

# A&M Consolidated Basketball Tourney Will Be Staged Here This Weekend

Invitation Meet Includes Entries From St. James, Navasota, Normangee, Centerville and Calvert

By ANDY MATULA

Basketball fans in the College Station area are due to see some of the best high school court action in the state this Friday and Saturday, when the A & M Consolidated Invitation Basketball Tournament gets under way.

This annual event, started last year, is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club at College Station. This year, 16 teams from local as well as distant state high schools, will throng to Aggie Field for the tourney. Only eight teams showed up for last year's tilt, but the tournament was a complete success.

Les Richardson, basketball and football coach at Consolidated, as well as the school's principal, is in general charge of the tourney. Richardson is an A. & M. graduate, class of '43. C. A. Bonner of the Kiwanis Club will assist him.

All the games will be played in the A&M Consolidated Gym and DeWare Field House, with the tournament finals being staged in the field house Saturday afternoon and night.

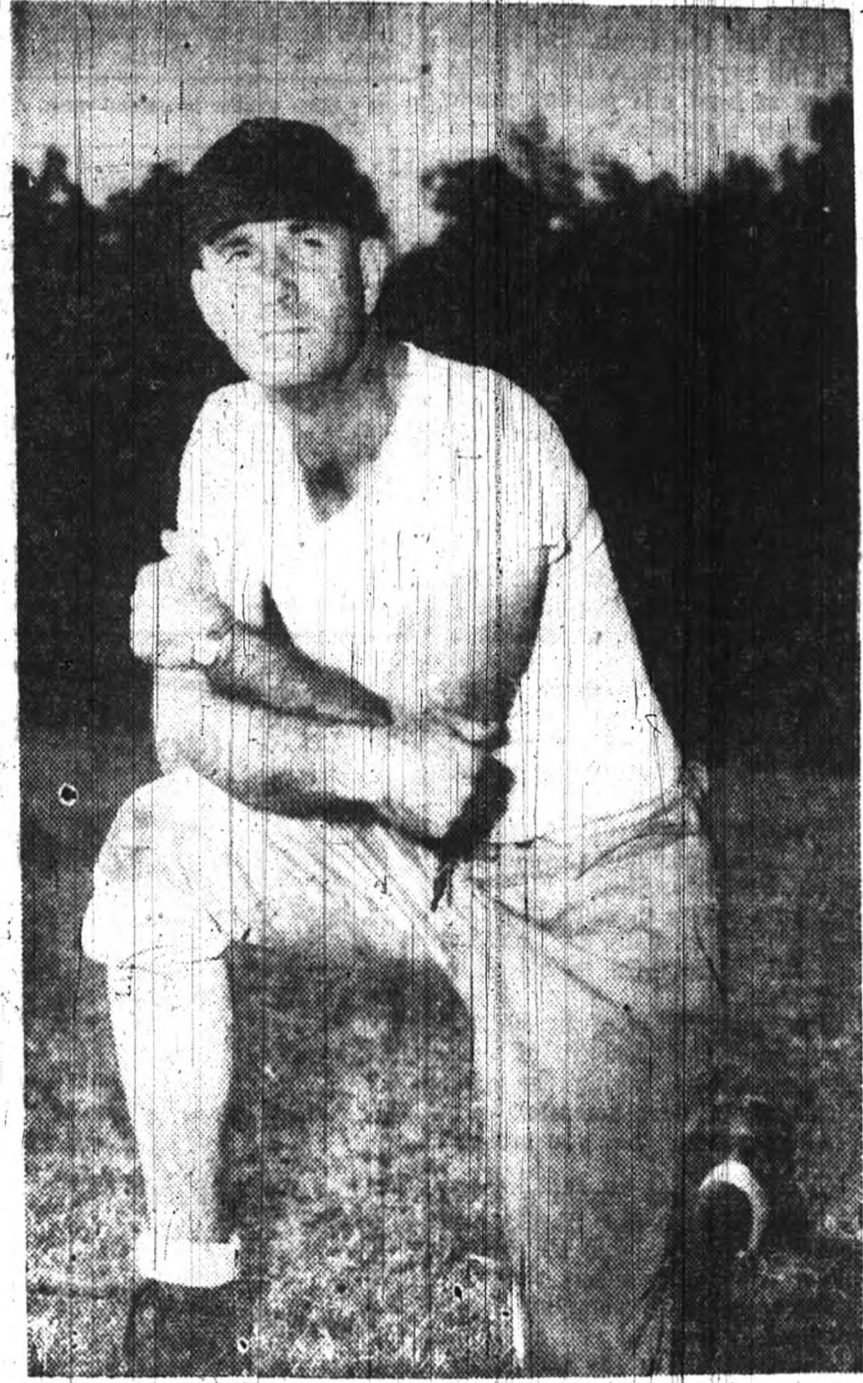
The Tigers of Consolidated are expected to be one of the top contenders for the crown. They have dropped but one district game this season, that to Normangee, 27 to 24. The Tigers came in second in the Centerville tournament and lost out to St. James in the consolation finals of the Navasota Tournament.

Not only are the Tigers a tall quintet, but they also sport a good number of high scorers. Van Adamson, son of Aggie Swimming Coach Art Adamson, is the Consolidated six foot three center. High scorer for the Consolidated five is Red Cashion, brother of Aggie Quarterback Jimmy Cashion. Another high scorer is Wally Anderson, son of track coach Frank Anderson, and a Tiger forward. Guards for the team are Jimmie Prewitt, second to Cashion in scoring, and Dick Dowell, son of Tennis Coach W. M. Dowell.

Other favorites to cop high honors are St. James, Navasota, Normangee, and Lovelady.

St. James High School of Beaumont probably has the smallest team in the tourney. Their football team, and basketball team, too, travels all over the country to play its games. Their grid team played games in New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey last fall. Their star forward is Bill Guardamel.

Fast-breaking Navasota will be another top contender. They went to the quarter finals of their own tourney, led by left-



# Owls Slight Favorites in Hardwood Tilt With Cadets

## Aggies Battle Rice to Keep Out Of Cellar Tomorrow Night in Houston

By JAMES DEANDA

A hopeful Aggie basketball squad will move into Houston tomorrow night for a tilt with their equally unsuccessful cellar-mates, the Rice Owls at 8 o'clock.

The Cadets have a less impressive conference record than the blue and grey quintet, primarily because they have played two more conference games. Arkansas, Baylor and Texas have all taken the Farmers in stride, and while the team from the Ozarks had their troubles in sweeping the game, the maroon and white squad has been decisively walloped in their last two outings.

The Feathered Flock from Houston have had their feathers ruffled by two Conference foes, Texas and Baylor, and have had a hard time finding the win column against outside opposition as well. Their most notable victory was a win over Georgia Tech in the Oklahoma City Tournament earlier in the season. However, in the same tournament Rice dropped tilts to Alabama and Wyoming.

Although the two opponents have faced three common foes this season, it is difficult to name a favorite. Baylor stopped the Aggies 57-41 and beat the Owls 38-29. The Longhorns drubbed Rice 59-41 and rolled over the Cadets 69-48. These comparative scores seem to give the team from Houston the edge, but on the other hand, LST had little trouble in trouncing the Owls on two occasions this year. But the Bengals could not hold an early 15 point lead against the Aggies and as a result the Cadets took a one point decision from the Tigers in the College Invitation Tournament at Fort Worth.

Aggie hopes of a win will rest largely on the shoulders of Bill Bates, sharp-shooting guard, who last week climbed into the runner-up position in the Southwest Conference scoring race. The 6 foot letterman has tallied 184 points thus far in the season. Bates should get more than a little assistance from forward Bill Turnbow, whose efforts against Texas last Saturday night netted 15 points for the Farmers.

Spearhead of the Owl attack is center Bill Tom who stands six feet seven inches and uses every inch to good advantage. Stopping the elongated Tom will be a major problem for the A&M quintet. Another Aggie worry is six-foot three-inch Warren Switzer and guard David Cook. Cook is only six feet two inches.

## William Dubose Joins Ex-Boss As Aggie Line Coach

William Dubose will assume the head line coach position on March 1, replacing Bill James, it was announced today.

Dubose was chosen from a wide field of applicants on the strong recommendation of his ex-boss, Coach Harry Stittler.

The new line coach has served under the Aggie mentor 6 years, 4 at Corpus Christi High and 2 at Waco High. Dubose moved from line coach to head coach at Corpus when Stittler left that job and moved to Waco.

Dubose later rejoined his ex-boss at Waco in 1945 and again took over as head coach when Stittler went to Rice in '46.

The Stittler-Dubose combination produced a state co-championship team in 1945 and a quarter-finalist squad in 1944. Dubose also took his team to the quarter-finals in 1946, and last season he had a district runner-up.

## Eagles Battle Bearcats For Lone Star Top

(AP)—Both the North Texas State Eagles and Sam Houston Bearcats remained undefeated last week in Lone Star Conference Basketball but the Eagles emerged as favorites to capture the 1948 crown.

While Sam Houston edged Stephen F. Austin 56-52, North Texas ran up an impressive 71-47 count over the University of Houston for the largest margin of victory in the conference this season. The Bearcats defeated the Cougars two weeks ago by only two points, 16-14.

The East Texas State Lions moved into the runnerup slot with a close 47-43 triumph over University of Houston and retained the best season record in the loop with 12 wins against one setback.

Neither East Texas nor the Southwest Texas Bobcats are eliminated from the conference race. East Texas, downed by Sam Houston two weeks ago, 59-46, is scheduled to meet the Bearcats on home territory February 21 and North Texas in contests February 17 at Denton and March 1 at Commerce.

Southwest Texas, which bowed to North Texas, 59-56, will oppose the Eagles February 9 at Denton, Sam Houston January 26 at Huntsville and March 2 at San Marcos. Sam Houston and North Texas are not slated to engage until February 2 at Huntsville and again February 23 at Denton.

## "A" Infantry Again Intramural Flag Winners Beating Out "B" Composite

The Intramural Championship for the fall semester 1947-48 went to "A" Infantry, who now proudly carries the Class A championship flag which they won last year.

The Infantry team massed a total of 351 2/3 points to take the lead in this year's race for Intramural Championship.

"A" Infantry's record for the semester shows championships in volleyball and tennis. They placed second in flag football and cross country and were a runner up in basketball.

Placing second was "B" Composite with a total of 311 1/2 points. Winning the Corps Flag Football crown gave them the needed points

All Intramural Managers and Officials are asked to turn in their sweaters by 5 o'clock Wednesday, January 21 at the Intramural Office so that new emblems may be put on.

for second place. Other points were gathered when they placed second in basketball and runner up in cross country, volleyball, and tennis.

Following are the total participation points and team standings for the fall semester.

Semester	Total Participation Pts.	Place
A. Inf.	351 2/3	1
B. Inf.	311 1/2	2
C. Inf.	291 2/3	3
A. F.	250	12
B. F.	250	12
C. F.	248 2/3	5
D. F.	274 1/2	16
E. F.	270	6
A. A.F.	258 2/3	9
B. A.F.	240	19
C. A.F.	250	12
A. Cav.	230	20
B. Cav.	230	8
C. Cav.	250 2/3	10
A. Eng.	250	12

squad. The Panthers are led by Morris Plegans and Rusty Anderson. One of the tallest teams competing in the tourney is the Lovelady five, coached by Woodrow Whaley. Their tall center, J. W. Allee, stands six foot four and is considered one of the best players in this section.

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## Bruins Defeat TCU 52-48 Last Night; Retain SWC Lead

By The Associated Press  
Baylor kept its undefeated record and position as one of three leaders in the Southwest Conference basketball race last night, brushing off Texas Christian University, 52-48.

The defeat was the third for the Horned Frogs by a margin of less than six points.

Baylor came from behind in winning its fourth straight game, overcoming an 11 point Frog margin at the end of 16 minutes of play.

coaches left when the head coach was released.

Playing guard for the Aggies from 1922 through 1925, Irvin won All-Southwest Conference honors. After that he played two years of professional ball, which was a rough game in those days. Bones then coached at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, from whence he returned to A&M as Freshman Coach and head track coach in 1931 under Matty Bell.

Bell and Irvin have always been close friends, and Bell has tried to get Irvin up to SMU for the past few seasons without success.

His track teams have been state champions once, second twice, third once and fifth one time. One of his best cinder stars was Parker, who won the National Collegiate 100 yard dash while still in high school.

## Aggie Line Coach Returns to A&M

By ART HOWARD

Ex-Aggie, and ex-Aggie coach, Barlow "Bones" Irvin will return to A&M next June 1 to take over his new duties as freshman football and assistant track coach.

Irvin is leaving Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio where he has turned out some successful teams in the past few seasons. He will meet some of his former stars this year, notably Kyle Rote and Dick McKissack now at SMU, and sprinters Charley Parker and Percy Samuels on the Texas U. track team.

Irvin guided his '46 football team into the state finals, losing to Odessa for the championship. There Aggies, Richard Obregon, Tack Chapin, and Bubba Wilson, played on that team and will welcome Bones to his new job.

Coach Irvin resigned as line coach at A&M when Head Coach Matty Bell was released after several seasons of strong but "punchless" teams. No criticism was voiced of him at that time, but as was usual "the assistant



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## Kitts Leaves VPI After Fair Season

BLACKSBURG, VA., Jan. 20 (AP)—Virginia Polytechnic Institute's Athletic Council was slated to meet here sometime today. Presumably to consider the hiring of a new football mentor to succeed James R. (Jimmy) Kitts.

Kitts, who came here as head coach in 1941, submitted his resignation to the athletic council yesterday although his three-year contract still had another year to run.

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