

SWC Swings Into Basketball Season As All Teams Tangle This Week

Battalion SPORTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1948

Page 3

ON KYLE FIELD

By PAUL MARTIN

Aggie Cagers Continue to Miss Hoop; Floor Game Lauded by Ohio Buckeyes

Basketball at A&M seems to have taken a turn for the worse in the past few weeks. Three straight games in as many attempts were dropped on the Eastern wing and the Aggies ended up well in the hole in the Fort Worth Invitational Tournament. Only one victory was chalked up there as compared to two losses.

Things weren't as black as this may indicate for the Aggies, however. Against a highly-touted Baldwin-Wallace quintet, scoring went wild. The Yellow Jackets closed the 73 points while the visiting Aggies made 64 but Billy Turnbow, a six foot sophomore from Paris broke the scoring record at the Cleveland Arena, dumping in nine fielders and nine charities for 22 points.

Against Ohio State, Karow's charges dropped the ball 34-40. Even the partisans in the stands lauded the floor game of the Aggies but once again, an analogy to the bucket spelled the difference. Out of 93 attempts, the Farmers connected only 17 times. This seems to indicate that the visitors had slightly the better floor play for the Buckeyes only got 72 shots from the floor.

Razorbacks to Be Tough SWC Opener; Batey, Turnbow in Top Ten Scorer

Texas once again is holding a decisive lead in Southwest Conference circles with two wins and one loss, the single loss being at the hands of Oklahoma by a one-point margin.

Southern Methodist, winner of the Fort Worth Invitational Tournament, is holding, with eight wins and three losses, a precarious lead of Baylor. The Bruins boast eight wins and four losses, SMU has racked up the most points this season, 585, which is one field goal ahead of A&M, which has 583.

Arkansas, with six wins and

one loss, is running fourth while A&M trails in fifth with five wins and seven losses. Rice and TCU hold the cellar, the Owls sporting four wins and seven losses and the Frogs have only two wins against nine losses.

Among the top ten individual scorers, A&M is well represented with Bill Batey trailing Al Williams of Arkansas who is in second place, and Billy Turnbow only one point behind Slater Martin who is in fifth spot.

Representing Texas are Martin and Tom Hamilton in fifth and eighth places respectively. SMU high scorers are Roy Pugh and Bob Previtt in seventh and tenth spots, Bill Tom of Rice is fourth, and Baylor's Bill Johnson is ninth.

The Seton Hall affair was a tough one to lose. The final score was 46-44 after the Cadets made a final effort to pull ahead before the clock ran out.

Following close on the Christmas holidays, Karow's cagers, 12 strong, journeyed to Cowtown to compete with seven other teams for the tourney crown.

After coming from behind, the Aggies managed to edge their first opponent, LSU, 45-44 after Bill Batey had dropped in two charities in the closing seconds.

SMU and North Texas State, however, proved too tough, and the maroon and white chalked up two more losses to bring the season standing to five wins and seven losses.

Opening conference play with Arkansas Friday night, the Aggies have picked a tough one. Though the tall Razorbacks have a record of only six wins and four losses to date, forwards George Kok and Al Williams are packing the conference in individual scoring. Kok, a six-foot ten-inch lad has looped 88 field goals and 30 charities to rack up 206 points. Williams, running about six-six or six-eight, is second with 147 points.

A&M's Bill Batey is running a close third with a total of 146 tallies.

In addition to altitude, the Hoops are long on experience. They didn't lose a player from last season worth mentioning.

MINOR SPORTS IN 1947

From Auto Racing to Weight Lifting

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeature Sports Editor
NEW YORK—While baseball, football, golf, tennis, and racing enjoyed banner seasons many minor sports and feature events often gained a fair share of the spotlight in sports.

Here's the alphabetical run-down in some minor sports and a few that are big time:

AUTO RACING—Mauri Rose won the 500-mile Indianapolis race. John Cobb of London set a new world record of 403 miles per hour.

BADMINTON—Lt. Dave Freeman, Army Medical Corps, won the men's national singles title and Miss Ethel Marshall of Buffalo won the women's crown.

BILLIARDS—Willie Mosconi of Philadelphia regained the pocket billiard title while Welker Cochran, San Francisco, retained his 18.2 crown. Willie Hoppe, White Plains, N.Y., won the three cushion and 15-1 ball nine titles.

BOATING—Danny Foster of Oakland, Calif., piloting Miss Peys V, swept the Gold Cup speedboat class races, winning the International on Jamaica Bay, the National Sweepstakes at Red Bank, N.J., and the President's Cup on the Potomac.

BOB SLEDGING—Jim Bickford drove his team to the four-man AAU title at Lake Placid. Tuffy Latour drove to the two-man championship. Both will drive the respective No. 1 teams in the Winter Olympic tests.

BOWLING—Buddy Boman of Chicago won \$17,400 in tournaments and was named "bowler of the year."

BOXING—Warlord of Mazelaine was the first boxer ever named "best in show" when he won the award at the Westminster Kennel Club's 71st show.

GYMNASTICS—Frank Cumiskey, Union City, N. J., retained all-around title while Helen Schifano, Elizabeth, N. J., won the women's crown.

HANDBALL—Constantine Lewis, Hollywood, won the national senior AAU singles title while Sam Haber and Joe Sanson, New York, took the doubles crown.

HOCKEY—The Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup, four games to two, from the Montreal Canadiens after the latter won the league race for the fourth year in succession.

HORSESHOE PITCHING—Wayne Nelson, Muncie, Ind., set a world record by tossing 22 consecutive double ringers, 44 ringers in succession—in his first competition for the national title.

ICE SKATING—Dick Button, 17, Englewood, N. J., retained the national senior men's figure skating championship while Miss Gretchen Merrill, Boston, retained the women's crown. Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis speed skating

star, was the first athlete chosen to represent the US in the 1948 Olympics.

POLO—Old Westbury, N. Y., dethroned Mexico in the 31st national open while in the \$5,000 handicap tournament on Long Island, California triumphed.

RAQUETTES—J. Richard Leonard, Cadarhurst, N.Y., beat Richard A. Holt, England, in a five-game final for the national title.

ROWING—Navy's crew conquered 10 other colleges in the first Poughkeepsie Regatta since 1941. Harvard won the second Lake Washington regatta. Theo Dubois, Winnipeg, recaptured the national single sculls title on the Detroit River. John D. Kelly, Jr., Philadelphia, scored in England's coveted Henley Diamond Sculls.

SKIING—Wendell Broomhall, Rumford, Me., milkman, won the national 10-mile cross-country championship. Karl Molitor, Wengen, Switzerland, took the national downhill title, while Miss Rhoda Wurtele, Montreal, won the women's crown.

SWIMMING—Numerous records were set. Among the most breaking breaststroke marks were Joe Verdeur, Keith Carter, and Don de Forrest, while Harry Holiday set a backstroke record and Wally Ris made one in the freestyle. Among the women record breakers were Ann Curtis, Nancy Merkl, and Nel van Vliet of Holland.

TABLE TENNIS—Dick Miles, New York, won his third straight national singles crown while Leah Thal, Columbus, O., scored in the women's final.

WATER POLO—The Beifuss Natatorium of Chicago defeated Illinois in the national AAU indoor water polo tournament.

WEIGHT-LIFTING—The Barbell Club of York, Pa., won its 16th straight AAU senior crown. John Davis of the winners repeated as heavyweight ruler.

DANNY FOSTER WINNER OF INTERNATIONAL GOLD CUP RACE AND OTHERS

JOHN COBB OF ENGLAND SETS NEW WORLD RECORD OF 403 MPH ON BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, UTAH

WILLIE HOPPE AGAIN 3-CUSHION BILLIARD CHAMP

WAYNE NELSON OF MUNCIE, IND. MAKES 44 CONSECUTIVE RINGERS IN HIS FIRST NATIONAL COMPETITION

BUDDY BOMAR "Bowler of Year"

FIRST BOXER TO BE NAMED "BEST IN SHOW"

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS STANLEY CUP WINNERS

Warlord of Mazelaine WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

Schifano, Elizabeth, N. J., won the women's crown.

Constantine Lewis, Hollywood, won the national senior AAU singles title while Sam Haber and Joe Sanson, New York, took the doubles crown.

The Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup, four games to two, from the Montreal Canadiens after the latter won the league race for the fourth year in succession.

Wayne Nelson, Muncie, Ind., set a world record by tossing 22 consecutive double ringers, 44 ringers in succession—in his first competition for the national title.

Dick Button, 17, Englewood, N. J., retained the national senior men's figure skating championship while Miss Gretchen Merrill, Boston, retained the women's crown. Bob Fitzgerald, Minneapolis speed skating

star, was the first athlete chosen to represent the US in the 1948 Olympics.

Old Westbury, N. Y., dethroned Mexico in the 31st national open while in the \$5,000 handicap tournament on Long Island, California triumphed.

J. Richard Leonard, Cadarhurst, N.Y., beat Richard A. Holt, England, in a five-game final for the national title.

Navy's crew conquered 10 other colleges in the first Poughkeepsie Regatta since 1941. Harvard won the second Lake Washington regatta. Theo Dubois, Winnipeg, recaptured the national single sculls title on the Detroit River. John D. Kelly, Jr., Philadelphia, scored in England's coveted Henley Diamond Sculls.

Wendell Broomhall, Rumford, Me., milkman, won the national 10-mile cross-country championship. Karl Molitor, Wengen, Switzerland, took the national downhill title, while Miss Rhoda Wurtele, Montreal, won the women's crown.

Numerous records were set. Among the most breaking breaststroke marks were Joe Verdeur, Keith Carter, and Don de Forrest, while Harry Holiday set a backstroke record and Wally Ris made one in the freestyle. Among the women record breakers were Ann Curtis, Nancy Merkl, and Nel van Vliet of Holland.

Dick Miles, New York, won his third straight national singles crown while Leah Thal, Columbus, O., scored in the women's final.

The Beifuss Natatorium of Chicago defeated Illinois in the national AAU indoor water polo tournament.

The Barbell Club of York, Pa., won its 16th straight AAU senior crown. John Davis of the winners repeated as heavyweight ruler.

Coach Johnny Frankie's Fish-Bee basketball team swings into action here Friday night at 6 o'clock against Wharton Junior College in the first of a nine-game schedule that has just been released.

According to a ruling passed down at a meeting of Southwest Conference officials last December 15, member schools, by combining Freshman and B teams, may play nine games during the season. Previous clashes of the junior Aggies have been exhibition matches with Allen Academy, between the Fish and Bees, and two inter-collegiate games, one with the Sam Houston Bees and one with the Northeastern Oklahoma Bees.

Other games in the schedule include North Texas Agricultural College Saturday night, January 10, Baylor B in Waco, January 13, Texas University Bees in Austin, January 17, Rice in Houston January 21, Baylor here January 31, Brooks Medical Center here February 7, Rice here February 13, and Texas University here March 2.

Alabama tried a pass. It was a lobbing throw—a poor pass. Lew Holder, who is no speed demon, intercepted the pass and ran to a touchdown. The next time Alabama got the ball Gilmer fumbled and Holder recovered on the five. A penalty set Texas back—the Longhorns might call that a break, except that Texas was off-side and that's against the rules. But Texas made a touchdown anyway. Because Gilmer dropped the ball, Alabama considered it a "break".

What is a break? My definition is this: The only break in football is when something outside of the field of play or the rules brings a disadvantage. For instance, a gust of wind that carries a pass off its course, a pebble that makes a ball take a crazy hop. The wind was doing things with some of Layne's passes to cause them to fall uncaught. Texas might call that a "break".

There is one consolation for Texas backers: The sports writers might give Texas the victory on the "breaks" but they had to mention the score. A 27-7 victory pretty well indicates that the winning team was better don't you think? Also how did Texas keep the ball 74 plays to 45 on "breaks"?

1947 MERCURY CONV. COUPE—Has Radio, Heater, Over-Drive, Like New and priced to sell now.

Lincoln - Mercury - CHARLIE CADE JR.

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, Jan. 6 (AP)—What is a "break" in football?

From reading reports of the Sugar Bowl football game at New Orleans last week one might be led to believe that Texas beat Alabama by three touchdowns because it was lucky—got all the breaks.

Well, let's analyze it: Texas first "break" came in the opening period. The Longhorns made only three yards in tries at the line but a defensive holding penalty gave the Longhorns a first down. Then Texas drove to a touchdown, with much of the yardage coming on an "impossible" pass catching chore by Jim Canady. What were the "breaks"? Alabama was holding. Texas didn't ask Alabama to hold; didn't have anything to do with it. Alabama knew the rules. How could holding be a break? Canady made a great catch. Well, he's been doing it for years. There was no break there.

The Alabama touchdown came on a pass. Harry Gilmer threw into the end zone. Canady grabbed the ball, intercepted it. Ed White wrestled it out of his arms. That was as big a "break" as the holding penalty against Alabama.

The second Texas touchdown was like this: Alabama was on its 27-yard line early in the third period. Monk Mosley was back to punt. George Petrovich crashed through and blocked it. He and Vic Vaselek of Texas both followed the ball across the goal line. Both fell on it for a touchdown, was there a "break" there? Alabama's line, which all the sports writers appeared to think gave Texas line a mighty licking, couldn't protect its punter. It also didn't do much of a job of protecting its passers. How can you figure a blocked punt to be a break?

The remainder of the third period found Texas hammering at the Alabama goal line. The crimson tide never got past midfield but once—then only to the Texas 41-yard line—until the fading minutes of the game.

Texas had the tide backed up to its goal line most of the time. The tide had to fight very hard to prevent Texas scoring a couple of more touchdowns than it got.

Well, Alabama got desperate. It was seven points behind and getting nowhere fast and time was running out. From its nine-yard

line, Alabama tried a pass. It was a lobbing throw—a poor pass. Lew Holder, who is no speed demon, intercepted the pass and ran to a touchdown. The next time Alabama got the ball Gilmer fumbled and Holder recovered on the five. A penalty set Texas back—the Longhorns might call that a break, except that Texas was off-side and that's against the rules. But Texas made a touchdown anyway. Because Gilmer dropped the ball, Alabama considered it a "break".

What is a break? My definition is this: The only break in football is when something outside of the field of play or the rules brings a disadvantage. For instance, a gust of wind that carries a pass off its course, a pebble that makes a ball take a crazy hop. The wind was doing things with some of Layne's passes to cause them to fall uncaught. Texas might call that a "break".

There is one consolation for Texas backers: The sports writers might give Texas the victory on the "breaks" but they had to mention the score. A 27-7 victory pretty well indicates that the winning team was better don't you think? Also how did Texas keep the ball 74 plays to 45 on "breaks"?

Swimmers Will Go On Tour Saturday

The Aggie Swimming Team will leave Saturday to start the aquatic season with meets against Kansas State and Oklahoma University.

The Kansas State meet will be held on January 12th, with Oklahoma U. on the 14th. The squad will spend a day in Oklahoma City before returning here on the 16th.

Last year A&M humbled both of these teams, beating OU 56-19 and Kansas 56-23. As virtually the same Aggie team will take to the water again this year, A&M will be the favorites in both meets. But Kansas State has added two fast dash men to its team since last year and may give the Aggies a rough time.

A twelve-man squad will make this trip under the direction of Coach Art Adamson and Emil Mammalige, Little Aggeland physical education director. The tentative squad to make the trip is:

Divers: Johnny Heeman.
Backstrokers—Ed Kruse, Howard Spencer.
Freestylers—Danny Green, Bernie Syfan, E. J. Fisher, Jack Riley, Dave Vardaman, Tot Westervelt.

A&M will compete under different conference rules in the meet with Kansas State, which, being the host, will go by their Missouri Valley rules. This will make the backstroke course 150 yds. instead of our usual 100, and the breaststroke will be twice as long as the Southwest Conference 100 yd. run.

The Aggie medley will consist of Spencer, Summers and Green (who will also perform in the sprints), and Bernie Syfan will take the distance race for the A. & M. team.

The probable relay team will consist of Fisher, Riley, Westervelt, and Green.

When Armed was named as the Horse of the Year for 1947 it was the fourth such award for Calumet Farm. Whirlaway was named in 1942 and 1943 and in 1944 the stable had Twilight Tear.

four losses is running fourth while A&M trails in fifth with five wins and seven losses. Rice and TCU hold the cellar, the Owls sporting four wins and seven losses and the Frogs have only two wins against nine losses.

Among the top ten individual scorers, A&M is well represented with Bill Batey trailing Al Williams of Arkansas who is in second place, and Billy Turnbow only one point behind Slater Martin who is in fifth spot.

Representing Texas are Martin and Tom Hamilton in fifth and eighth places respectively. SMU high scorers are Roy Pugh and Bob Previtt in seventh and tenth spots, Bill Tom of Rice is fourth, and Baylor's Bill Johnson is ninth.

Opening conference play with Arkansas Friday night, the Aggies have picked a tough one. Though the tall Razorbacks have a record of only six wins and four losses to date, forwards George Kok and Al Williams are packing the conference in individual scoring. Kok, a six-foot ten-inch lad has looped 88 field goals and 30 charities to rack up 206 points. Williams, running about six-six or six-eight, is second with 147 points.

A&M's Bill Batey is running a close third with a total of 146 tallies.

AP Poll Rates Michigan Above Irish Wolverines are Two to One Favorites

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—The burning sports question of the day—which was the greater college football power of 1947, Michigan or Notre Dame?—never to be settled on the field, was answered today at the ballot box—and it's Michigan almost two to one.

In a special Associated Press poll of sports editors and football writers from coast to coast, Michigan received 226 votes as the superior team to 119 for the Irish, while 12 of the experts suggesting the two mid-west giants should be rated equal.

A total of 357 writers, from each of the 48 states and the District of Columbia, took part in the "post-poll" poll, conducted by popular demand as the result of the New Year's Day game that saw Michigan's unbeaten, untied Wolverines smash Southern California in the Rose Bowl, 49-0.

The new ballot does not supersede the Associated Press' regular final season rating of college football teams, released last Dec. 8, which named Notre Dame the mythical national champion with Michigan the runnerup.

The 116 writers who cast ballots in that one gave the Irish 1,110 and awarded Notre Dame 107 first place votes, with Michigan getting only 25 and the other No. 1 tags going elsewhere.

The Irish, who led the nation's list through seven of the ten weeks of the campaign, won in the regular poll after a decisive 38-7 triumph over the same Southern California Trojans.

Many of the participants in the latest roll-call acknowledged their opinions were swayed largely by comparative scores which in two other instances swung the pendulum toward Fritz Crisler's men of Michigan.

Against the other two common opponents, the teams fared this way: Michigan walloped Pitt, 69-0, while Notre Dame did the job a little more mercifully, 40-6. The Wolverines rolled over Northwest-ern, 49-21, while the Irish, who also had a perfect season, trounced the Wildcats, 26-19.

Notre Dame supporters argued comparative scores should be no gauge because the Irish were inclined to "pull their punches." Michigan drew its heaviest backing from the mid-west—stamping grounds of the big nine—and even Notre Dame's home state, Indiana, voted even on the issue, eight to eight.

The Wolverines received 29 votes within their home state.

The West Coast, which saw the two powerhouse against the Trojans, was about equally divided in sentiment with California splitting its vote, ten to ten.

Cadet Fish-Bee Squad Slated For Clash Here Friday

Coach Johnny Frankie's Fish-Bee basketball team swings into action here Friday night at 6 o'clock against Wharton Junior College in the first of a nine-game schedule that has just been released.

According to a ruling passed down at a meeting of Southwest Conference officials last December 15, member schools, by combining Freshman and B teams, may play nine games during the season. Previous clashes of the junior Aggies have been exhibition matches with Allen Academy, between the Fish and Bees, and two inter-collegiate games, one with the Sam Houston Bees and one with the Northeastern Oklahoma Bees.

Other games in the schedule include North Texas Agricultural College Saturday night, January 10, Baylor B in Waco, January 13, Texas University Bees in Austin, January 17, Rice in Houston January 21, Baylor here January 31, Brooks Medical Center here February 7, Rice here February 13, and Texas University here March 2.

Alabama tried a pass. It was a lobbing throw—a poor pass. Lew Holder, who is no speed demon, intercepted the pass and ran to a touchdown. The next time Alabama got the ball Gilmer fumbled and Holder recovered on the five. A penalty set Texas back—the Longhorns might call that a break, except that Texas was off-side and that's against the rules. But Texas made a touchdown anyway. Because Gilmer dropped the ball, Alabama considered it a "break".

What is a break? My definition is this: The only break in football is when something outside of the field of play or the rules brings a disadvantage. For instance, a gust of wind that carries a pass off its course, a pebble that makes a ball take a crazy hop. The wind was doing things with some of Layne's passes to cause them to fall uncaught. Texas might call that a "break".

There is one consolation for Texas backers: The sports writers might give Texas the victory on the "breaks" but they had to mention the score. A 27-7 victory pretty well indicates that the winning team was better don't you think? Also how did Texas keep the ball 74 plays to 45 on "breaks"?

1947 MERCURY CONV. COUPE—Has Radio, Heater, Over-Drive, Like New and priced to sell now.

Lincoln - Mercury - CHARLIE CADE JR.

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, Jan. 6 (AP)—What is a "break" in football?

From reading reports of the Sugar Bowl football game at New Orleans last week one might be led to believe that Texas beat Alabama by three touchdowns because it was lucky—got all the breaks.

Well, let's analyze it: Texas first "break" came in the opening period. The Longhorns made only three yards in tries at the line but a defensive holding penalty gave the Longhorns a first down. Then Texas drove to a touchdown, with much of the yardage coming on an "impossible" pass catching chore by Jim Canady. What were the "breaks"? Alabama was holding. Texas didn't ask Alabama to hold; didn't have anything to do with it. Alabama knew the rules. How could holding be a break? Canady made a great catch. Well, he's been doing it for years. There was no break there.

The Alabama touchdown came on a pass. Harry Gilmer threw into the end zone. Canady grabbed the ball, intercepted it. Ed White wrestled it out of his arms. That was as big a "break" as the holding penalty against Alabama.

The second Texas touchdown was like this: Alabama was on its 27-yard line early in the third period. Monk Mosley was back to punt. George Petrovich crashed through and blocked it. He and Vic Vaselek of Texas both followed the ball across the goal line. Both fell on it for a touchdown, was there a "break" there? Alabama's line, which all the sports writers appeared to think gave Texas line a mighty licking, couldn't protect its punter. It also didn't do much of a job of protecting its passers. How can you figure a blocked punt to be a break?

The remainder of the third period found Texas hammering at the Alabama goal line. The crimson tide never got past midfield but once—then only to the Texas 41-yard line—until the fading minutes of the game.

Texas had the tide backed up to its goal line most of the time. The tide had to fight very hard to prevent Texas scoring a couple of more touchdowns than it got.

Well, Alabama got desperate. It was seven points behind and getting nowhere fast and time was running out. From its nine-yard

Texas-Rice Meeting Starts Ball Rolling Monday Night, Ags, Ark Play Weekend

With all of their kinks hopefully ironed out, the seven teams of the Southwest Conference start playing for keeps in the 1948 basketball race this week and the whole affair promises to go on without a reliable prediction from any quarter.

Last night's battle between Rice Institute's Owls and the Texas Longhorns set the action off. Before the week is out all of the SWC will have become better acquainted with each other on the hardwoods.

The Aggies take a wait until the end of the week when the local five take on the long tall boys from Fayetteville—the Arkansas Razorbacks. The Aggies have been on the losing end of most of their pre-season games. Out of the twelve games that the Maroon and

The University of Texas chalked up its first victory toward a second Southwest Conference basketball crown last night, coming from behind to down Rice Institute, 69-44.

Big Bill Tom, who led the game's scoring with 21 points, paced Rice to a 27-25 halftime lead, but the speedy Longhorns started to click with their fast-breaking offense in the second half and pulled away steadily.

Field goals by Slater Martin and Tom Hamilton put Texas ahead a few minutes after the second half opened.

White have participated in, they have won only five. The Aggies lost to such teams as Ohio State, East Texas State and SMU while they beat Sam Houston, and LSU among others.

The Razorbacks in their pre-season play have not been too successful either. Their East Coast tour gained them two losses at Madison Square Garden. On the West Coast this past week, the quintet from Arkansas did some better. They beat Pepperdine of Los Angeles, then San Francisco U. before the Stanford Indians dropped them for a loss. In both their winning games, the Razorbacks scored at least 70 points. They boast the two top scorers of the SWC in George Kok and Al Williams who have 206 and 147 points respectively. Bill Batey, A&M's guard is third with 146 points.

The Texas Longhorns again led the team to beat for the 1948 championship. In the 11 games they have played, the Orange and White lost only to the Oklahoma Aggies, themselves champions in

their own right. The Cowboys lost the Steers 32 to 31 to win the Oklahoma City tournament last week. The Rice Owls appear to be on the rebound this year and have had tough competition in early play. They lost to Sam Houston State but won a return match. In the recent Oklahoma City tournament the Owls beat Georgia Tech while losing to Wyoming and Alabama. Their big center, Bill Tom, has scored 131 points in non-conference play this season.

Wednesday night the SMU Mustangs meet their bitter Cowtown rivals, the Horned Frogs from TCU at Dallas. Of the two teams, the Ponies have the better record, having run eight games out of 11 played. In the Fort Worth Invitational Tournament, they defeated both the Harlan Simmons Cowboys and the Texas Aggies. Out of the eleven games they have played the TCU five has beaten only Texas Tech and Utah.

The Green and Gold Bruins from Baylor look like another hot team this year. The Bears from Waco have played 12 games and have won eight of these. Wyoming and Alabama have been some of the Bear's victims. On the west coast a week ago, The Baptists weren't able to overpower a tall lanky California team but they did manage to defeat the Oakland Bitters, a pro team made up of former west coast stars. The Bears play LSU Wednesday, then take on SMU Saturday night.

The Aggie Volleyball club will meet today at 7:15 in the field house to prepare for a trip to Temple to play against the Waco YMCA Saturday.

The tilt will be played for the benefit of the patients at McCloskey General Hospital in Temple. According to Nick Pontreux, the club sponsor, this game is not only the first joint for the Aggie Volleyballers, but is also the initial game of the season for the club.