

Aggies Leave On Eastern Trip After Taking 2 Wins Over 'kats

Fish, B Teams Combine to Take Easy Win Over Sam Houston Bees, 60-37

The Texas Aggie Freshman and B basketball teams combined to stampede the visiting Sam Houston Bees 60-37. Getting off to a slow start, only 11 points were scored in the first ten minutes of play, the Cadets making ten of these. In the whole game, the Fish scored 38 of the 60 points.

With 12 minutes gone, the Farmers went on a scoring spree, racking up 22 points, while the Junior Bearkats dropped in 11 tallies in an effort to close the gap. At half-time, A&M held a 32-12 lead. Bearkat Jack Calvert came back strong after the intermission to ring up three fast buckets but little Jack Miller, high-point man with ten counts, paced the tall visitor point for point.

With time running out, the Aggies turned on the steam to bring the count up to 60 points, where, holding a sizable lead, they pumped up the remaining seconds.

Game Statistics

	FG	FT	PF	TP
A&M	12	20	12	44
Melcher	1	0	0	2
Wallace	1	0	0	2
Moon	1	0	0	2
Mobley	2	0	0	4
Sutton	2	0	0	4
DeWitt	1	0	0	2
Sommers	0	0	0	0
Pickens	2	0	0	4
Swan	1	0	0	2
Martin	1	0	0	2
Barton	1	0	0	2
Carlson	2	0	0	4
Hovell	1	0	0	2
Miller	1	0	0	2
Whittaker	1	1	1	3
Langston	2	0	0	4
Kirkland	2	0	0	4
Townsend	1	0	0	2
Eckles	1	0	0	2
Totals	30	3	12	40
Sam Houston	10	12	12	32
Ellis	1	0	0	2
Collins	1	0	0	2
Sherman	2	0	0	4
Hadaway	2	0	0	4
Miller	2	0	0	4
Nelson	2	0	0	4
Calvert	1	1	1	3
King	0	0	0	0
Nowak	0	0	0	0
Magee	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	5	8	27

VSA to Sponsor Army-Navy Game On Kyle Field

A plan for a VSA sponsored Army-Navy football game was presented for the approval of the Veteran Student Association at their first general meeting held Monday night. The game will be played on Kyle Field, February 21, and will be followed by a dance in Sbisla Hall.

General Jonathan Wainwright and Admiral Chester Nimitz will be asked to attend as guest of honor. Army and Navy sweethearts to be chosen from ex-WACS and ex-WAVES attending southwestern colleges, will be presented between halves.

It was suggested that the proceeds from this game, and the dance be used as a foundation for building a fund to be used for the erection of a memorial to the Aggies who lost their lives in World War II.

A proposed constitutional amendment providing for a run-off election in case a candidate for office does not have a 50% majority of the votes cast, will be voted on at the next general meeting.

Following the business session Dan Russell, of the agricultural economics and sociology department, spoke to the group of approximately 175 veteran students on the "Sex Habits of the American Male".

Ray Chaate, passer for the Mississippi freshman football team, throws footballs with his right hand, but golfs left-handed. He holds several links titles.



BILL TOWNSEND, 5' 11" guard from Coushatta, La., is one of the top Aggie subs who left with the team this morning.

Team Left for Ohio Today With Four Wins Out of Six Games This Season

Head basketball Coach Marty Karow and twelve Texas Aggie cagers left by train at 9:50 this morning on the first leg of the Eastern circuit.

Clashes with Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland, Ohio State in Columbus, and Seton Hall in South Orange, New Jersey are slated for December 19, 20, and 22 respectively.

Aggies making the trip will be Forwards Billy Turnbow, Sam Jenkins, Buddy Moore, Bob Hoyel, Jim Kirkland, Centers Bob Kamperman, Bubba Williamson, and Don Volding, Guards Gene Schrickel, Mike Garcia, Joe Pettit, Bill Townsend, and Bill Batey, who plays both forward and guard.

First stop will be Dallas and after that St. Louis, Columbus, Cleveland, and New York, and return through Cincinnati, Memphis and Dallas, arriving back in College Station 4:47 a.m. Christmas morning.

Baldwin Wallace has six games under its belt to date, winning four and losing two. The Yellow Jackets dropped their opener to Akron University 63-54 but bounced back to dislodge Oberlin College 64-48. Goodyear College bowed 66-45. Other opponents included John Carroll University, Otterbein College, and Ohio Wesleyan.

Ohio State has only two games gone, a 62-53 defeat at the hands of Oklahoma and a tilt with Marquette. Every man on the 16 man squad is a sophomore. The Buckeyes boast a taller team than A&M and one with about the same amount of experience. Eleven of the 16 hosts are six feet two and above.

The Farmers will get a four day rest before journeying to Fort Worth to take part in the Fort Worth Invitation Tournament with SMU, TCU, TWC, and North Texas. The Tourney takes place December 29, 30, and 31.

SMU May Lose To A Tough Defense

By GAIL FOWLER

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Southern Methodist's football brain trust already knows its Cotton Bowl opponent—Penn State set an all-time defense record against rushing this year and turned in the best total defense mark since 1937.

But if the Mustangs figure their best bet against the Nittany Lions is through the air, let them cogitate that on a percentage basis Penn State's aerial umbrella the past season was the most effective in the nation. Only 27.2 per cent of enemy tosses found their mark.

On the customary basis of yards yielded per game, North Carolina State nosed out Colorado College for the pass defense crown, while Penn State hogged total and rushing defense honors.

The National Collegiate Athletic Bureau, in releasing final defense statistics today, did a little research and came up with the information that Penn State now holds both ground and air defense records.

Back in 1938 the Staters set three pass defense records that still stand. Foes that year completed only 10 passes in eight games, for average gains of 13.1 yards per game and 1.78 yards per pass attempt.

This year the Lions held their nine foes to an average of only 17 ground yards per game. Against both rushes and passes Penn State yielded 76.8 yards per game, lowest since Santa Clara's record 69.9 in 1937.

Thus Penn State not only reversed the trend by setting a terrific defensive pace in a season dedicated to offense, but the Lions also won over-all statistical honors. They finished fourth in total offense with 363.9 yards averaged per game, and second in rushing offense behind leading Detroit, with 301.4.

So the Staters hold a 287.1 yards per game advantage over their opponents' gains, followed by Notre Dame, 240.4, and Michigan 221.3. Michigan won the total offense crown with the Irish second.

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Varsity Runs Up High Score in First Half Before Coasting to 57-47 Win

By DON ENGLEKING

After a sparkling first half performance the Aggies coasted to 57 to 47 victory over the Sam Houston State Teachers College Bearkats last night in their last home basketball game before the Conference race starts January 9. This was the second meeting of the two teams this season and the victory gave the Aggies a clean sweep of the Bearkat series.

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Aggie Tracksters Preparing For Spring Athletics

By H. V. SHELBY

Although the first scheduled track meet for the Aggies is not until March 5, the fine cadet mile relay team will get into competition early. The team will compete in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day in a feature mile relay event. It will run against Louisiana State U., last year's Southern Conference champions and the Oklahoma Aggies who were tops in the Missouri Valley area last year.

The team is composed of the same four men who suffered defeat only once last year and was considered one of the best mile quartets in the country. The three clads who will run New Year's Day are Art Harden, Ervin Eilderbeck, Ray Holbrook and Bill Napier.

About twenty lettermen will be back this season besides the four previously mentioned. These include Webb Jay, L. A. Wilson and D. D. Williamson in the dashes; Carroll Hahn in the 880 yard run; C. S. Ludwig in the middle distances; L. A. Stone and J. M. McGlothlin in the mile run and R. E. Hall running the low hurdles. In the two mile will be Jerry Bonnen and J. D. Hampton.

George Kadera, F. C. Young and Bob Goode return in the weights. Art Haws and Al Ricks in the high jump, Jimmy Hill and Al Ricks in the broad jump and Leroy Bodeman, Johnny Davis, Jack Quarry and L. B. Tate in pole vaulting round out the field events.

Some of the returning lettermen have not been here for several seasons as in the case of Al Ricks, who has jugged four seasons, he is described by Colonel Anderson as the best all around jumper and vaulter that A&M has ever had. D. R. Mitchell, who won the 440 yard dash and Gene Salmon, who placed fourth in the discus throw in the state high school track meet last year should strengthen the Aggies chances for another conference championship this season.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 (AP)—Blackjack Billy Fox of Philadelphia will fight champion Gus Lesnevich for the world's light-heavyweight boxing title at Madison Square Garden on March 5, Fox's manager announced today.

Bearkat center Murray Mitchell, who was high scorer for the night with 23 points, opened the scoring with a two pointer before the game was a minute old. Gene Schrickel, who played a great first half for the Aggies, duplicated Mitchell's feat a few seconds later and before three minutes were gone another goal by Sam Jenkins sent the Aggies into the lead which they managed to hold for the remainder of the contest.

Schrickel and Jenkins were the sparks of the cadet offense until Aggie forward Bill Batey got hot toward the close of the half. In the last three minutes of the first half Batey sunk three goals to send the Aggies ahead 32 to 18 at the intermission.

Three field goals during the first few minutes of the second half gave the Aggies a 19 point lead which was the largest margin between the two teams all night.

During the last ten minutes of the game the Bearkats began to find their range and made a battle of it for the remainder of the contest. Mitchell showed his stuff as the Bearkats' ace by making 8 points in 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Batey, who started hitting the hoop again toward the close of the game, was high point man for the Aggies with 16 markers.

The Aggies played some of their worst basketball of the season in the second half. Bad passing and ballhandling on the part of the Aggies was quite obvious.

With eight minutes still remaining in the game five Aggies had accumulated four fouls each. As a result Billy Turnbow and Mike Garcia fouled out with three minutes of playing time still remaining.

Disregarding their spotty performances during the second half, the Aggies showed that they have the stuff to win basketball games by their classy first half exhibition.

Statistics:

	FG	FT	PF	TP
A&M	12	20	12	44
F Turnbow	3	2	5	8
F Jenkins	3	2	2	8
C Kamperman	2	4	4	8
G Batey	7	2	4	16
G Schrickel	5	0	4	10
G Garcia	1	0	5	2
F Moore	0	1	3	1
F Williamson	2	0	2	4
G Pettit	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	11	29	57
Sam Houston	8	7	3	23
F Mitchell	3	3	3	9
F Phillips	1	0	1	2
C Walker	1	3	3	5
G Elkins	2	0	2	4
G Hobbs	0	0	0	0
G Birtchett	1	1	3	3
G Ellis	0	1	2	1
G Reynolds	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	15	19	47

Athletic Council Date Not Yet Set

No meeting of the Athletic Council has yet been called for the nomination of a new head coach for A&M, R. Henderson Shuffler announced today.

Shuffler, director of information and publication, said that no information was available regarding the sum of money paid Head Football Coach Homer Norton.

Purity Code Of NCAA Approved By SWC Heads

DALLAS, Dec. 17 (AP)—Executive Secretary James H. Stewart said yesterday the Southwest Conference has solved its problems in recruiting and subsidization of athletes and he predicted it would have no further trouble along this line.

Stewart, who was in effect given the power of a commissioner by the faculty committee of the conference meeting here over the week-end, declared that the banning of outside aid to athletes through rules "with teeth in them" and a wholehearted pledge of co-operation from the athletic directors of all seven schools had put the conference in full accord with the so-called "purity code" recommended to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and which is due to be acted upon in January. In fact, said Stewart, the conference has gone even further.

Now financial aid in any way outside the schools is prohibited and the aid that can be given by the schools has been raised sufficiently to prevent any objections to what may be obtained. Athletic scholarships make possible payment of a boy's tuition while he may work to pay for his board, room and laundry.

Stewart is authorized to make investigations of reported or suspected violations and recommend penalties to apply both to schools and individuals. Before this the secretary could not investigate and merely reported alleged violations to the faculty committee for action.

KICKING IT AROUND

By ART HOWARD

With Norton Leaving, New Coach With Lots Of Glamour Needed to Revive Army Spirit

The surprise resignation of Coach Homer Norton caught the A&M campus, including the sports department, by surprise. As was the case last year, some rumors were speculating on the possibility of his contract being bought out, but this time they were true, and when the money came in Monday night no time was wasted closing the deal.

The Athletic Council has already picked a successor but may not announce it until after the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors on January 10, if the president of the board approves their choice.

Several names have been mentioned as prospects for a new head coach. Among these are Bbb Neyland of Tennessee; Siki Sikes, line coach of Georgia Tech; and Harry Stiteler, Aggie backfield coach.

What is needed as much as anything to revive the student and team spirit is somebody with glamour, a "name coach." Then, when the problem of getting a new coach is not so easy. Surprisingly enough A&M pays a fairly good wage, estimated at \$14,000 to its head football coach. And that is usually on a five-year contract.

Another point is that A&M is, or has been, a big football school. But a new coach will consider his chances of turning out a good team in the near future. Not that our team will be much behind par, but the other Southwest Conference teams have so much material

left over from last season. Take SMU, Texas, Rice, and TCU and find much chance of beating them. The freshman team had only about three men who have a chance of making the varsity next year.

So the coach who takes over at A&M will be a brave man. But at least the student body will be behind him and give him a chance to deliver. The better known he is the more support he will be given.

The school may have to raise their ante to get the coach they want, but that could be done easily at a profit because the added glamour of a name coach would pay off at the ticket window.

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