

# A&M Cagers, Fish-Bees Share Twin Bill Against Owls Tonight in Houston

## Second Annual High School Basketball Tourney Due to Start Friday Afternoon

The second annual A&M Consolidated High School Kiwanis Club Invitation Basketball Tournament gets underway Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Consolidated Gym with the Tigers and North Zulch initiating play.

Some 16 teams will compete for the four trophies to be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners and the winner of the consolation matches.

A&M Consolidated, Normangee and Navasota are favored to win the honors but Dell Co's St. James quintet of Port Arthur is one of the stronger teams and crubbed Les Richardson's Tigers in the consolation rounds of the Navasota tourney last week.



Pictured above, on the left, is a new Texas pride: 155 pound Lavern Roca of Plainview Texas, who took a 10-round decision from Tony Janero in Madison Square Garden, Friday night. Janero is on the right above, being battered by Roache's fists. The Texas Marine has won his last 22 bouts out of 23 fought.

Both the high school gym and DeWare Field House will be used for the 22-game schedule with the final slated for 9 a. m. Saturday in the Aggie gym. Play-off for third place honors will be at 4 p. m. Saturday and the consolation round final at 8 p. m. in the high school gym.

During their stay at College Station, teams will be housed in Aggie dorms.

Richardson's charges will be weakened for the tourney by the loss of Guard Wally Anderson. Anderson has been out with a hurt left foot this week.

## Matty Bell Denies Academy Job Offer

DALLAS, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Matty Bell, head coach of Southern Methodist University, said today he had not been contacted regarding the coaching position at the United States Naval Academy.

The Dallas News said "according to a telephone call received from a source close to the scene in Washington" Bell was being given "most serious consideration" for the position.

"I am very happy right here," Bell declared.

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## Coliseum Will Be Site of Clash Between The Two Southwest Conference Cellarmates Tonight

Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston will be the scene of tonight's twin bill between the Texas Aggies and the Rice Owls.

Coach Johnny Frankie's Fish-B squad meets the Rice Blue Bolts in the initial game of the double header at 6 o'clock; the varsity squads of the two schools each hopefully looking forward to their first conference win, will begin hostilities at 8 o'clock.

The Junior Aggies will be out to better their already impressive record of four victories against only one loss. A single defeat at the hands of Baylor's Cubs bleaches the Fish-B scoreboard, which shows Sam Houston State, Wharton Junior College, NTAC, and Texas in the list of victims. In

compiling their fine record the Farmers have averaged over fifty points per game scoring for the Fish Bees has been well distributed with Truett Mobley, John DeWitt, Wallace Mopp, and Jim Kirkland all leading the attack.

Coach Marty Karow's cagers will have their best chance to date to break into the Southwest Conference win column when they face the equally unsuccessful Owls. The Rice machine hasn't been able to meet opposing opposition either in or out of the conference in spite of some fairly tall cagers. The Cadets, on the other hand, have hindered all season long by an obvious lack of height. As a result the Farmers have had a lot of trouble trying to get their share of

the rebounds. Bob Kamperman, six foot four-inch center, represents the altitude on the maroon and white squad and he will carry a large share of the burden for the Cadets. Bill Batey, the conference's number two point maker, Bill Turnbull, Mike Garcia, and Sam Jenkins should round out the starting quintet.

## Intramural Notes

### Shelton Only Loss On 'Mural Staff'

By ART HENGST

Phillip Shelton, a six-foot one-inch Senior Official, will be the only casualty of the Intramural Department this semester. The 23 year old senior is up for graduation at the end of this term.

Shelton attended North Dallas High School and graduated from there in 1941. While in high school he earned letters in football and baseball. Enrolling at A&M, he was on the Aggie squad until entering the army.

In addition to sports, Phil is interested in hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Dallas Club, the Economics Club, and the Intramural Managers Club.

A veteran, Phil was discharged from the army a second lieutenant. He served in the European Theatre of Operations with the 42nd Division and received the Infantry Combat Badge, the Foreign Occupation ribbon, and the E. T. O. ribbon with two battle stars.

## West Beats East, As Promoters Lose \$20,000

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Everyone was happy today except the promoters' as another post season football game went down into the archives for whatever interest it may yield for the future.

The West defeated The East, 31 to 20, the players enjoyed themselves tremendously, and the promoters woke up with a loss unofficially estimated at \$20,000 up. A throng of only 3,083 sat in uncrowded comfort in Gilmore Stadium, 18,500 seat capacity.

Some of the gridsters trotted onto the turf, gazed in surprise at the turnout, and then grinned sheepishly. Michigan's two fine ends, Lenny Ford and Bob Mann, just recently appeared before 93,000 in the Rose Bowl and Texas' Bobby Layne and his teammate, Max Bumgardner, starred before 73,000 in the Sugar Bowl.

The second round is slated for next Monday, beginning at 5:30 p. m. at the Consolidated School Gym.

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## U. S. Hockey Team Has Better Chance for Win in '48 Olympics

By FRANK ECK

AP Newsfeatures Sports Editor  
 NEW YORK.—One of the really exciting things about the Amateur Hockey Association team that will represent America in the Winter Olympics is the forward line. Coach John Garrison thinks it will perform brilliantly on the ice at St. Moritz.

Centered by Bruce Mather of Springfield, Mass., and flanked by Bruce Unifluff of New York City and Ralph Warburton of Cranston, R. I., this forward wall is the same line that started for Dartmouth last season. The trio has been playing together for almost four seasons.

Garrison, former Harvard star from Lincoln, Mass., who captained the 1936 AAU team in the games at Garnisch, Parkersburg, put this line through 10 weeks of training before the players sailed for Europe and was well pleased with what he saw.

The second forward line of Bob Boeser of Minneapolis and Jack Garrity and Jack Riley of Medford, Mass., are defensive stars, says Garrison, who really believes America has a chance to win its first Olympic hockey championship.

The rest of the American squad includes: Goalies Goodwin Harding, Brooklyn, Mass., and Terry Van Ingen, Greenwich, Conn.; Center Rubin Bjorkman, Roseau, Minn.; Wings Bob Baker, Thief River Falls, Minn., and Fred Pearson, Beverly, Mass., and Defense-men Don Geary, New Haven, Conn., Jack Kilbane, Brookline, Mass., Allan Ohsahl, Minneapolis and Stanton Priddy, Boston.

Ten of the players are former collegians. Twelve players will dress for the games. The American team is comparatively light, averaging 170 pounds, and although most players have yet to shave regularly the average age is 22.

Walter Brown, president of the Boston Garden and vice-president of the AHA and the man who has virtually carried this team to the Olympics against the wishes of the AAU and the U. S. Olympic Committee, also feels that America has a chance this time. Brown has been connected with hockey for 28 years and has made six previous European hockey trips.

"This is the first time America has had a chance in hockey," says Brown. "I made a trip to Europe for the first time in 1931 and I recall we went first class without any help from the AAU. If there was a slow freighter going at the time we would have taken that."

"During the European championships last February, eight kids showed up to represent the United States at Prague. The zodiac had no equipment."

Brown refuses to get excited as he talks over the situation of the AAU and the AHA. Some of the higher AAU officials are among the many friends of Brown who claim that the AHA team consists of real simon-pures who can take the Olympic Oath.

## Six Teams Winners In C. S. Volleyball Opening Clashes

The first round of the College Station Volleyball League got underway Monday night at the Consolidated High School Gym. Every team played with the winners as follows: American League; Athletics defeated the Tigers 10-15, 15-6, and 15-10. The Indians drubbed the Red Sox 15-12 and 15-5. The Senators downed the Yankees 15-2 and 15-5. The Athletics-Tiger fray was the only game to go the limit of three games.

In the National League, the Cubs, Pirates and Braves were victorious. The Cubs blanked the Giants 15-0 and 15-0, and the Pirates won over the Dodgers by the same score. The Braves whipped the Cardinals 15-2 and 15-4.

Each of the 12 teams represented has some nine players and they are opening for more players. Anyone connected with the college is eligible to play and team assignments are made by W. M. Dowell of the Physical Education Department.

The second round is slated for next Monday, beginning at 5:30 p. m. at the Consolidated School Gym.

## Faurot Is Rumored For Navy Position

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Hottest topic de l'jour: Don Faurot (Missouri) for the Navy football coaching job and Wallace Wade (Duke) for Southeastern Conference Commissioner.

Don't ask who the tipsters are—they'd deny it anyway. . . . But the guy who phoned (at his own expense) about Faurot thinks it's really hot because "Don was in Tom Hamilton's Navy program during the war; he coached the Iowa Seahawks and Jacksonville Navy teams and he's a close friend of Hamilton's." And nobody so far has denied the report.

The same informant explains that Hamilton, as Athletic Director, has been given two years to get the new civilian coaching setup organized, extending his normal tour of shore duty by a year.

As for Wade, Mr. "Reliable Source" didn't offer any supporting evidence.

Owners of 60 trotters paid their \$250 fees Jan. 1 to keep the horses eligible for the 1948 Hambletonian, which likely will be worth more than \$80,000 as a result.

Mickey Walker, the former middleweight champ, is blossoming out as a columnist for the Police Gazette, besides being a first-rate painter.

That's going to make things tough for other columnists who have filled a lot of space with Mickey's yarns. . . . The Indiana U. wrestling team will have two pairs of twin brothers, James and Henry Moore and William and Robert Brabender, contending in the 121 and 128 pound classes next semester.

Most American hockey league players have injury insurance policies that pay \$5 a stitch for any sewing-up jobs that have to be done on them.

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