

Twenty-four Cage Candidates Turn Out for First Practice

By SACK SPOEDE
There were twenty-four candidates for the Texas A&M basketball squad on the floor Monday evening when the first practice session of the season began. Coach Marty Karow quickly put the team to work practicing the fundamentals of the game in passing, dribbling, and shooting.

Six lettermen are on the squad this year from the Farmer team of last winter. The returning lettermen are Mike Garcia, Gene Schrickel, Bill Baty, Sam Jenkins, Billy Turnbow, and James Kirkland. Little Jackie Miller is the only returning squadman of the team last year.

The rest of the squad is made up of members of the freshman squad moving up to the varsity with one exception. Sydon 'Rocky' Hrachovy (pronounced Rock-a-way) transferred to A&M from Blinn Junior College.

Aggies who were on the campus last winter and attended the Junior College cage tournament remember the Blinn team as the boys who upset the top seeded Wayland team from Plainview. Lamar of Beaumont was the winner of the tournament.

This year's squad will be faster but not much taller than the team last year. Leading tall men on the team are John DeWitt of Waco and Fred Summers of Houston. These two are both up from the Fish team of the past season.

The Fish team last year finished with a 500 average in games won and lost. The only conference freshman team that beat the fish in both games played was the Baylor B team and freshman team.

Outstanding freshmen moving up to the varsity besides DeWitt and Summers are Marvin Martin, Traett Mobley and Guy Wallace. Still ineligible because he didn't enter school until the second semester last year is Jewel McDowell of Amarillo.

There are several ineligible transfers working out with the team and a member of the Fish team of last year who is ineligible due to scholastic reasons. The latter is Kenneth Sutton, a six foot seven inch center from Baytown.

Varsity To Ease Workouts For SMU Game



Few Injuries Reported As Ags Prepare for Walker, Johnson

By ART HOWARD
A week of light workouts planned for the varsity football team in preparation for the SMU game in Dallas Saturday. Coach Stiteler said that the team was suffering from a lull in play against Arkansas after playing good but losing ball for two months. He feels as if a week of light workouts will put the Aggies in better physical and mental condition to tackle the championship-bound Mustangs.

No new plays were introduced yesterday as the team sharpened up its pass offensive and defensive tactics. Quarterback Jimmy Cashion alternated with Beryl Baty on long and short passes. Backline Jimmy Flowers was handling the line-backing chores very well on offense, and the deep Sam showed some improvement in covering pass receivers.

Line Coach Bill DuBose concentrated on defense for most of the practice period, spending his time in a formation which he hoped to hinder the Mustang's potent ground game.

The entire coaching staff congregated in Stiteler's office last night to discuss offensive and defensive plans for this week.

Trainer Blaine Ridson has had a comparatively empty room this week as he reported very few front line injuries. Oueli Staunbacher is still suffering from a chipped bone in his ankle, but was performing all right in practice yesterday.

Backs Bobby Dew and Jim Boswell are still on the ailing list and may not see any action this week.

The Mustangs will trot onto the field favored by at least three touchdowns Saturday. It is questionable if anything less than a sloppy field will hold down their array of backfield stars.

A&M's main ace in the hole will be its staunch first-string line which held versatile Clyde Scott to a net of 47 yards last week.

On the other hand, the Mustangs have had to plow ahead without a stout forward wall. Although having lost only one game this season, the Mustangs have been outtraded 1948 yards to 1127, on the ground.

But SMU is clearly the conference leader in the air, with two players in the top ten. Gil Johnson has completed 44 passes in 56 tries for 654 yards to lead the list, and Deak Walker has hit 13 out of 29 for 157 yards. Walker is tops in punting with an average of 40.2 yards per boot. Bob Goode of A&M has the most total yardage but dropped his average to 35.3 on several short out-of-bounds kicks against the Razorbacks.

Water Polo Team Defeats Steers 4-2 in Rough Game

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.
The Aggie Water Polo team took an early lead and went on to defeat the Texas University swimmers for a second time this season 4 to 2 in Gregory Gym last night. Tex Robertson, coach of the Texas squad was referee and fouls were called fast and furious for the slightest bit of unfair play.

The Farmers started off with a bang in the opening period by pushing across two scores within a minute and a half of play. With only fifteen seconds gone in the opening quarter Jerry Fisher made a score with a hard pass into the wicker about seven feet out.

Johnny Heeman made the next score for the Aggies that just slipped inside the arms of Texas goalie Bobby Hill. About three minutes later Heeman, who played a spectacular game for the Aggies, gave the Farmers another marker with a high toss that almost went over the wicker, after taking a pass from Gene Summers.

Van Adamson, who played a good game at right guard for the Ags, intercepted a long pass intended for Jack Tolari, but time ran out before the Aggies had a chance to make full use of their drive to the Pensupper goal. The first quarter ended with the Aggies out front by a 3 to 0 margin.

The second quarter was a much closer battle as the Texas swimmers seemed to catch on to the Aggies' deceptive ball handling.

The Longhorns first score came just before the half when Wynent Wilson took a pass from Bob Tarleton, who made a long angle shot just slipping out of the hands of Aggie goalie Ed Kruse. This ended the scoring for the first half, with the Aggies still out in front 3 to 1.

The Longhorns got most of the tips but the crack Aggie defense, led by goalie Ed Kruse, kept the Texans' scoring down. Fisher and Syfan both played good offensive games for the Aggies and the accurate passing of Heeman and Adamson kept A&M's offense rolling.

Danny Green, A&M's star swimmer was put out of the game late in the third quarter and remained out until the Longhorns scored their next goal midway in the last stanza.

The first game between the two "B" teams ended in a 6 to 4 victory for the future Aggie swimmers. The Aggie scoring was divided among Hollingshead, McKinsey, Clevenger and Self, with Bill Moye accounting for two tallies.

Tickets, Tickets
Tomorrow will be the last day for students to purchase tickets at the YMCA for the SMU Corps Trip to Dallas this weekend. The tickets will be returned to SMU tomorrow.

Clubs, Vets Set Moderate Place In Intramurals

Veteran and Club leagues continued competition in intramural sports Tuesday afternoon but several forfeits marred activities.

The Vet Medical Club defeated the AIEE outfit by a 12 to 5 score. Mitchell gave no quarter to Down 15 and trot over them 25 to 0. Al Wiley and Joe Delbert both intercepted passes and converted them into M-tell scores.

The East Texas Club, the FFA Landscape Art Association, and Heart of Texas Club were all involved in double forfeits in Flag Football.

Purple kept its Basketball record clean by downing Milner 27 to 20. Bill Wakefield and Red Theford spurred Purple on to victory while Eddie Pantler scored nine points for Milner to put them temporarily in the running during the last half.

Law Hall was another victor, scoring a win over a usually strong Leggett five; final score was 30 to 19. Surprising was the

Coach Stiteler To Speak at QB Club

Coach Harry Stiteler will speak at the meeting of the Quarterback Club tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Assembly Hall. The busy mentor will take time off from his coaching duties to answer questions concerning the Aggie football team.

Stiteler has made no secret of his pride in the fight which the team has shown this season, even though it has not won a game. A&M has had the lead in five of its seven games this year, but speed and strength in depth have been holding down its staying power.

Following Stiteler's talk, pictures of the A&M-Arkansas game will be shown, and the winner of last week's Quarterback Club punting contest will receive two tickets to the SMU game.

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