

# Farmers Meet Ponies, Frogs In Weekend SWC Cage Battle

Starters Garcia, Batey On Sick List

Coach Marty Karow and a 12-man basketball squad left this morning for Dallas where the Aggie cagers are scheduled to meet SMU tonight at 8 o'clock.

The busy cagers move on to Fort Worth Saturday for a tilt with the cellar-dwelling TU Frogs.

Prospects of an Aggie win tonight were anything but good. Already underdogs, the Farmers will be crippled for the contest.

Bill Batey, starting guard, has recovered from an attack of the flu but will be hampered by a bad cold tonight. Mike Garcia, another member of the starting quintet, is also a victim of a cold.

Doc Hayes' Southern Methodist five, still smarting from a 46-51 setback at the hands of Karow's cagers two weeks ago, is at full strength.

The Methodists dropped another close one Tuesday night. This time it was Baylor, who corralled the long end of a 51-49 score. The Bears won both games with the Ponies this year and have counted a total of 3 more points than the tall Mustangs.

Fifth place in the conference race will probably be at stake tonight. The Farmers have a record of two wins and seven losses with only tonight's contest and games with TEU and Texas remaining on the docket.

SMU has a 2-6 record and also has to face the Christians and Longhorns in addition to a tussle with Rice tomorrow night.

Adding cagers both Batey and Garcia should start tonight. Sam Jenkins, Gene Strickel, and Billy Turnbow round out the starting Farmer quintet. Bob Kamperman, Joe Pettit, and Buddy Moore should see a lot of action.

Coach Hayes' starting team will probably be Bob Prewitt and Percy Penn at forwards, Roy Pugh at pivot spot, and Burt Rollins and Harold Salmon at the guard positions.

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## 3 Ex-SWC Champs On T.U. Golf Team

AUSTIN, Feb. 20.—Three former Southwest Conference golf champions are among the field of candidates for the 1948 Texas Longhorn golf team.

They are Ed Hopkins, Dallas, last year's winner, 1946 champion Hugh Dahlberg, and the 1945 title-holders, Joe Ruby, both of San Antonio. Other returnees are Bob Watson, Wichita Falls, two-seeded man on the 1946 and 1947 teams, and Marion Pfluger and Morris Williams Jr., both of Austin.

The Longhorns, defending champions, start conference play with Rice at Houston.

This year, the conference team championship will be decided by round-robin match play between the seven conference teams instead of by a single-match play tournament. Hereofore, the team with the lowest four-man total over the 72-hole tournament route won the championship.

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# Spring Football Practice Starting Today

## Fish to Meet Tyler Apaches Saturday Night

Coach Johnnie Frankie's Fish-Bee Team will be biting off quite a chunk when they meet the Tyler Junior College Basketball Team here tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Tyler has a good record in Junior College play, and will be favored to take the Aggies.

The Fish have been playing off-and-on all season, but have improved considerably in the last few games.

They boast a starting lineup which averages over six feet in height. Coach Frankie has been alternating his starters to find the right combination of speed and height and has changed his starting lineup several times.

Jewel McDowell, a mid-term addition to the squad, has increased the Fish's scoring punch, and center John DeWitt has been hitting the basket with more tip-in shots lately.

Guy Wallace, at 5-9" is the smallest man on the squad, but he has turned in some good playing lately.

Coach Karow was happy about McDowell's good shooting in practice yesterday. McDowell was hitting over half of his long shots, and DeWitt and Martin were following up what-shots he missed.

Tyler JC is one of the teams entered in the tournament to be held here next month, and has taken all but two of its conference games this season.

Jose Palafox is the highest scorer on the Tyler Apache team with an average of 10 points a game.

Fred Anderson, a mid-term Aggie, has been working out with the Fish team and may break into the starting lineup tomorrow night.

There will be no priority for admittance to the game tomorrow night between the Fish-Bees and Tyler Junior College. The game will start at 7:30 p.m.

## Bo McMillin Goes To Pro Football

DETROIT, Feb. 20.—Alvin N. (Bo) McMillin, veteran athletic director and football coach at Indiana University, today was hired as head coach and general manager of the Detroit Lions of the National Football League.

A contract, believed to be for seven years at a salary of \$30,000 a year lured McMillin, gray-haired strategist of hoosier football teams for 15 years, into the pro ranks.

Both McMillin and President D. Lyle Fife of the Lions specified in making the announcement jointly that McMillin's signing with the Lions was subject to his release from the remainder of a long term contract at Indiana University, which still has seven years to run.

## Bear First Sacker Declared Eligible

WACO, Feb. 20.—Tom Chandler, star first baseman of the Baylor University baseball team, has been declared eligible to play this year.

J. D. Bragg, Baylor, representative of the Southwest Conference faculty committee, announced the result of a vote of members yesterday.

Chandler had previously been ruled ineligible because he had accepted expense money while working out with San Antonio of the Texas League. He returned the money when he learned it might make him ineligible.

## Texas Track Team Loses Allen Lawler

AUSTIN, Feb. 20.—Allen Lawler, an outstanding Olympic prospect on the University of Texas track team, underwent an appendectomy last night.

His doctor would not say whether the sprinter will be able to compete this spring.

Washington players hit ten home runs at Griffith Stadium last season and Stan Spence got half of them.

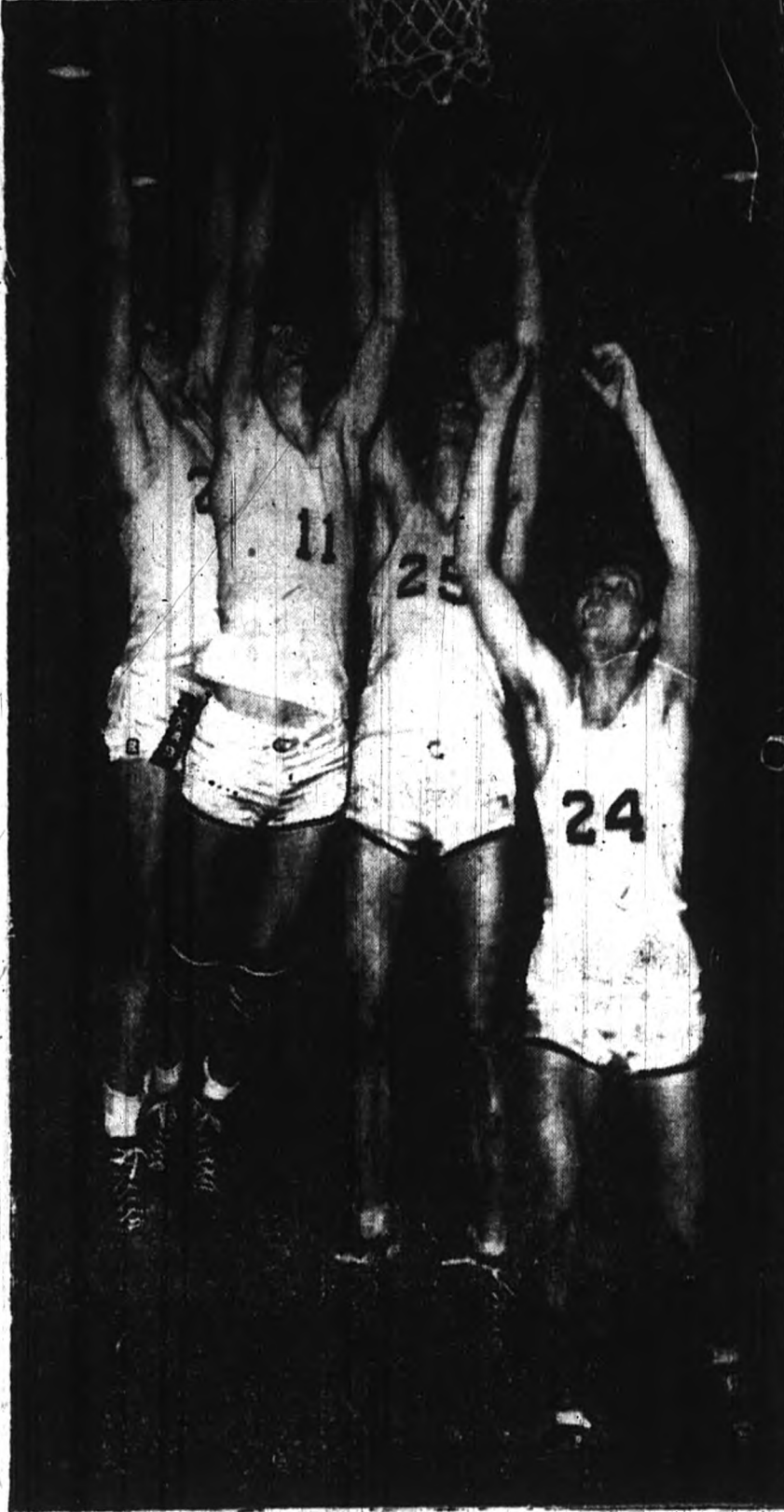
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There is lots of height on the Freshman team, as evidenced above by, left to right, Fred Sommers, John DeWitt, Kenneth Sutton and Marvin Martin. They are all centers, but Sommers and Martin alternate at the forward position. The Fish team will have its next game tomorrow night.

## Most Top JC Players in State Will See Action in Tournament

Out of the top 12 scorers in Junior Colleges throughout the state, 8 are on teams which are entered in the State-Wide JC Tournament to be held here March 1, 2, 3.

Leading the list is Gray Eargle of Corpus—which accepted its invitation, yesterday.

- 1. Gray Eargle—Corpus—20.5
- 2. D. W. Hawkins—Wayland—17.0
- 3. Billy Sherman—Victoria—16.1
- 4. R. Q. Simms—Westminster—16.0
- 5. Charley Smith—Navarro—16.0
- 6. Manuel Iguina—Lon Morris—15.3
- 7. Bryan Taylor—Corpus—15.0
- 8. Paul Mitchell—NTAC—14.5
- 9. Whit Pate—Amarillo—14.0
- 10. E. E. Harvey—Longview—14.1
- 11. Pat Babb—Amarillo—14.0
- 12. J. D. White—NTAC—13.6

\* — Indicates teams entered in Tournament.

Manuel Iguina (see 6 above), is from Porto Rico. Both he and his brother played for Lon Morris last year. They liked the school so well that they brought back 15 more Porto Ricans last fall.

Iguina is a sharp player and has kept Lon Morris in the running for the Southwest District Title. **TWO MORE ENTRIES**

Two other teams, John Tarleton and Wharton Junior College, have accepted their invitations to play in this tournament.

This brings the total to 12 teams definitely entered so far. The remaining four teams will be selected early next week. Only the leading teams in each division are being invited to participate.

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## 100 Hopefuls Expected Out For First Session of Year

King football moves back into the spotlight at A&M today with the beginning of spring football practice. The first practice session is slated to get under way at 4:00 p. m. this afternoon with 100 hopefuls expected out. Coach Harry Stiteler has announced that all positions are wide open, and that they will be filled by the men making the best showing in spring and fall practice.

## March 8 Date Set for Start Of Wrestling

Nineteen lettermen are expected back from last year's segregation which ended up in a tie with Arkansas for fifth place in conference standings. These include two men, Jimmy Cashion and Bobby Goff, who were injured early last season and saw no action in conference games. The loss of Cashion was probably a major factor in the Ags' dismal showing in later games.

Returning linemen include: Center Herb Ellis; guards Odell Stautzenberger, Max Greiner, Herb Turley, and Calvin Dupree; Jim Winkler and Marion Settegest, tackles; and ends Merle Prokop, Oscar Pollock, Wray Whittaker, and Charles Wright.

Backs returning are Buryl Batey, Ralph Daniel, Bobby Dew, Bob Goode, Stan Hollmig, Preston Smith, Jimmy Cashion, and Bobby Goff.

One of the best crops of freshmen prospects that A&M has boasted in many years will don the Maroon and White for the first time. Outstanding among the freshmen who enrolled at mid-semester are: Backs Robert Smith of Houston, Dale Collins of Amarillo, Clarence Lawson of Wichita Falls, Clovis Olsack of San Angelo, and Jim Bobbys of Abilene; Ends Carl Hill of Denison, Dan Sarrat of El Paso, and Averill Davis of Nederland; Charles Conner of Dallas; and Wilbur McBride of Kerrville, tackles; and Guards Dan Lanier of Freeport, and Bob Davidson of Port Arthur.

Glenn Lippman of El Campo and several other outstanding high school stars won't enroll at A&M until the fall semester.

Freshman Coach "Bones" Irvin won't arrive in Aggeland until June 1, but the freshmen are slated to receive a lot of attention during the 30 day period. During the training period they will work with the varsity.

The gridgers will go to work on the T-formation as that is the mode of attack that Coach Stiteler plans to have them operating from next fall. Most of the varsity players have had previous experience with the T, so they should be running it smoothly by the end of spring training period.

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Scheduling will begin immediately and brackets will be posted in the Intramural Office and at the Penberthy Intramural Message Center.

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