the year.

Coach Marty Karow has had a little trouble at the center position. Big Bob Kamperman is second high scorer on the Aggie team with 34 points, but his defensive work has not been as good as expected. Don Volding and Bubba Williamson have been snubbing in for Kamperman, but neither of them are able to hit the basket as well as Big Bob.

ton Caffey, Alan Pike, John Cooke, Carl Knox and Wayne Pitcock are lost. The Frogs will have a great line and a backfield geared to Pete Stout and Lindy Berry, two of the best in the country.

Rice is probably the hardest hit of any with eleven lettermen, more than half of them regulars, leaving the Owl campus.

Baylor loses eight but plenty returning. The Bears' right now look like first-division finishers.

Texas A. & M. sees a dozen lettermen depart with few good prospects coming up from the freshmen. Things don't look any better for A&M next season than they did last campaign.

Arkansas loses ten but only four of them were starters. Clyde Scott returns and that's a fine start on rebuilding the backfield which loses only Aubrey Fowler among the regulars.

Texas will lose ten lettermen, including Bobby Layne, Max Bumgardner and guards Joe Mitchell and Joe Magliolo. With the big, capable squad Texas had, that doesn't seem like an excessive loss except for Layne. You just don't replace backs like Layne without loss of strength.

Since the fans will forget it anyway by next fall we feel safe in predicting this 1948 finish:

1. Texas Christian.
2. Southern Methodist.
3. Texas.
4. Baylor.
5. Arkansas.
6. Rice.
7. Texas A. & M.

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GENE SCHRICKEL, 6' 0" (left), and BUBBA WILLIAMSON, are being counted on to help the Aggie offense. Schrickel, who plays the guard position, made 9 points in the last game. Tall Williamson alternates between the center and forward position.

A&M Basketball Season Statistics

(Including game of December 8)

	G	FG	FT	FTA	PF	TP	HOME
Bill Turnbow, f	4	11	4	7	16	26	Perrin
Sam Jenkins, f	4	6	3	3	10	15	El Paso
Bobby Moore, f	4	4	3	8	8	11	Reagan
Bob Hovel, f	3	0	0	1	0	0	San Antonio
Rufus Williamson, f-c	4	1	3	5	3	5	Port Arthur
Bob Kamperman, c	4	9	16	26	11	34	Dallas
Don Volding, c	4	3	2	5	6	8	El Campo
Mike Garcia, g	4	5	5	12	6	15	San Antonio
Bill Batey, g-f	4	17	12	20	9	46	Moulton
Ollie Schrickel, g	4	7	7	11	8	21	Arlington
Joe Pettit, g	4	0	0	0	1	0	Dallas
Bill Townsend, g	1	0	0	0	0	2	Coushatta, L.
Totals	4	64	55	98	78	183	Texas A&M
	4	64	55	88	82	183	Opponents

Mural Champs Are Of Handball Club

The champs have been crowned winning two fast games 21-9, 21-12. Every participant in the final round of the tourney was a member of the A&M Handball Club.

This is the second doubles title for Scheumack, who is housemaster of Puryear Hall. He teamed up with Connally after they played each other last year.

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Height Becomes Problem to Basketball Fans; May Replace Skill on Hardwoods

As basketball becomes more and more a big-time sport, drawing larger crowds, the hunt for players is becoming a national pastime. Because of the nature of the game, altitude is so stressed as to breed teams of men that a coach would be expected to stop on the street and invite to join his basketball squad without inquiring whether or not the prospect could move faster than a slow walk.

This fondness for height could turn a contest between players into a contest between scouts, the scout producing the tallest players being the winner, of course. Herb Graffis, in writing for the December issue of Esquire, suggests that to combat this menace to hardwood classics, shorter players either be equipped with climbers like those used by telephone linemen or be permitted to throw rocks at their taller opponents.

A&M faces a handicap this season because of this lack of height. The tallest man on the A&M team is six foot four and there are only two of these, Bob Kamperman and Don Volding. This lack of altitude hurt when tangleing with the tall Savages from Southeastern Oklahoma Teachers College.

Texas University boasts six foot seven inch center John Langdon while TCU has six foot eight inch Glenn Harry along with three other men topping six foot four mark. Nolan Weeks, Orvel Hutto, and Frank Kudlaty.

Arkansas is again out with an entire team that needs to look up to nobody. The Porkers invariably come out with an aggregation of cagers who sneer at anything less than six three.

Turf Conference Teams to Vie In Ft. Worth Tourney

The Second Annual Conference on Turf in the Southwest will be held on the campus January 15 through 14, according to Victor E. Schember, Chairman of the Texas Turf Association.

Daily sessions, discussing the regulation of soil to growth of turf, rodent and insect control, turf diseases and other related topics will be open to the public.

To aid in the improvement of turf in Texas, a research program is being investigated under the sponsorship of this association. The growing of better turfs on lawns, cemeteries, airfields, and golf courses is the purpose of the investigation.

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