

Fish Cage Year Not Good, Not Bad; Better Days Are Coming

By PAUL MARTIN

Johnnie Frankie's Fish-Basketball team wound up an erratic season last Friday night and had the varsity not re-scheduled its final tilt for next Tuesday, the 1947-48 cage season at A & M would have been history.

The Fish-Bees came out of the twelve-game schedule with a batting average of .500—six wins and six losses—but they stood a little better than that when everything is taken into consideration. The Junior Aggies tallied 567 total points as compared to 522 by their opponents. It was apparently in the charity department that Frankie's charges suffered. They committed 216 personal fouls while the enemy was committing 179 and their shooting for charities was a bit below par. This largely accounted for most of the close losses—43-42 against the Rice Blue Bolts, 43-40 to Tyler Junior College, and 39-38 against the Texas Shorthorns.

Individual performances stacked up high in the Fish-B aggregation. An average of ten freshmen and three varsity reserves played each game. Too, Jim Kirkland, who averaged eight points per game, and Wray Whitaker were graduated to the varsity at midseason. Truett Mobley, a freshman from Austin tallied 55 points in the 12 games to spark scoring efforts. Mobley who stands something like five-eight, is also top-flight defensive player. Jewell McDowell, a freshman who is proving little short of a sensation, racked up 59 points in five games to set the scoring average per game record.

This leaves a bright spot on next year's calendar. Mike Garcia, Billy Turnbow, Bill Batey, Sam Jenkins, Bob Kamperman, Don Volding, Buddy Moore, Gene Schrickel, and Jim Kirkland, all mainstays on this year's varsity quintet, will be eligible, backed by an imposing array of this year's freshman squad. Height will not be so great a problem as John DeWitt, Martin Martin, Kenneth Sutton and several others all tower well above the six foot mark.

Another Round Of Action Slated For Volleyball League

Another round of play will begin soon in the College Station Volleyball League according to an announcement by W. M. Dowell, director of the league.

The team managers are now getting the names of all men interested in participating in the league play.

The playoff game in the initial round was held Monday evening in the Consolidated gym with the Cubs of the National League taking two straight games from the Senators of the American League 15-13 and 15-7.

W. R. Horsley managed the victorious Cubs and Gordon Gay was the Senators' skipper.

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Former Court King To Conduct Tennis Clinic Here Mar. 15

Bruce Barnes, former tennis champion and coach of the U. S. Davis Cup Team will conduct a tennis clinic at A&M on Monday, March 15.

All persons interested in getting help with their tennis are invited to attend this clinic. It will be held in the afternoon.

Also included in Bruce Barnes' visit to Aggieland will be an exhibition match between him and members of the Aggie varsity. Both singles and doubles matches may be played.

The exhibition matches will be played in the evening on the boards in DeWare Fieldhouse.

Barnes won numerous singles titles, including the National Intercollegiate Crown in 1931 and National Professional Doubles Championship in the years 1932, 1934, 1939 and 1943.

In 1939 he coached the U. S. Davis Cup Team.

DiMaggio Out To Take Batting Title From Williams

By JOE REICHLER

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Mar. 1.—Joe DiMaggio has served notice on Ted Williams that he is out to wrest the American League's batting championship from the slugging outfielder of the Boston Red Sox.

The star centerfielder of the New York Yankees, who nosed out Williams for the league's most valuable player award last year, says he thinks a .350 percentage can do the trick. At least that is the figure he has set his sights on for 1948. Williams won the batting title last year with a mark of .343.

"I'm really looking forward to a fine year, one of my best," said DiMaggio yesterday. At one time or another Joe has led the league in batting, runs batted in, home runs, triples, hits and runs scored. "I feel as good right now as I ever have at the start of spring training in all my years with the Yankees," he said. "My arms and legs are in great shape. My weight is okay. I'm just itching to get a bat in my hands."

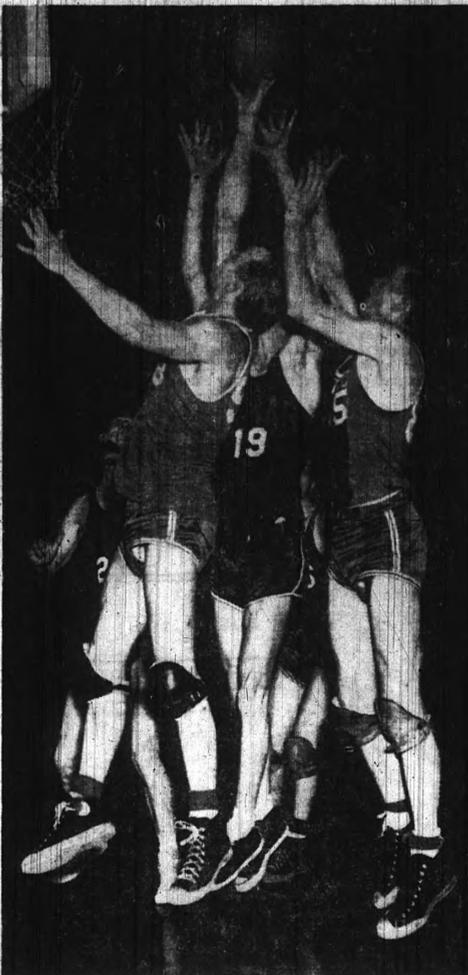
The Yankee clipper said he was fully recovered from the elbow operation he underwent last fall. He expects his throwing arm to be as strong as ever this season. The wound on his left heel, where he was operated upon a year ago for the removal of a spur, is still open. It won't be fully healed for another year.

More Batt sports writers are needed. Anyone interested report to Art Howard, Battalion office.

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Center Joe Mouton (19) tries to take the ball away from NTAC's center, Paul Mitchell, left, and James McAnally. Mitchell scored 20 points in this game yesterday, but Lamar beat NTAC 59 to 44.

Cadet Thinly Clads Hosts To Texas in Dual Meet Saturday

HERSHELL, SHELBY — Saturday afternoon at Kyle Field Southwest Conference track will make its 1948 debut, as the maroon and white prepares to defend its championship against the invading Longhorns.

The Aggies are in good shape for this time of the year, but will be hampered by the loss of one of last year's mainstays, Jimmy Hill, who has been ill and will be unable to compete. Normally, he could be counted on for points in the broad-jump.

Bob Goode will be entered in the broad-jump to help fill the vacancy left by Hill. Texas U is especially strong in that event as they have the NCAA 1946 broad-jump champion.

The Cadets had an intersquad meet last Saturday but no results were given out.

Since these two opponents both have approximately the same teams that they had last year, some events can be pretty well predicted beforehand. However, the outcome of the meet is anybody's guess.

Besides the broad-jump, the hurdles may prove another critical event for the Farmers. The question will be whether or not Aggie Bill Cardon can beat the Teasip's fine hurdler, Ken Baron, in the highs.

Although sprinter Webb Jay has been working out for only a few days, he is rounding into shape and will be heavily counted on.

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Favored Weyland Loses In Tourney

Amarillo, Tyler Look Good As Tournament Enters Last Day

By ART HOWARD

Top-rated Weyland's loss to Blinn featured yesterday's play in the Junior College Tournament here. Weyland's defeat leaves the race wide open and without a definite favorite. There was plenty of action yesterday but the hard-

fought Paris-Amarillo game was the best show of the day. Both teams were powerful outfits but they held each other's score down as Amarillo won, 52 to 43. Tyler also showed plenty of class while defeating Kilgore 58 to 37.

TODAY'S GAMES:

The afternoon session ended at 4 p. m. today with the John Tarleton-Corpus game.

Tonight at 7:30 the winner of the Corpus-Tarleton game will meet the winner of the Hillsboro-McNeese contest in the consolation finals.

The third-place winner of the tournament will be decided today at 6 p. m. The loser of the Lamar-Blinn game will meet the loser of the Amarillo-Tyler game. The winners of these games will play tonight at 9 p. m. in the championship finals.

Amarillo-Paris

Amarillo became the team to beat yesterday after beating the smooth-working Paris Junior College team of 62-43.

After Weyland lost to Blinn in the quarter finals, the tall Amarillo Badgers rated the favorite spot.

Forward Pat Babb led the Amarillo team with 20 points, but his high-scoring partner, Whit Pate hit the bucket only twice for four points. Both of these men have been sparking the Badgers all season.

Paris used only six men in an attempt to halt the tall Badgers. High scorer for the Paris team was Amos Floyd with 13 points.

Amarillo led 27-21 at the half but pulled away quickly in the second period. The tall Badgers were hot on their shots all evening but the Paris team was a smoother working outfit.

Paris star Charles Whitten, who scored 30 points earlier in the tournament, was off his aim as he only scored 10 points in this encounter.

Wayland-Blinn

One of the biggest upsets in the tournament was the upset of Wayland by Blinn J. C. yesterday. The Blinn Buccaneers, used only six men to beat the No. 1 team in the tournament, 55-49.

Sydon Hrachovy led the Buccaneers with 21 points, second highest individual score in the tournament through Tuesday. Following Hrachovy was teammate Reuben Jochec who accounted for 20 scores. Jochec and Hrachovy tore through the tight Wayland defense around the circle while leading their team to a win.

Wayland couldn't hit the basket while the Blinn team ran up a 35-26 lead at the half.

One bright spot in Wayland's game was the performance of D. W. Hawkins, who scored 20 points to keep his team threatening during the entire game. Hawkins is the third highest scorer in the state Junior College play with an average of better than 17 points per game.

NTAC-Lamar

Flashy NTAC lost out in the quarter finals 44-59 to a strong Lamar quintet. Center Bill Moody led the Lamar Cardinals scoring with 18 points.

Following Moody for the Cardinals were forwards Charles Shop-taw with 13, and James Anders with 12.

Paul Mitchell, the fourth highest scorer in the state, led the North Texas Aggie with 20 points. Next on NTAC's scoring list was J. D. White with 11. White and Mitchell scored all but 13 of NTAC's points.

Lamar showed one of the tightest defenses seen in the tournament while taking the Aggies.

NTAC made a game of it in the first half, leading the team from Beaumont by one point. But the potent Lamar squad came back to dominate the last half over their shorter opponents.

NTAC lost via the foul route, making only four free throws against 11 for the Lamar team. The Aggies had a total of 25 per-

1948 SWC Baseball Schedule Released; A&M Opens April 2

The 1948 Southwest Conference baseball schedule opens April 1 with a game between Rice and Baylor in Waco. The other four teams, Texas A&M, Texas U., SMU, and TCU open on April 2 and the Owls and Bears go into their second game of the two-game series.

Marty Karow's Aggies tackle Bibb Faulk's Longhorns here for the opener. Southern Methodist and Texas Christian play in Fort Worth. The Ponies and Horned Frogs mix again the following day in Fort Worth.

Baylor journeys to College Station April 6 for a round with the Aggies while Rice and Texas meet in Austin. Texas and TCU are slated to tangle in Austin April 5. On April 10, TCU and Texas swing into their second round, A&M hits the road for Houston to take on the Owls, and Baylor and SMU play in Dallas.

SMU travels to Austin April 13 for a game with Texas. Karow's charges play the Mustangs at Dallas April 17, the Owls and Frogs meet in Fort Worth, and Texas mixes with the Golden Bears in Waco.

Other scheduled games are as follows:

- April 19
- A&M vs. TCU in Fort Worth
- Rice vs. SMU in Dallas
- April 23
- TCU vs. Baylor in Waco
- Texas vs. Rice in Houston
- April 24
- TCU vs. Baylor in Waco

Names of all visiting Junior College basketball players are on file in the Student Housing Office, room 101, Goodwin Hall.

Got A Break

CHICAGO — (AP) — Outfielder Jimmy Delsing, up for a trial with the Chicago White Sox, dates his diamond career from a "break" he got as a 16-year old in Green Bay, Wis. Delsing was watching the Green Bay team play one day when the shortstop of the club broke his leg. Jimmy stepped into the breach, went on to a fine year with Hollywood last season and his promotion to the majors.

Softball League Formed for Clubs

A softball league is being formed for all hometown clubs, business societies, and other organizations on the campus. Grady Elms, assistant director of student activities, announced today. Any club on the campus is eligible to enter a team in this league, and students may play on either club, dormitory, or military organization team. If a club is exceptionally large, more than one team may be entered, although a student may play on only one of these teams. Clubs must file their entries at the Student Activities Office before March 10. Games are scheduled to be played on Thursday afternoons, Elms said, with intramural rules applying in each game. If there are too many teams, games will also be played on Tuesday afternoon.

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age of 18.4 in eight games before this tournament.

Roy Die and Louis Wills of the Ramblers scored 10 points each, almost the same average which they maintained during the season.

Corpus took an easy win over the short Rambler team after running up a 26-12 lead at the half.

The boys from the coast were rated in fourth spot for the tourney, but lost out to Lamar of Beaumont in the initial round.

Lon Morris-Tarleton

In the closest tourney game thus far, John Tarleton of Stephenville eliminated Lon Morris of Jacksonville 49-43 in the second morning contest.

The score was tight all the way as Lon Morris held a 27-26 half-time margin.

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