

# A&M, Seven Other Teams Slated to Compete In Ft Worth Invitation Tourney December 29 - 31

If A&M's basketball team has a successful road tour during the holidays, they may wind up in the unique position of favorite at the Ft. Worth Invitation Tournament, December 29-31, at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

Included in the tournament are LSU, SMU, TCU, Texas Tech, Texas Wesleyan, Hardin College, and North Texas State.

Several of these teams were supposed to have had good squads this year but they have taken bad beatings earlier this season. This is the case of TCU. After barely splitting a two-game series with Texas Tech, they were annihilated at 17-75 by Kansas State. In their last game they were edged out 52-56 by Bradley U. This would seem to eliminate the Frogs from serious consideration.

SMU has won 2 of 5 games so far, having beat two small colleges, Centenary and Eastern Kentucky, while losing to Oklahoma U., Indiana (80-53), and Cincinnati U. These last three teams are rated high nationally, so SMU might not be as bad as they look on paper.

LSU has two for four, losing 51-50 to Texas and 55-58 to Rice. LSU might be compared to A&M by a round about method. Rice had trouble splitting with Sam Houston while the Farmers took the Bearkats twice by ten points.

Then Rice took LSU by a score of 58-55. This would give A&M at least a ten-point advantage over the Tigers. The dark horse of the tournament is Texas Wesleyan, the only undefeated team to enter the tournament. They beat Centenary by about the same margin, nine points as did SMU.

All Aggies in the Ft. Worth-Dallas area are invited to attend this tournament and give the A&M Basketball Team some moral support and rooting. After a long road trip and a short holiday the team may not be at peak performance, and knowing that Aggies are in the stands will help them.

The Aggie quintet has been looking very good in spots and the rough competition which they will meet on the present northern tour will help iron out the rough spots. The coaches have a fair chance of bringing back that tournament cup, and if they do it will mean that A&M has a better basketball team than has been supposed.

# Southwest Conference Cage Squads in Tour of Country

By JAMES DeANDA

All sections of the country will have an opportunity to see Southwest Conference basketball quints in action within the next few days as the teams from Texas invade points north, east, and west.

An improving Texas Aggie five will get a chance to see a lot of the country when they travel to the Midwest for a game with Baldwin-Wallace College at Cleveland, Ohio on December 19. The Farmers complete their midwestern tour in Columbus, Ohio against a Big Nine foe, the Ohio State Buckeyes on December 20. From Ohio the Aggies hop over to South Orange, New Jersey for an engagement with Seton Hall on December 22, which will end the abbreviated trip and clear the path for the College Invitation Tournament at Fort Worth on December 29-31.

Texas University's basketballers pack an undefeated record in their suitcase and roll to Yankeeeland for an appearance in Madison Square Garden. The Longhorns not only put an undefeated season record on the line when they play CCNY tonight but have the distinction of never being beaten in the Garden, having a record of three victories in as many trips.

The Steers wind up their eastern campaign with a game against St. Joseph's of Brooklyn on Saturday night.

TCU's Horned Frog squad will try to better its season record of only one win and three setbacks when they ride north to Valparaiso, Indiana where they will receive their baptism of fire on the current road trip against a Valparaiso quintet. This is the first of four games on the Frog schedule this trip. The boys from Fort Worth will also clash with Bowling Green of Ohio, Lawrence Tech of Michigan, and will drop the curtain on their journey with a tussle in the windy city of Chicago against Loyola on December 23.

The Rice Owls of Houston will also be able to display their talents in the Midwest during the holidays. The Feathered Flock should get some stiff opposition from Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, and Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska.

Baylor's Bears are another team from the Lone Star state who will pass a part of the Christmas recess in enemy territory. The Bruins will represent this section in the far west where they will play their blood relatives, the Bruins of UCLA in Los Angeles and pausing along the route to engage the University of Arizona in a game at Tucson.

# Dorm 3 Smothers Dorm 9, 19-0 For Vet Flag Football Crown

By CLIFF ACKERMAN

Dorm 3, taking an early 6 point lead, defeated Dorm 9, 19 to 0 for the Intramural Veteran's Flag Football Championship.

Dorm 3 took advantage of a penalty in the first half which gave them the ball on Dorm 9's one yard line and from there Robert Lee skirted around left end for the touchdown. James Gregory's attempt to kick the extra point was wide. This gave Dorm 3 a quick 6-0 lead which they protected carefully until the middle of the second half when they put on a brilliant passing attack.

Utilizing the pitching arm of Lee, and the catching of Arthur Hawes gave Dorm 3 the final touchdowns. The first of the two touchdowns came in the second period when Lee hit Hawes with a 30 yard throw, and the subsequent run carried across the goal line. The try for extra point again failed.

The final score came in the closing minutes of the ball game and again it was the Lee-to-Hawes aerial combination that brought about the score. Gregory kicked the extra point.

Dorm 9 put up a gallant struggle throughout the game, but a hard charging Dorm 3 line linked with an air tight offense proved the margin of victory.

This was the picture which ended the 1947-48 Intramural Veteran's Flag Football season which has been exceptionally exciting and enjoyable for players, officials, and spectators.

Virginia Tech recorded seven victories without a setback or a tie in 1948.

# Cotton Bowl Classic Began When A. & M. Beat Centre

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, Dec. 18 (AP)—You don't ordinarily associate flowers with football—that is, not until after the game when they may be sent to the battered boys in the hospital—but that's what started this Bowl business.

Today we have the Pineapple Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Cotton Bowl, the Gator Bowl, the Yam Bowl, et cetera, ad infinitum. Everybody has a Bowl—there are so many they have trouble filling them. To be distinctive a team must NOT have been invited to a Bowl.

But in 1930 when the granddaddy of the Bowl—the Rose Bowl—wasn't even a thought, the "battle of flowers" was originated at Pasadena, Calif. From it grew the Rose Bowl, a gridiron spectacle that today draws 93,000 fans and would attract 13,000 more if they could get tickets.

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player who would appear in the game, the Texans released them and got Centre which had beaten Harvard that year and was headed by the great Bo McMillin, a Texan. Each team drew about \$5,000 from the game.

West Virginia Wesleyan, coached by Bob Higgins (coach at Penn State this year and playing Southern Methodist Jan. 1 in the Cotton Bowl), 1925. The game didn't do so well at the gate and it was 1930 before a move was started to renew the post-season feature. This time they called it the "Dixie Classic," played for the benefit of the Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children. All-star teams from the Southwest Conference met similar aggregations from the Big Six and Big Ten and in three years \$15,000 was realized for the hospital.

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# TU Carries Gaudy Record Into Sugar Bowl

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 17 (Sp.)—On strictly an "intersectional basis," the Texas Longhorns will boast a gaudy record to throw at Alabama's Crimson Tide in the approaching Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans on New Year's Day.

These records, incidentally, include only major college opposition from the Southeastern, Southern, Big Nine, Big Six, Missouri Valley, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast leagues.

The losses were these: a 12-24 defeat from Oklahoma's big Red team in 1939; and 0-3 defeat in the rain by Northwestern in 1942, and an 8-13 loss to Oklahoma A&M's bowl-bound squad in 1944.

On the other side of the book, consider these scores: 17-7 over Wisconsin in '39; 26-0 over Florida in 1940; the four mighty wins by the '41 Longhorns' squad, Colorado by 34-6, LSU by 34-0, Oklahoma by 40-7 and Oregon by a huge 71-7.

From the Southeastern Conference, from whose membership will come Alabama for the Bobby Layne-Harry Gilmer pitching battle on January 1, Texas holds victories over Florida, LSU and Georgia Tech. The widest margins of defeat were handed Colorado (1946), 76-0; Oregon (1941) 71-7, and Kansas State (1942), 64-0.

In bowl games, Texas trimmed Georgia Tech in 1943, 14-7, and Missouri in 1946, 40-27. Both were Cotton Bowl shows. They continued their run during the 1947 season by defeating Oregon, 38-13; North Carolina, 34-0, and Oklahoma, 34-14.

The reason for this success: it's probably just state pride. . . . they'll do anything to back up a boasting Texas. It's not confined to the Longhorns, either. The Southwest Conference lead the nation in intersectional records in 1947.

Leaders in the field of physics from all sections of the United States attended the meeting which emphasized the subjects of geophysics, cosmic rays, and nuclear physics, Dr. Potter said.

Making the trip from A&M were J. K. Ward, R. W. Mitchell, E. G. Smith, P. A. Luth, P. W. Barker, J. B. Coon, E. E. Vezey, C. H. Bernard, D. F. Weekes, L. H. Simons, R. A. Erickson, and Potter.

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HARRY STITELER, now rumored successor to head coach Homer Norton.

# Christmas Party To Honor '25's

All employees with twenty-five years of service with A&M will be honored by a Christmas party tonight at 7:15 in Sbis Hall.

The party will be combined with the regular December meeting of the College Employees Dinner Club. President Gibb Gilchrist will deliver the Christmas message and Reverend James Jackson of the College Station Methodist Church will give the invocation.

# Attend Opening Of Shell Laboratory

Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the physics department, Dr. J. D. Lindsay, head of the chemical engineering department and P. G. Mupdock, member of the chemical engineering staff, attended the formal opening of the Shell Exploration in Houston, December 5.

International leaders in the petroleum industry were present for the ceremonies and inspection tour of the laboratory, Dr. Potter reported.

# TCU Players Name Best Opponents

FORT WORTH, Dec. 17 (Sp.)—TCU's Horned Frogs have no fault to find with the rating of SMU's Doak Walker as "All-American."

The Frogs varsity players named Walker as the best player they met in 10 games this season, and they picked him captain of their all-opponent eleven.

Only Texas A&M failed to place at least one man on the TCU players' all-opponent. Texas and SMU got three each, Rice two, Baylor and Arkansas one each. The only man to be named from outside the conference is Harry Ghoul of Miami at fullback.

The Horned Frog players' selection for their all-opponent eleven:

Ends, Max Bumgardner, Texas, and Sid Halliday, SMU; tackles, Dick Harris, Texas, and John Hamberger, SMU; guards, J. W. Magee, Rice, and Chuck Stone, Baylor; center, Joe Watson, Rice; backs, Bobby Layne, Texas; Doak Walker, SMU; Clyde Scott, Arkansas; and Harry Ghoul, Miami.

# Brazoria Co. Exes To Sponsor Dance

All students from Brazoria County are invited to a Christmas dance to be held at the Community House in Freeport at 8:30 p. m., December 27. The dance, to be informal, is sponsored by the Brazoria County Ex-Students Club.

# Registrar's Exam For Civil Service

The Civil Service Commission has announced examinations for the position of Registration Officer. Entrance salaries range from \$3,397.20 to \$7,102.20, according to Mr. Ralph W. Sanders, Executive Secretary.

Employment will be with the Veterans Administration establishments in the States of Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Application forms may be obtained from any 1st or 2nd-class post office.

# What's Cooking?

(Notices should be in The Ballot office before 5 p. m. of the evening before publication.)

COOKE COUNTY A&M CLUB will meet 7 p. m., Dec. 18 in Room 208, Academic Building. Final plans for Christmas party will be discussed.

DENTON COUNTY CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 303, Goodwin. Plans for Christmas party.

EAST TEXAS CLUB MEETING at 7:30 p. m. Dec. 18 in Reading Room of YMCA.

FALLS COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 128, Academic.

FAYETTE AND COLORADO COUNTY Christmas Party, 8:30, December 22, Hi-Way Inn, Altair, Texas.

GALVESTON A&M CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 129 Academic. (Dance plans will be discussed.)

GREENBELT CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Youngblood's Christmas Party.

HEART OF TEXAS CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, ME Shops Lecture Room.

INTERNATIONAL RELATION CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 205, Academic.

LAMAR COUNTY CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 126, Academic.

PANHANDLE CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 228, Academic.

PORT ARTHUR CLUB, 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Room 104, Academic.

TRANS-PECOS CLUB dance 8:30 p. m., Saturday, December 27, Officers Club, Pecos Army Air Field, Pecos, Texas.

TRI - CITY CLUB, 7 p. m., Thursday, Room 106, Academic.

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