

Rice Cagers Edge Ags 49-47, Fish 43-42

Aggie basketball suffered another hard blow in Houston last night as the Rice Owls nipped the Aggie Varsity 49 to 47 in a see-saw battle. In another hard fought game the Aggie Blue Bolts lost to the Rice Blue Bolts 43 to 42 in the last four seconds.

Pulling away to an early 5-0 lead the Owls held the Aggies scoreless during the first five minutes of the game. Then in the next three minutes the Aggies scored 11 points to take an 11-5 lead.

After these two early scoring spurts the Owls slowly crept up on the Farmers to take a slim 25-24 lead at half time.

The Aggies took the lead for the last time early in the second half when Billy Turnbow sunk a two-

pointer to make the count 30-29 for A&M.

With Bill Tom, Rice's lanky 6 foot 6 inch center in the drivers seat, the Owls took over and held a 40-30 lead with more than three quarters of the tilt gone. Tom was high scorer for the night with 23 points.

With only one minute to go A&M made their last serious try for victory when they knotted the count at 45-all on Don Volding's tip-in-shot. But the Owls dependable center, Bill Tom, saved the day by sinking two buckets before the Aggies could make another point. Bill Batey ended the game by sinking two free throws.

With last night's loss the Aggies now rest in the Conference cellar

with no wins and five defeats. The win was the first in Conference play for the Owls.

In a pre-tilt varsity clash the Fish-Bees lost a heart-breaker to the Blue Bolts by one point. With less than a minute to go Rice's Rex Proctor sunk a free throw to tie the score at 42-all. Then with only four seconds remaining Proctor sank another charity toss to give the Blue Bolts a 43-42 victory.

Last night's defeat was the second loss suffered by the Junior Aggies this season.

Statistics

Rice	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Switzer, f	1	3	5	5
Walker, f	0	1	2	1
Tom, c	11	1	3	23
Foley, g	1	1	2	3
Cook, g	3	3	4	9
Taylor, f	0	1	1	1
Croucher, g	3	1	2	7
Sprulle, c	0	0	0	0
Vahldiek, g	0	0	2	0
Totals	19	11	21	49

Officials: Ab Curtis and Ad Dietzel. Free throws missed: Walker, Foley, Turnbow, Batey, Kamperman, Schrickel, Garcia. Halftime score: Rice 25, A&M 24.

Fish-Bees

Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp	
Swann, f	0	0	1	0
Mobley, f	0	0	2	0
Martin, f	5	2	1	12
Sutton, f	1	0	3	2
Eckles, f	1	0	2	0
DeWitt, c	2	0	1	4
Sommers, c	1	1	3	2
Miller, g	0	1	2	1
Wallace, g	1	1	4	3
Kirkland, g	6	5	3	17
Totals	16	10	22	42

Free Throws Missed—McDonald, Gerhardt, McDermott, Meyers, Tighe 2, Proctor 2, Martin, Sutton, Sommers, Miller, Wallace and Kirkland.

Half-time Score—Rice 20; Aggies 13.

Statistics

A&M	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Turnbow, f	3	7	3	13
Jenkins, f	2	1	1	5
Kamperman, c	2	2	2	6
Batey, g	3	2	1	8
Garcia, g	1	2	3	4
Volding, c	3	2	1	8
Schrickel, f	1	1	1	3
Whittaker, f	0	0	0	0
Totals	15	17	12	47

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A&M Consolidated Tournament Slated Here Friday, Saturday

Sixteen High School Basketball squads invade Aggrieland Friday and Saturday to participate in the second annual Kiwanis Club Invitation Basketball Tournament with A&M Consolidated High School as the host. The opening game of the tourney will pit Consolidated against North Zulch High School in the Consolidated Gym at 2 p. m. Friday.

Most of the teams entered are from nearby towns with the exception of St. James High School of Port Arthur. Only class B teams are entered.

Some of the best class B teams in the state are entered with St. James, Navasota, Normangee, Lovelady and A&M Consolidated heading the list.

The Normangee Panthers, a perennial power, were one of the strongest teams in the state last year and they appear to be even better this season. The Panthers are led by Morris Plegans and Rusty Anderson.

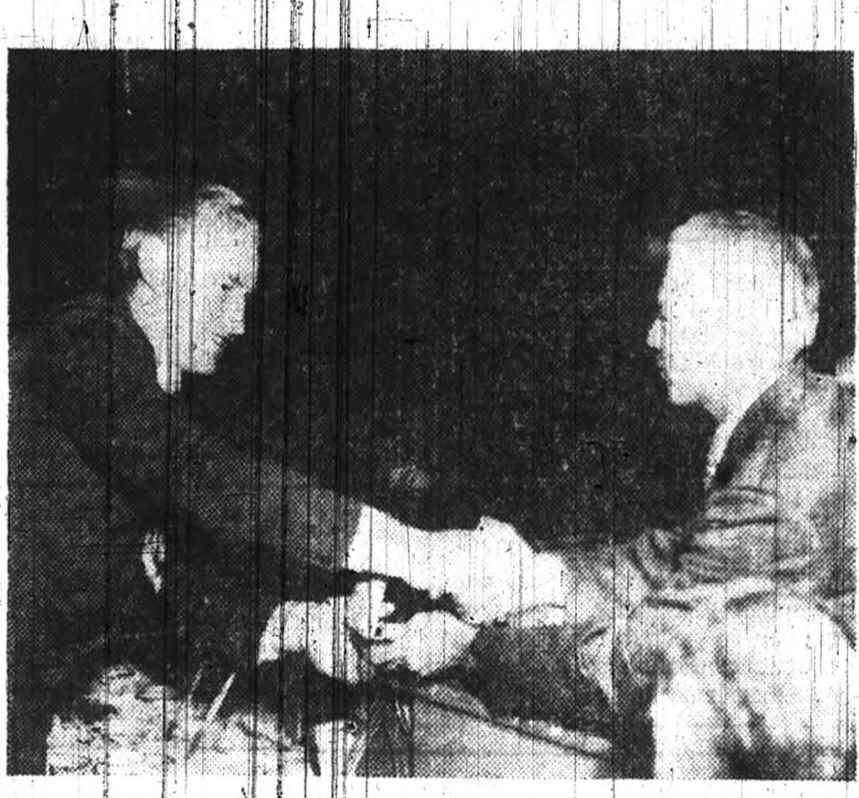
St. James, one of the most traveled teams in the state, is one of the smoothest teams entered. Last week they defeated Consolidated in the Consolation Finals of the Navasota Tournament. Their star is speedy Bill Guadagnoli.

Les Richardson's A&M Consolidated Tigers, the host team

of the Tourney, are the favorites to cap the title. The Tigers are led by high scoring Red Cashion and lanky Van Adamson who towers six foot three.

After the opening game Friday afternoon between North Zulch and Consolidated the teams pair off as follows: Iola vs. Centerville (Friday at 3 p. m.), Bellin vs. Richards (Friday at 4 p. m.), Lott vs. Somerville (Friday at 5 p. m.), Normangee vs. St. James (Friday at 7 p. m.), Lovelady vs. Bryan "B" (Saturday at 9 a. m.), Franklin vs. Calvert (Friday at 8 p. m.), and Austonio vs. Navasota (Friday at 9 p. m.).

All first round games will be played in the Consolidated Gym except the Lovelady-Bryan "B" affair which will be played in DeWane Field House. The final game, one semi-final game and two quarter-final tilts will be played in DeWane Field House, Saturday.



W. N. "FLOP" COLSON (upper, right), Brazos County Insurance man and member of the Brazos County A&M Club, presents STAN HOLLMIG with the Lipscomb-Colson award for the most valuable player during the 1947 Grid campaign. Hollmig, a two-year letterman quarterback still has two years of eligibility left.

HARRY STIHLER (lower, right), new A&M Head Football Coach, takes over at the Brazos County A&M Club Banquet to award JIM WINKLER with the Bert Platt trophy for the best blocker. Winkler, three year letterman and an All-Conference tackle the past season, has one year of eligibility left.



BOB GARY, four-year letterman center, receives one of the Lipscomb-Colson Co-Captain Trophies from W. N. "FLOP" COLSON at the Annual Brazos County Football Banquet. The other Co-Captain award went to Barney Welch, three-year letterman halfback. Both Welch and Gary have completed their eligibility.

Only Three SWC Tilts Slated During Remainder of January

Ed, note: Since the Battalion is suspending publication until after the final examinations, we take this occasion to publish a list of the Southwest Conference basketball games to be played between now and the next issue.

Marty Karow's Aggies are slated to tangle with Baylor Saturday, January 31 in DeWane Field House. As a preview to the varsity clash, the Cadet Fish-B team and the

Schaepfer Leaves 'Mural Managers'

By ART HENGST

William E. "Willie" Schaepfer is one of the two Senior Officials in the Intramural Department who will graduate at the end of the present semester.

The 24 year old senior is a Waco product and graduated from Waco High in 1941. Willie will get his degree in Agriculture Education, and, at present, plans to be a salesman.

During his days in the corps, Willie was in D Troop Cavalry. He played on that outfit's teams in football, softball, and track from 1941 to 1943. For hobbies Willie likes fishing, horse-back riding, and reading.

Active in Campus activities, Willie is a member of the Waco-McLennon Club, the F. F. A., the A-H Club, the Press Club, and the Intramural Managers Club.

During the war, Willie was a corporal in the Cavalry in the 12th Division. He served in the European Theatre of Operations and received the Bronze Star and the E. T. O. ribbon with two battle stars.

Governor Awards Thompson 'Player Of Year' Trophy

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 22 (P)—Jerry Thompson, outstanding University of Texas distance runner, yesterday received Varsity Magazine's award for "outstanding ability and brilliant team play" from Gov. Beauford H. Jester.

Jester joined Varsity's editors in paying tribute to the diminutive track man, first in this particular sport to receive the award.

"It is very significant that a track man can win such a trophy," the Governor said, observing that such awards usually go to men in sports such as football, baseball, or basketball, where an athlete's team leadership is more easily recognized.

Jester also applauded the work of Thompson's coach, Clyde Littlefield, in developing the fine runner.

"I consider Coach Littlefield one of the outstanding track coaches of the nation," the Governor said.

Thompson, slightly abashed by the Governor's generous praise, said only two words, "thank you," as he received the handsome trophy.

Insult to Injury

BLACKSBURG, Va., (P)—Bobby Smith, co-captain of Virginia Tech's 1947 football team, was hospitalized four times in 1946 and came back with a broken nose, hand fracture and concussion in 1947.

Youngest competitor in the 1936 Winter Olympics was Yetsuko Inada, 11 years old and only four feet, nine inches tall. She was a member of the Japanese figure skating team.

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