

Aggies 'Off-Form' As They Drop Rough Game To Baylor Five

Bears Down Aggie Cage Team 57 to 41

By ART HOWARD

A bad case of out-of-town jitters plagued the A&M Basketball last night as they lost to the Baylor Bears 41-57 at Waco in a rough and tumble game marred by fouls and lost balls.

The Bears hit the basket their first two shots to take the lead in the second minute of play, and they kept the lead the rest of the game.

Coach Johnnie Franke's Fish-Bee team also had a hard night, losing to the Baylor Freshmen 52-38.

Much of the polish and teamwork which the Aggies showed in their first two conference games was missing, but the team never stopped hustling or fighting for the ball. Bad passing lost the ball for the Cadets several times when only a few goals were needed to catch up, and the slick floor of the Baylor Gym netted the players several "traveling" penalties.

But the Bruins also looked spotty in places, and it was only the accurate shooting of their two guards, Bill Johnson and Jack Robinson, which kept them in the lead.

Baylor looked hot during the warmup and when play started they quickly ran up a 7 point lead which was stretched to 14 points in the middle of the first half.

Then the Aggies got hot and two long swish shots by Bill Batey, a nice basket by Sam Jenkins and a free throw by Turnbow narrowed the score to 15-22. Both teams traded baskets until the half when the score read 22-21, Baylor.

Sam Jenkins drew first blood in the second half but the Aggies were off style badly as their opponents made 9 straight points, many of them from within the circle. Baylor Forward James Owens, 6'7", made 4 of these from under the basket, but Coach Marty Kutjew sent in orders to tighten the defense and Owens went scoreless the rest of the game.

With 11 minutes to go the Aggies were behind 31 points and

were starting to threaten on a rally but penalties lost them the ball too many times and Baylor stalled in the closing minutes of the game to end with a 57-41 victory.

Neither team was satisfied with the calling of officials Radford and Boedt. Both sides were penalized on questionable plays and in addition several flagrant violations went unnoticed.

A&M lost the ball four times when men were "rounding the curve" under the basket for sure goals and slipped on the unusually slick floor. The home-court Bruins lost the ball once that way, too.

Last night the Aggie squad wasn't up to par generally, but Bill Batey got hot and netted 15 points to help keep the team in the running. The rest of the scoring was spread out among the team and was made mostly on long shots.

Baylor made most of its points by confusing the Aggies with its circulating offense which left one of its dead-shot players open at close range.

Bill Batey stole a pass and was running in the clear for an easy grip shot when a Baylor player hit him from the back. Batey stumbled a couple of steps and then sunk his shot. The whistle had blown before his loss, but the foul was obviously intentional that the referee counted the basket and added a free shot to boot.



DON VOLDING, Aggie guard from El Campo, tries for a score in the second game with the Arkansas Razorbacks. The Aggies lost the tilt by a score of 56 to 44.

Dean Cromwell Will Coach '48 Olympic Team

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—(AP)—In his 29th and final year as a developer of great athletes, Southern California's Dean Cromwell has been appointed head coach of the 1948 U. S. Olympic Track and Field Team.

"The culmination of a coach's dream"—meaning his own—was the way the smiling, spare 68-year-old Trojan coach put it. This, Cromwell disclosed, is his last season as an active mentor. University of Southern California rules demand automatic retirement at age of 67, but he was given a one-year extension with the hope that he would snag the olympic appointment.

Cromwell's assistant coaches include representatives from every section in the country. Those named were Emil Von Elling of New York University, Tom Jones of Wisconsin, and Emmett Brunson of Rice Institute.

The committee, meeting in New York yesterday, also selected Ward H. Haylett of Kansas State as Olympic Decathlon Coach and named Alfred R. Masters, Stanford, as head manager of the U. S. Track and Field squad.

Starting his coaching career at USC in 1909, Cromwell produced 12 NCAA champion squads, including nine in a row from 1935 through 1943. His teams the last two seasons have been runners-up to champion Illinois. The Trojans also have nabbed nine IC 4-A crowns under his direction.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Minnesota's Jim Kelly, who spent some time looking over European track talent, brings word that everything won't be beer and skittles for American runners in the Olympic Games next summer—in fact, they may not find a skittle anywhere. . . without mentioning too many names. Jim points out that England and Holland have some good sprinters and hurdlers. Sweden plenty of good distance men, and from what he could see, they're by no means undernourished. The U. S. will have to look to the relays and field events for most of its victories, says Kelly.

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'48 Track Schedule For A&M Released

The track schedule is as follows:
March 5, Texas U., College Station
March 13, Border Olympics, Laredo
March 20, SW Exposition, Fort Worth
March 27, A&M, Rice, Texas
Corpus Christi
April 3, Texas Relays, Austin
April 10, L.S.U., Baton Rouge
April 17, Kansas Relays, Lawrence, Kansas
April 17, Rice, Undecided
April 24, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa
May 1, Oklahoma Aggies, College Station
May 7, Texas U., Undecided
May 15, Southwest Conference, Houston.

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SYRACUSE, N. Y. —(AP)— Ted Kleinhaus, former National League pitcher, is coaching baseball at Syracuse University.

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Post Season Football Highlights; Walker Best Player, PAT Stays, Norton May Coach

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Associated Press Sports Editor
DALLAS, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Every year some coach wants to eliminate the point after touchdown. Each time it is voted down but there may come a day when more than half the coaches present for the rules confab will have lost games by the margin of the extra point. Then it's likely the conversion try will be legislated out.

We think it would be a sorry day for football should that come about. There is no other way to settle a tie and no other way will be devised unless the colleges adopt the penetration - first down - yardage plan of the high schools, which they won't.

The extra-point kicker is a real artist of football. It requires long painstaking effort to develop into a conversion man. There is great skill involved and there's team-work, too. See how many extra points are kicked if the line doesn't hold or the fellow who sets up the ball fails to get it in the proper place.

The man who called for elimination of the extra point this year at the NCAA meeting was Matty Bell of Southern Methodist. No one questions Matty's sincerity. If ever a coach should favor the extra point, Bell should. His team won the Southwest Conference Championship because of one.

Matty says getting rid of the extra point will make the game more interesting and more wide open. He argues that the extra point doesn't indicate which team is the stronger anyway. He says if there was no extra point, the teams would be going all out all the time, because no team wants a tie.

There may be some logic in what Matty says but spectators can't do without ties and will not play for a tie, then the extra point is the best way to prevent them. If we're going to take the foot out of football why not eliminate the field goal and the punt? One man does them; he may not even be a regular.

Get on money a place-kick that goes through the cross-bars with a ball gone depending upon it is as thrilling as any play in the books except a 99-yard run for a touchdown or a 99-yard pass. It certainly has more punch than a punt that goes out of bounds on the out-yard line. There's a lot of luck in a kick like that; there's no luck in blasting the ball through the goal-posts.

He says either Michigan or Notre Dame would be hard-pressed to beat the Longhorns. He also declared that Texas had a better team than Southern Methodist, the only eleven that licked the Longhorns.

It's a shame all these close games during a football season can't be played over. Perhaps all teams should meet each other twice during a campaign just to make everything conclusive.

Personally, we get a little tired of hearing the teams that get beat go around saying they are better. It's like the well-known crack of the beat-up fighter: "If you-all hadn't pulled him off of me I'd have really worked him over."

We also have an aversion to the expert who sees a couple of teams play on different occasions and, knowing one of them defeated the other when they met, pass out the judgment that "if they played again it would be different." How does he know what will happen in another game? Why try to take away the glory that other team won when it was victorious?

That's still two years away for the square-built youngster from Dallas, who last New Year's day paced the SMU Mustangs to a 13-

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