

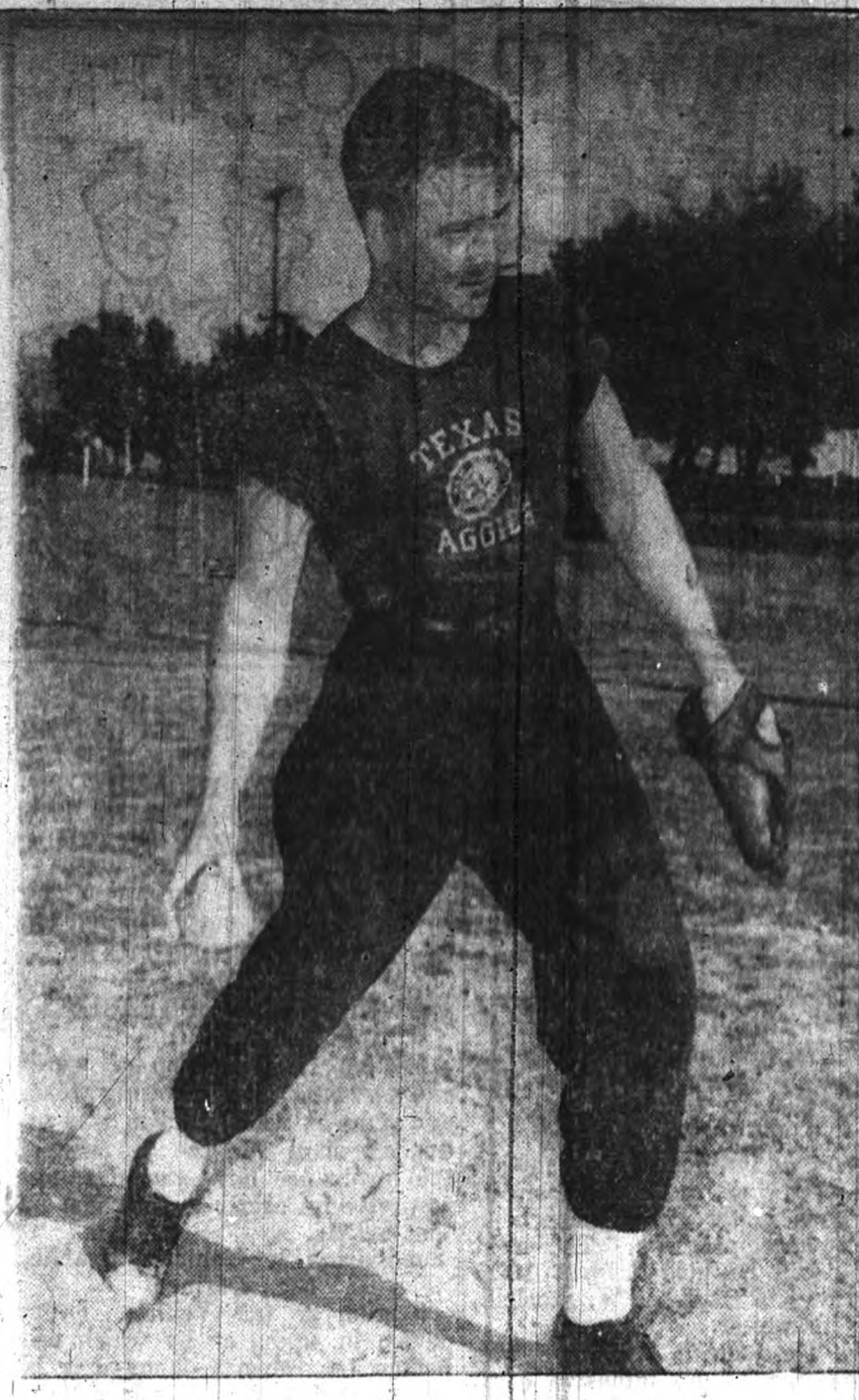
Defense Centers Around Watson

Jess Neeley Will Have Powerful Football Aggregation This Fall

By BILL POTTS
Rice Institute's Owls, who last year inflicted the worst grid defeat upon the Aggies since 1901, are again girding themselves for another crack at that host-covered title, Southwest Conference Football Champions.
Head coach Jess Neeley has already started his annual "morning campaign" and this year it is particularly loud. His railing and weeping is centered around the Owl's rough schedule and his loss of lettermen from last year's team. However, anyone who has followed Southwest Conference football for any reasonable length of time will understand that most of this noise made by Neeley is superfluous and any resemblance to the real thing is purely coincidental.
How Neeley can cry about the schedule that he has this year is beyond the powers of the imagination because it is probably the best arranged schedule of any team in the conference. Rice plays four out of a total of six Southwest Conference games at Houston and included in these four are SMLL and Texas, two of their toughest opponents. Playing these two at home will certainly be to Rice's advantage.
Besides having one of the best schedules in the conference, Rice has a group of men available for

play this Fall, especially in the backfield, that would be hard to overlook in selecting a winning team.
Huey Keeney and Tobin Rote, hardened, experienced backfielders, are both returning. Keeney has had three years' experience as a Rice regular and should be at his best this year. Rote, who is only twenty, has lettered two years and handles the quarterback position in the "T" with polish.
Also gunning for positions in the backfield are Bobby Lantrip, a potential first-rate fullback, Van Ballard, who, with experience will develop into a reliable performer, and John Kelley, a squadman in 1946, and a letterman in 1947, who will see much service.
The outstanding losses to the line are end Windell Williams, all-conference guard J. W. Magee and N. L. Nicholson, and Henry Armstrong, Jim Spruill, and Ralph Noble, all competent tackles.
Neeley's center position worries have just about disappeared the last couple of years and will not bother him this Fall because big 225 pound Joe Watson will fill it well and Jack Price will be his reserve. Watson is one of the potential All-Americans in the Southwest Conference this year.

Fighting for the guard positions are lettermen Carl Schwarz, Tom Parsons, S. J. Roberts, Ed Kwiatkowski, twins Delwood and Derwood Lee, and Earnest Reininger. Top contenders for these positions are Schwarz and Parsons, men capable of performing their duties well.
Only three lettermen are returning to the tackle slots and these positions will probably be the weakest in the Rice line this Fall.
At the end positions, despite the loss of the brilliant pass-slinger, Wendell Williams, there is still an impressive array of material. Froggy Williams, Bill Taylor, Nick Ianza, George Miner, and Jack McBride have all shown their ability to catch difficult passes and make it hot for the opposing team. With these men to man the end positions, Rice may have the best ends in the conference.
Rice has eighteen lettermen, twenty-eight squadmen, and ten men from last year's freshman team reporting this Fall. Most of these men have had much experience with the "T" formation and this is one of the deciding factors.
With this array of experienced talent on hand, don't let Neeley's moaning fool you. He's going to have quite a team this Fall.



B. J. LOYD, outstanding Aggie softball pitcher, is shown halfway through his delivery as he prepares for the coming State softball tourney. Loyd took a night off last night as the Aggies trimmed Cameron 11-7 behind the offerings of Hubert Clark.

Aggie Softball Team Downs Cameron 11-7 in Wild Game

By LEON SOMER

In a free-scoring tilt the A&M softball team over-powered Cameron 11-7 here last night on the lighted softball diamond. The game saw the Aggies lose a five run lead and then come back strong to take the game.
The first inning was scoreless and then A&M took a one run lead in the second inning when Barney Welch, team manager, clouted a home run over the center fielder.
The Aggies added to their lead in the fourth inning when they scored four more runs on three hits, a walk, and two errors on the part of the Cameron outfielders. The Cameron team scored their first run in the last of the fourth.
In the fifth the Farmers blew their four run lead as the visitors tallied six times on three hits, a walk, and two A&M errors. The Aggies came back in the last half of the fifth to score six runs and once again take the lead which they held through the sixth and seventh innings.
Last night's game saw Hubert Clark on the mound and Baryl Smith behind the plate. Clark struck out three and walked three while allowing a total of five hits.
Lockman started on the hill for Cameron and struck out three and walked one. He allowed eleven hits and nine of the Aggie runs in the four and one-third innings that he worked. Garrett finished on the hill for Cameron and gave up two runs and two hits.
Leading the A&M hitting was Preston Smith who collected four for three and Welch and Jack Watson, second baseman, who each got two for four.

Box Score:

A&M	R	H	E
Batz, c.	0	1	1
Turley, rf.	2	1	0
Smith, lf.	3	3	1
Palmer, 3b.	2	1	0
Hodge, lb.	1	1	1
Welch, rf.	2	2	1
Watson, 2b.	1	2	0
Kavall, ss.	1	1	0
Clark, p.	0	1	0

Totals 11 13 4

Cameron	R	H	E
Mosley, cf.	0	0	1
Sweet, lf.	1	1	1
Whitley, cf.	1	2	1
Weems, 2b.	1	0	0
Michilka, c.	1	0	0
O'Neal, ss.	1	1	0
Layne, lb.	1	0	0
Lima, rf-3b	0	1	1
Lockman, p-rf.	0	0	0
Garrett, 3b-p.	0	0	0

Totals 7 5 4

Score by innings: R H E
A&M010 460 x -- 11 13 4
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Bizzell, Mitchell, Trailer Camp, And Law Tied for Top

After the softball games were over Wednesday night, the Intramural Softball League was in a four way tie, with Bizzell, Mitchell, Law, and Trailer Camp leading the way.
Watson is in the cellar again as it was last semester with its cellar mate, Dorm 14, one game ahead. Dorm 14 pulled the surprise of the day when it defeated Walton 8 to 7 in a close game. This is the first game that Dorm 14 has won all summer.
The best game of the day was between Mitchell and Bizzell. Both teams got plenty of hits but Bizzell got them in the wrong places when they weren't needed and this caused them to lose the game.
Green of Bizzell was the loser while Frank Wiley received credit as the winning pitcher. Green walked seven batters to one for Wiley and gave up eight hits to four for Wiley.
Hodge of Bizzell copped the batting honors, getting on safely two out of three times at the plate.

Surprise of Day! Dorm 14 Wins Game

In a close, surprising finish, Dorm 14 won its first softball game of the summer last Wednesday from Walton by a score of 8 to 7. The game was close all the way with Walton leading most of the time.
In the last half of the sixth, with the score standing at 7 to 5 in favor of Walton, Dorm 14 pushed across three runs on four errors and one hit to end the scoring for the day. Johnson, the first baseman for Dorm 14, was the leading hitter of the tilt getting two safe hits out of three times at bat.
He took second in the free style.
D Company, composed mostly of teamsters and cadets from a few other colleges, came in last in the meet.
The softball playoff decided the ROTC Athletic Championship here. This corresponds to the winning of the Intramural Flag at A&M. D Troop Cavalry mauled B Company eight to two and four to two to win the championship in the first two games of the playoff series.
Two firsts and a second won the flag for the "Tankers," with C Company Infantry and B Company Infantry coming in second and third respectively.
Playing on the championship softball team for D Troop were "Spider" Wolpman, Ed Kruse, Jim Page, "Rupe" Hall, and "Rusty" Russell.
Jim Page's big bat really helped out D Troop in the series. Another winning combination was the doubleplay team of Page to Kruse to Wolpman. Several rallies were nipped in the bud by the slick playing of these boys.
On the losing team for B Company were Harrison, Grona, Ferguson, Oroskov, and Jones.
Everyone was impressed by the sportsmanship displayed by every outfit. The softball games, swimming meet, and volleyball games were fought hard and fair by every man participating. Spectators got their money's worth and every man went back to his outfit proud of his team's performance.

King George Opens Olympics; High Jump Finals End Today

OLYMPIC STADIUM, WEMBLEY, Eng., July 30 —(AP) The Olympic Games open today in a setting of Royal pomp with the powerful United States team supremely confident of winning the greatest share of glory.
At 9 a.m. yesterday King George spoke the solemn words that revived Olympic competition after a 12-year lapse and send 5,000 athletes from 50 nations into to competition in 17 different sports.
The flames open the Olympic Games of 1948 celebrating the 14th Olympiad of the modern era.
A flame, lit on Mount Olympus and sped by runners across Europe and by warships over the seas, was borne into the stadium seven minutes later to set ablaze

Two Teams Score Double Victories In "42" Tourney

Two teams came through with double wins last night in the "42" tournament sponsored by the Batt Sports department.
Tom Shipley and R. Morris beat Waley and Holmes twice, and Wyatt Lipscomb and Walter Page beat Louis Morgan and Art Howard for a perfect score of 500.
Tex Fields and Lehman Geistman stayed in the running with a total of 480 points while splitting with Pat Brown and W. E. Broughton.
Morgan and Howard took low honors with only 287 points scored in the two games.
Next Tuesday will be the final night of the round robin tournament. The winners will be decided by the highest point total, and a runoff will be held in case of a tie. This meeting will also be held in the YMCA at 7:15 a.m.
Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners-up.
A non-tournament will start next Thursday night in the YMCA. Entries for this event should be turned in to the Batt Sports department or to the Student Activities office, Goodwin Hall.
If there is sufficient demand, a checkers tournament will be held after domino play is over.

Aggies Win Championship In Three Sports At Camp Hood

By BEN ADAIR
Last week might well have been called Sports Week for the ROTC camp here at Camp Hood. Three major championships have been decided here recently.
Much support was given the participants, and from the yelling that went on, one might think that fall, with its yell practices, et al. is a little early this year. Even the teamsters in E Company M. P. made a few feeble attempts to drown out the Aggies' yelling at the swimming meet.
The organized yelling of the Aggies was too much for them, though. All the spectators were surprised at the organization of Aggies, who were led in their yells by Asa Holleman, yell leader at A&M last fall.
The volley-ball playoff led the sports for the week. An all-Aggie team from C Company (who were members of C Infantry at A&M last year) took the meet from D Company in two hard-fought games. Members of C Co. were Pete Stegall, Jerry Stewart, "Buck" Wheat, Tommy Splittgerber, Bob McGilten, and Joe Negy. On the losing team from D Co. were Fabun Murray, Chuck Mosley, Lee Holder, Asa Holleman, and Phil Moses, all members of the Cavalry at A&M.
The ROTC Swimming Meet was next, and drew more of a crowd than the others. D Troop Cavalry dominated the meet, taking every first place. Gene Summers and "Big Ed" Kruse were stars of the meet, with Summers collecting 15 points by taking first in the 200 yard free style, 100 yard free style and 100 yard breast stroke. Kruse amassed a total of 10 points, taking first in the 50 yard free style and the 100 yard back stroke.
Stanley Kesse and Lee Holder were two of the members of the team that won the 150-yard medley relay. The first place was due mainly to Holder's terrific drive to regain a lead of several yards that had been lost by the other members of the team.
In the 200 yard free style relay Jim Morris and Lee Holder did some fine swimming to take the lead, which they were never in danger of losing after the first lap.
First in diving was "Rusty" McGowan, who put on a nice exhibition and displayed very good form.
Aggies in the other companies were not to be outdone, however. C Co. came in second in the meet. Mainstays of the 150 yard medley relay team were Don Whitley and Bill O'Mara. Tommy Splittgerber took second in diving. Bill O'Mara took second in the 100 yard backstroke, and Marvin McClure and Jerry McManus won third place in the 200 and 300 free style, respectively.
B Company placed their third in the meet with Jim Gaines winning two second places—the 100 yard breast stroke and the 200 yard free style. Jasper Jones won third place in the 100 yard backstroke.
A Company came in fourth in the meet. Monty Currie was the only Aggie in A Co. to win a

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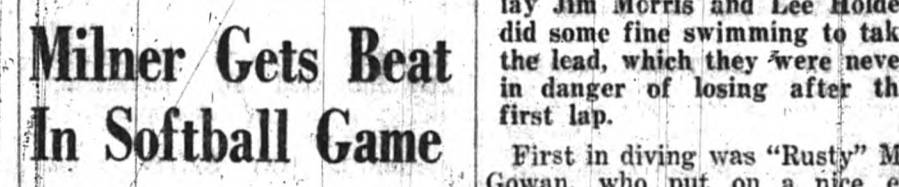
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Milner Gets Beat In Softball Game

Milner was one of the teams that fell from the undefeated ranks in the Intramural Softball League Wednesday afternoon when Law defeated them 9 to 2. This was one of the few defeats that Bowers of Milner has suffered all summer.
Milner took the lead in the second inning with two runs to their credit but at the end of the fourth, Law was ahead by a score of 3 to 2. In the seventh inning, Law sewed up the game by scoring six runs.
Fisher of Law was the winning pitcher and allowed only two hits in seven innings of play. He also proved to be the best batter of the day, hitting safely three out of four times at bat.
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MAX GREINER, letterman guard on last year's varsity, still has three years of eligibility left. Greiner, who hails from Beaumont, will be trying for one of the starting guard berths on this year's team.

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College Station Recreation Council Has First Water Fete

The first of several swimming carnivals to be sponsored during the summer by the College Station Recreation Council was presented Wednesday evening in P. L. Downs Natatorium to a large and enthusiastic audience.
More than 150 of the students who are working in the classes taught by Art Adomson took part in the carnival. The swimmers were divided into two teams and the Maroon team won a five point victory over the White team.
The large number of participants was made possible by including a number of relays on the program. The low beginners relay was won by the Maroon team. The high beginners relay was won by the White team.
First place in a low intermediate relay featuring five teams was won by Maroon team No. 1. The backstroke relay for high intermediates was won by Maroon team No. 1. The freestyle relay for advanced classes, featuring four teams, was won by White team No. 1.
Winners in the individual events were:
Boys under 14, two lengths breaststroke: David Bonner, first; Tom Barlow, second; Robert Cleland, third; Tom Terrell, fourth.
Boys under 14, two lengths freestyle: Pete Hickman, first; James Burk, second; Joe Motheral, third; Don Draper, fourth.
Girls under 14, two lengths backstroke: Ann Copeland, first; Pam Wilson, second; Martha Ergle, third; Judy Oden, fourth.
Boys under twelve, one length backstroke: Clinton Helvey, first; Richard Smith, second; Pete Hickman, third; Joe Stearn, fourth.
Girls under twelve, one length freestyle: Nancy Hale, first; Eleanor Price, second; Martha Terrell, third; Mary Joe Parsons, fourth.

Trailer Camp Team Wins Night Game

On the lighted softball diamond Wednesday night, Trailer Camp picked 10 to 5 in a game that was highlighted by the steady pitching of Ogan and the good batting of Cullinan.
The Leggett team out-hit their opposition but ten wild pitches by Plagens, their pitcher, cost them the ball game.
Batting honors for the night went to Cullinan who got knocks three times out of four at the plate.
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Distance Runner Comes Back to A-M

Robert Allen of Houston, an outstanding middle-distance runner who won the all-Pacific cross country championship while stationed in Japan, has re-entered Texas A&M College and will be eligible for four years of Southwest Conference track competition.
Allen, a graduate of John Reagan High, was at A&M only a month in 1946 when drafted.
The freshman rule which allowed first year men to compete in varsity sports was in effect at that time, so Allen will be eligible to compete in varsity sports immediately.

Trailer Camp Wins Volleyball Match

Three games were scheduled for Tuesday but only one was actually played, and that game was the one between Trailer Camp and Walton. Law and Puryear forfeited to Leggett and Dorm 14.
Trailer Camp had trouble getting started but once under way they took two straight games from Walton to win the match 15-10 and 15-5. Nothing seemed to bother Trailer Camp's smooth server, Dahlberg who was responsible for getting the ball in difficult positions for Walton.
Musick of Trailer Camp rounded out the winning team with good spike shots. It was Fern Dittmar for Walton who tried to keep the spark alive but failed only after playing a good game.

Softball Standings

Team	W	L
Bizzell	2	1
Mitchell	2	1
Law	2	1
T.C.V.V.	2	1
Milner	1	1
Puryear	1	1
Leggett	1	1
Dorm 14	1	2
Walton	0	3

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