

Improved Ags Meet Owls Friday

Winner Will Take Fourth Place In Southwest Conference Standings

Friday evening at 8 p. m. the improved A&M basketball team takes on the Rice Owls in DeWare Field House in a game that should do much toward clearing up the muddled standings of the conference's second division clubs.

An Aggie win will move the Farmers into fourth place in conference standings, and since the Ag's remaining games are with TCU and SMU excepting a lone game with Texas, the A&M eagles will have a good chance of staying in fourth place if they can get by the Owls Friday.

A&M chances for a victory depend chiefly on the continued good showing of the starting quintet of Garcia, Turnbow, Jenkins, Batey and Schrickel. Moore and Kamperman will be called upon for most of the reserve strength.

The Owls will boast a big advantage in height as they have three men on their starting lineup over six-foot three, and all five starters stand six-foot two or better. Sparkplug of the Rice attack is 6 foot seven-inch center Bill Tom who dropped in 23 points against the Ags the last time the two teams met.

The Aggies will counter with a lineup that averages a bare six feet, and rely largely on speed and deft ball handling to crack the Rice defenses. Tallest man on the Ag's starting team is six-foot two inch forward Mike Garcia.

In a prelude to the varsity clash the Aggie Fish-Bees will battle the Rice Fish-Bees in a game to start at 6 p. m.

Students whose last names begin with letters P to Z will be admitted to the game first tomorrow night.

The only time this season that the gym has been filled was the two Arkansas games.



Hiram Walker

Two Rice players which the Aggies will see at Friday night are Paul Vahldiek and Hiram Walker. Both men have been playing good defensive ball for the Owls. Vahldiek is a guard and follows center Bill Tom in points scored this season. Walker's specialty is guarding high-scoring opponents and cutting down on their point total against the Owls.



Paul Vahldiek

Intra-Squad Meet Won In Final Event

Jack Riley's squad nosed out Howard Spencer's team last night by a thrilling finish. The event was an intra-squad meet, and the score was tied, 66 all, with the final and deciding 440 yd. relay race coming up.

Paul Flemming, Gene Summers, and Jack Fisher each gained a few feet on Paul Cleveland, John Westervelt, and Dave Vardaman. That left Riley with a five yard lead over Danny Green.

Everyone knew that Green was the fastest man on the squad, but it is difficult to pick up much yardage on as good a swimmer as Riley.

The tension was almost unbearable as Green gained on Riley foot by foot. But the handicapper, and

The first conference swimming meet for the Aggies this season will take place tomorrow afternoon against the Baylor Tank Team. The meet is scheduled to start at 3 p. m. in the P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium.

Riley's frenzied pace, was too big for Danny to over come, and he was a foot behind at the finish.

Results

- 300 Medley Relay—Spencer's team; Reeves, McKenzie, Knox.
- 220 Free Style—Syfan, Vardaman, Helbing.
- 50 yard Free Style—Green, Riley, Westervelt.
- 100 yard Medley—Summers and Spencer, dead heat; Fisher, B.
- Diving—Heeman, Potter, Lander.
- 100 yard Free Style—Summers, Knox, Karow.
- 100 yard Backstroke—Spencer, Kruse, Fisher, B.
- 100 yard Breaststroke—L. C. A. Dieck, McKenzie, A.
- 440 yard Free Style—Syfan, Helbing, McKenzie, G.
- 400 yd. Relay—Flemming, Summers, Fisher, Riley.

Texas, Baylor Clash Tonight May Settle SWC Race; Baylor Is Favored

Leadership Of SWC at Stake In Waco Tonite

A new conference champion won't be crowned tonight when the Texas University Longhorns play the Baylor Bears in Waco, but this game will probably indicate which of the two teams will be wearing the crown when the season ends.

Both teams will enter the tilt with unscathed conference records. Texas has the better non-conference record, but the Bears rate the favorite's chair for several reasons.

The Bears are a better second half team, having scored the majority of their points when the other team slowed down.

Of the six conference high-scoring, four play for the green and gold.

These four players, Robinson, Heathington, Johnson, and Owens, can hit the basket from far or near.

If the Texas team should win, they still wouldn't have a clear road to the crown. Two games with the towering Razorbacks remain on the schedule in addition to the return match with Baylor in Austin.

Grid Practice Postponed By Rainy Weather

Football spring training has been postponed until next week, Bill Carmichael, athletic director, announced yesterday.

Coach Harry Stiteler left instructions before leaving on a short trip that if it rained anymore, spring training would have to be delayed until the ground hardened.

Spring training can run only 30 calendar days, according to Southwest Conference regulations. Once a team starts, practice must go on or the time is lost.

The next tentative date set by Coach Stiteler to start training is Friday, February 20. If the weather is still bad at that time, a further delay may be necessary.

Coach Marty Karow has scheduled a meeting to be held Thursday, February 12, at 4:30 p. m. in DeWare Field House for all persons interested in trying out for the baseball team this year.

Last year's players and newcomers are urged to attend this meeting so that training plans may be completed as soon as possible.

The Razorbacks are hard to beat on their own court and stand a good chance of at least splitting with the Texans.

Baylor has already hurdled the Hog barriers and only weak Rice

and TCU remain on their schedule outside of the Longhorn threat.

If Baylor wins, it will have a theoretical tie for the championship.

They are not selling the Long

horns short over in Baylor and the squad has been working out hard in preparation for what may be their crucial game of the year.

Texas' chances rest mainly in the hands of Slater Martin and Tom Hamilton. Both men have kept the Bear offensive going with their timely scoring and if they can penetrate the Baylor defense, Texas might win.

Coach Jack Grey of the Longhorns scouted the Baylor-Arkansas last week and learned one thing which may help him tonight.

Arkansas changed into a man for man defense in the second half. The smoother-running Bears then left them behind as they racked up quite a few points.

There will be a packed house at Waco tonight and Texas rooters will have a hard time getting in. Not many Baylor students want to miss what may be the deciding game of the '48 SWC basketball race.

Four other conference games are scheduled this week.

Tomorrow night, Texas A&M is host to Rice at College Station and Texas Christian meets Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Saturday, Arkansas and Texas Christian will complete their series at Fayetteville.

Champion Losers Of SWC, Frogs To Leave for Arkansas

FORT WORTH, Feb. 12.—TCU's basketball squad—champion losers of the Southwest Conference—will take off today for Fayetteville, where the Frogs meet Arkansas Friday and Saturday nights.

Coach Hub McQuillan plans to have his boys keep the ball as much as possible, in an effort to hold down the points by the tall Razorback players.

Gene Schmidt, junior Frog guard is currently leading TCU scorer, with 68 points in six contests.

His 11-point average, though, is far behind the Arkansas pacer, George Kok, with 114 in six games, for a 19-point average.

Besides the two contests with Arkansas, the Frogs meet Rice in Fort Worth Feb. 21; A&M, Feb. 22; Baylor in Waco, Feb. 28; and SMU in Fort Worth, March 3.

A meeting of the "T" Club will be held Thursday at 8 p. m. in the C. E. Lecture Room to discuss plans for Sports Day and other spring activities. Red Overly, President, announced yesterday.

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Pro Golfers Converge in Valley For \$10,000 Harlingen Open

HARLINGEN, Tex., Feb. 12.—(P)—The crack shots of golfdom have started tearing Harlingen municipal course apart, indicating that the lower Rio Grande Valley Open beginning tomorrow will see the along the winter tournament trail.

Fresh from the Texas open at San Antonio, the field moved through its second tune-up over the 6,045 yard course, with 15 of the entries having already clipped par 35-36-71 figures.

Some of the others either didn't play the full course or didn't keep score as they practiced putting on each green.

Wes Ben Hogan, singing Jimmy D'Maret, Methodical Bobby Locke and National Open Champion Lew Worsham joined the touring brigade today. They went from San Antonio to Corpus Christi for an exhibition yesterday while their fellow players got in first rounds at the local course.

Some 175 will begin the battle for the \$10,000 in prizes today but 75 of them will be eliminated in the first 18 holes.

This means of thinning the field was taken in preference to a qualifying round. Eighteen more holes will be played Friday when the low 60 and ties will go into 18-hole rounds Saturday and Sunday.

All of the stars of the winter tour except Sam Snead, the drawing Virginia who won the Texas Open, are here. Snead returned home to Hot Springs, Va., to work on his income tax.

High Scoring Cage Player Gets Points, Publicity for School

AP Newsfeatures
TACOMA, Wash. — A highboy with hands like a bunch of bananas has soared out of the small college basketball scramble to take the Pacific Northwest scoring spotlight away from the big guns of the big schools.

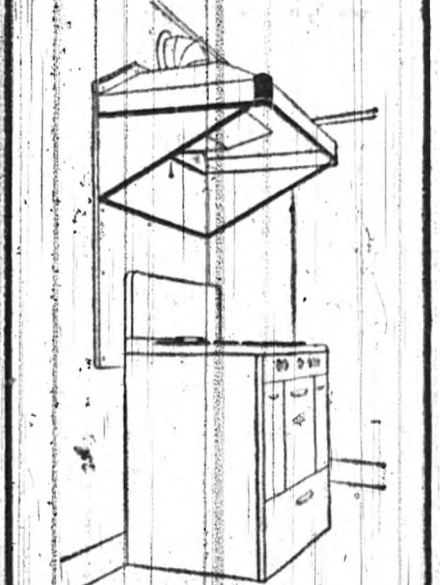
He's Harry McLaughlin, six-foot three inch descendant of a South Dakota Indian agent after whom a town was named. Black-thatched Harry whose ancestors were Scotch, French, Irish and Indian, is the idol of the fair-haired Nordics who make up a heavy percentage of the enrollment at Pacific Lutheran College.

After a slow start High Harry began rolling points through the hoop like he was playing tiddly-winks. In one two-game series he cascaded 56 counters into the net and after 20 games his total was 339—an average of nearly 17 a game. Opposing coaches watch him shoot and say it's impossible. He puts his points with a peculiar backward flip of the hand, occasionally without looking directly at the basket.

Last year, as a Freshman, he tallied 194 points in 29 games and took the Washington intercollegiate conference scoring record with 228 tallies in 12 tussles. With 163 in his first seven conference engagements this year, McLaughlin should crack the mark again.

Another thing they like about Harry is his two remaining years of eligibility. Pacific Lutheran—the school that placed Don D'Andrea on the football Little All-America last fall—thinks High Harry will be something of a sensation by the time he's a senior.

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Harry McLaughlin

Turnbow Follows Kok in SWC Cage Scoring Statistics

Billy Turnbow, one of the main reasons for the Aggie Cage's exit from the cellar, is now the second highest scorer in the Southwest Conference with 87 points.

His last week's 24 point total put him just above hotshot Jackie Robinson of Baylor who has a total of 86 points.

Among his accomplishments this season is the scoring record which he broke in the Cleveland Arena against the Baldwin-Wallace Yellow Jackets. He tallied 27 points as compared with the previous arena record of 25. This is also the highest individual score made by any Aggie this season in any single game.

In the same game he looped in nine charity tosses in ten attempts which is another seasonal record for the Aggies.

Turnbow, who began the season as a forward and is now center, is 6.1 and weighs 190 pounds. He is a former high school player from Perrin. He has one varsity letter to his credit and looks forward to two more years of eligibility.

Waco Picture Will Be Remade Feb. 12

The Longhorn picture of the Waco-McLennon County Club will be remade Thursday night at 8 in the Assembly Hall.

Cadets are requested to wear khaki shirts and serge pants. Veterans should wear white shirts, ties, and dress pants.

A short business meeting of the club will be held in Room 301, Goodwin Hall at 7:30 prior to taking the picture.

Kennel Club Dog Show Set March 25

The Brazos Valley Kennel Club is holding an All-Breed Dog Show in the Animal Husbandry Pavilion on March 25. The dog show will be a part of the Texas Circuit.

Entries will be accepted until March 10 by the Brazos Valley Kennel Club Secretary, Box 805, College Station.

Obedience training classes for members of the kennel club are held every Sunday at 2 p. m. in front of the Administration Building.

GRETCHEN MERRILL — Winner of the ladies' national figure skating title the last six years.

She is 21, a Boston blonde and has been skating 11 years. She won her first medal at the age of four but it was for swimming.

Miss Merrill recently placed 5th in the Olympic Women's Skating Finals in Switzerland.

She lost to Barbara Ann Scott in the free skating event after being in second place at one time.

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