

Baseball Team Ends Season With Eleven Wins, Four Losses

By ANDY MATULA

A successful season came to a successful end in Brenham last week for the Texas Aggie Baseball team as Farmer batters riddled the Baylor Bears 16-1. Nothing was at stake in the Bruin games. The conference race was over and the Farmers had finished in second place, much to the surprise of everyone but themselves.

But back at the start of the season you wouldn't have thought the Aggies were first class. That is, if you read the "foreign" papers with the high paid sports writers. They all picked Texas first, Baylor second, SMU third and then A&M.

Well, the Aggies lost to Texas here by just one run and the game was a tight affair all the way. Baylor was the next victim and the "weak" Aggie pitching staff came through. Earl Beesley fazed the Bears in a one hitter and Bob Fretz followed through next day.

That second game put the Aggies in their most advantageous spot. It was a tie game until the seventh when Red Burditt homed with two aboard.

So the season progressed. Rice scared the Aggies but failed to win. Next on the list were the SMU Mustangs and A&M beat them on their own home ground "showing" their leading pitcher. In a second tilt the Aggies

set a conference record of six home runs in one game.

An off day caught up with the Aggies in Waco when they lost to the Bears. But they bounced right back to finish off TCU, close out SMU and eliminate Rice. All that remained was Texas.

There seems to be a certain enigma that lies over Clark Field in Austin that makes it difficult to beat T. U. there. It couldn't be the arrangement of the field on its topography or anything like that, but the Longhorns trounced the Aggies in one game 16-1.

The second was different. The "big leaguers" couldn't find Bob Fretz's side arm curves until he weakened and Texas closed out the Aggies again. And the score was another one run margin. That indicates the second place Aggies were fighting all the way.

Well, that's the season. Eleven games won and four lost. Pitchers records showed up good too.

Earl Beesley won six and lost three and worked for over 70 innings on the mound. Bob Fretz won three and lost one in between duties at first base and the outfield.

Alvin Nixon won two games and Art Newman did fine relief work. Bruce Morris stands a chance to be a top rate pitcher.

Three Aggies placed on the All-Conference team: Stan Hollmig because of his five home runs. Cotton Lindloff, a flawless second baseman, placed too. Earl Beesley was on the pitching staff because of his deceptive and offensive mound work.

Every regular player of the team this year hit a home run. That is all except Dusty Clark. Dusty says, however, that glory isn't everything in baseball.

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Lack of Reserve Strength, Height, Hurt Aggie Cagers

By JAMES DeANDA

Spirit and aggressiveness were not enough to offset lack of height and reserves for the '47-'48 edition of the Aggie basketball team. A decisive loss to the University of Texas on March 9 ended a hardwood campaign in which the Cadets won but seven times in twenty four starts.

Coach Marty Karow's cagers began the season in good fashion. Abilene Christian College bowed to the Farmers in the opening tilt by a 63-54 count. After dropping a close contest to the East Texas State Lions, the Cadets split a two game series with a visiting South-eastern Oklahoma squad and bounced Sam Houston's Bearkats twice.

The Christmas Holidays found the Aggie five in distant parts of the country. Northern roads were plenty bumpy and the Aggies lost three in a row on the trip.

The Farmers followed up the out-of-state engagements with a win over Louisiana State before being eliminated in the Ft. Worth Invitational Tournament.

Conference teams began playing for keeps in January. Arkansas' tree-top cagers were first on the Aggie docket, and the Razorbacks needed every inch of height they had to defeat the

Farmers in a pair of close contests.

In both of the Arkansas tilts, the Aggies wilted in the second half, this lag in the final twenty minutes was to be repeated many times during the flag race. It was in the last half that the lack of reserve strength became obvious and it was usually in this latter part of the games that opposing teams gained their winning margins.

But there were plenty of bright spots during the season. In the Fort Worth tourney the never-say-die Aggie quintet overcame a twelve-point deficit to beat Louisiana State 44-45.

On December 19, a near capacity crowd watched a Baldwin Wallace quint stop the Aggies in the Cleveland Arena. However the Ohioans couldn't even slow down Billy Turnbow. The Farm- (See CAGERS, Page 4)

Rice Defeat, Norton Exodus Football Highlights of 1947

By CHUCK CABANISS

The close of the 1947 grid-iron season at A&M brought to an end the most disastrous pigskin campaign since 1935 and also the tenure of Homer Hill Norton as Aggie head football mentor.

The '47 aggregation did not rank with the best of Norton's outfits—which included the nationally acclaimed '39, '40, and '41 teams—although it appeared that more depth in reserve strength could have resulted in a much more creditable performance by the Maroon and White.

The Aggies opened the season with an easy 48-0 rout of the Southwestern Pirates at Kyle Field and followed up the next week with a convincing 29-7 lacing of the Texas Tech Raiders at San Antonio's picturesque Alamo Stadium.

In Norman, Oklahoma the Farmers led highly touted Oklahoma U. 14-13 at the half, but the combination of intensive heat, more reserves, and Johnnie Rapacz's defensive prowess, enabled the Big Red team to gain a 26-14 decision.

The annual battle between the Ags and LSU at Baton Rouge resulted in another Maroon loss although they played one of their best games of the season and led 13-12 at the end of the third quarter.

After their surprisingly strong showing against the Tigers, the Aggies entered the TCU fray at Fort Worth slightly favored, but

the Horned Frogs became a Purple Plague that day as they trounced a lethargic A&M eleven 24-0.

Once again showing a reversal of form, the Aggies proceeded to work and ended the Bears' all-victorious streak. The phenomenal punting of Stan Hollmig, highlighted the game as he booted 8 of 10 kicks out of bounds inside the 12-yard line.

The sparkling performance of the Farmers in scoring 21 points in about half that many minutes was offset by the running of Clyde Scott as the Razorbacks managed to tie A&M 21-21 in a drizzling Arkansas rain at Fayetteville.

Only the accurate eye of Gilbert Johnson and an alert SMU pass defense held the Maroons at bay on Kyle Field on Nov. 8, but nevertheless these two factors gave the Southwest Conference Champions a 13-0 win.

The late-starting Rice Owls rumbled over A&M in Houston to the score of 41-7, the worst beating taken by the Cadets since 1901. The Turkey Day tilt brought no respite for the harassed Ags as the Longhorns from TCU won an exciting game 32-13. The Maroon eleven had the Steers on the defensive during the major portion of the contest as a spread pass formation left Blair Cherry's charges bewildered. An impotent running attack stymied most of the scoring opportunities, however.

At the end of the season Bob Gary and Barney Welch were elected co-captains of the team and

the most valuable player award was given to Stan Hollmig.

Jim Winkler was chosen on the first-string All-Conference team, a tackle and received the best blocker award. Guard Odell Stauberberger and Backs Ed Dusek and Stan Hollmig also received All-Conference mention.

When the Southwest Conference statistics were released, several Aggies were rated high in individual achievements. Ed Dusek, full-back, ranked eighth in ball carrying with 366 yards gained on 80 carries.

Hollmig was second in passing statistics with 688 yards gained on 58 completions, in 136 attempts; he also heaved 6 touchdown passes.

Burly Barty ranked fifth with 540 yards gained on 45 completions in 94 attempts.

Hollmig held second in the punting averages with 40.0 yards for 75 boots. Welch was seventh among the punt returners with an average of 10.0 yards on 20 returns and was second in pass receiving with 262 yards gained on 20 completions.

Rob Goode had scored the fourth highest total of points by an individual, 42.

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One Defeat Mars Perfect Record of A&M Tracksters

By DON ENGELKING

During the 1948 season the Texas Aggie track and field men compiled one of the best records any Aggie squad has ever recorded.

Starting with the dual meet against Texas University on March 9, the Aggies won seven meet titles in a row before bowing to the Steers in a return match in Austin. The next weekend the Aggies moved down all opposition in Houston to take their second straight Southwest Conference track and field crown.

The loss to Texas in Austin by the slim margin of two points was the only defeat suffered by the Farmers during the season.

In the first dual meet between the Farmers and the Steers, the men from Aggie land won a lopsided victory by plowing the Longhorns into Kyle Field's sod by amassing 72 points to 50 for Texas.

A&M's next victory came the following weekend in Laredo at the popular Border Olympics. While taking the team title from the defending champion Texas

Longhorns, the Farmers received competition from the following schools: LSU, Oklahoma A&M, Baylor, Rice and SMU.

The Southwestern Exposition track and field meet in Fort Worth was the next barrier for the Aggie Squad.

The Farmers again defeated the highly touted Longhorns for their third straight win while placing in every event on the program. More competition was received from the University of Oklahoma and Arkansas plus the same teams who had competed in the Border Olympics.

The following week in Corpus Christi the Aggies again trounced the Steers in the Annual Quarterback Relays, a triangular meet between A&M, Texas, and Rice. No team title was awarded at the Texas Relays the following weekend but two Aggie relay teams walked off with victories. The mile-relay team won its race in record breaking time and the four mile relay team ran away from the rest of the field to give the Aggies two relay champs.

The Aggies notched their fifth meet victory in a row when they swamped the LSU Tigers, Champions of the Southeastern Conference, in Baton Rouge, La.

After the LSU meet came the Kansas and Drake Relays on two successive weekends. The Aggie mile relay team set a new record at the Kansas classic while the four mile team was taking its second major title.

In the Drake Relays the four mile could finish no better than fifth but the mile team continued its victory string by winning in the exceptionally fast time of 3:15.2.

Aggie George Kadera took second to Minnesota's Fortune Gordien in the Discus throw at the Des Moines, Iowa classic.

The same weekend that the relay teams were competing in the Kansas meet the remainder of the Aggie team was trouncing the Rice Owls in a dual meet on Kyle Field.

The following weekend the Aggies smothered the previously undefeated Oklahoma Aggies in a dual meet on Kyle Field. The Farmers scored 96 points to only 39 for the Cowboys, champions of the Missouri Valley Conference. This was the seventh consecutive track title for the 1948 Aggie team.

Following their two point loss to the Steers, the Aggies journeyed to Houston for the all-important SWC meet.

The Aggies climaxed the 1948 track season by taking the sweetest plum of them all—the Southwest Conference track and field crown. Texas University trailed the Aggies by seven and one half points after the final event and Arkansas finished a strong third.

Following are the ten leading point getters on the 1948 Aggie track squad:

Name	Points
George Kadera (weight man)	101
Robert Goode (weight man)	54
Bill Cardon (hurdler)	52
Bob Hall (hurdler)	47½
Art Harnden (quarter-miler)	44½
Ral Holbrook (quarter-miler)	43½
Bill Napier (sprinter)	43½
Webb Jay (sprinter)	39½
J. D. Hampton (two-miler)	39½
Webster Stone (half-miler)	27

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