

Fish Cagers Whip Allen Academy, 56 to 46

Bobby Farmer Stands Out for Aggies In Season Opener; Bryan Team Leads at Half

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.
The A&M freshman basketball team had to come from behind to over take a one-point halftime lead from the Allen Academy cagers and win going away by a score of 56 to 46. Fish guard Bobby Farmer, ex Amarillo cager made 17 points in the fray to lead his teammates to a ten-point edge over a tough Allen squad.

The game, filled with rough and clumsy playing, was never on ice until the final minutes of the last quarter when the future Aggie varsity cagers put on a daring fourth quarter spree to go way ahead and win the bit.

Until the Cadets began hitting the hoop in the second half the Academy boys combined a fast breaking offense with a fairly good zone defense that managed to intercept the ball numerous times cutting off Aggie passes.

If Farmer would have been off with his long shots the outcome of the game would have been a different story. The Cadets had a hard time working the ball in under the hoop and were not able to take advantage of their quick breaks.

Both teams showed that they needed a lot of practice but little can be expected in the first game. Both squads showed signs of improvement as the game progressed, but with so many substitutes being used the boys found difficulty working together.

Buddy Davis, the Neiderland flash, proved to be a big disappointment in the first half but made a good comeback in the third and fourth quarters to score eleven points. The 6 ft. 8 inch cager seemed to have a great deal of difficulty in getting off his feet under the basket.

Bill Glover of Beaumont proved very helpful the short time he was in the game, scoring five points, and consistently leading Allen guards Pete Bramblitt and James Byrley. George Skipper, second string center, also looked good.

Allen Academy's slick working forward Skinny Bridges, who looked like he could do without about twenty of his pounds, hit the hoop for eleven points to lead the Bryan cagers for the night. Bramblitt

EX-SUB COMMANDER DIES
PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 18 (AP)—Rear Adm. Richard George Vogt, U.S.N., ret., 44, a commander of submarines during World War II, died today.

and Wills accounted for twenty of the Academy's scores.

Fleet little Frank Villalovas, Allen Academy guard, played a bang up defensive game for the Bryan group. The Cadet forwards just couldn't keep track of the little cager as he managed to slip in seven points.

The Fish have no more games scheduled for the months of November and December but resume their playing the first of January. The Allen Academy cagers don't start their season until the early part of next year when their Texas Junior College Conference season begins.

A&M	FG	FT	PF	T
Hanser, J.	1	1	2	4
Church, J.	1	0	0	2
Bentley, F.	1	0	1	2
Glover, J.	2	0	0	5
Bybee, G.	0	0	0	0
Wood, F.	1	0	1	2
Davis, E.	4	4	3	11
Skipper, G.	2	0	0	4
Walker, G.	2	1	1	5
Farmer, B.	8	1	1	17
Gibbs, G.	4	0	1	8
Leonard, G.	0	0	0	1
Byrley, J.	0	0	0	0
Johnson, F.	0	0	0	0
Smith, G.	0	0	0	0
Stadlin, F.	1	0	0	2
Bartlett, G.	0	0	0	0
Spjutsky, G.	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	10	10	56

Allen Academy	5	3	2	11
Bridges, S.	1	2	3	4
Idoux, J.	1	0	0	2
Bond, J.	1	0	0	2
Wills, E.	4	2	3	10
Villalovas, G.	3	1	1	7
Bramblitt, G.	5	0	2	10
Byrley, J.	1	0	1	2

Half score: Allen Academy 28, Aggie Fish 27.
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TCU and Rice To Meet 27th Time Saturday

FORT WORTH, Nov. 18 (AP)—To have any chance at all of finishing higher than last in the 1948 Southwest Conference races, TCU's Horned Frogs must win from the Rice Owls Saturday when they invade Houston for the 27th meeting of the two teams.

To do so, the Frogs—who in pre-season dope were rated as the strongest Purple team since pre-war days and a possible "dark horse" contender but now find themselves in that next-to-the-cellar spot—must defy their worst two jinxes of recent years: Houston and Jess Neely.

TCU has been able to win but one in Houston since 1938, and it has been able to win but two games from Rice since Neely became head coach in 1940. The Neelymen have won five from the Frogs with one contest ending in a scoreless tie.

Statistics and comparative scores offer the Purple little encouragement. While both teams have identical win-and-loss records for the season—each having won four and lost four—the Owls have rolled up more impressive records on both offense and defense.

Rice has scored 140 points and averaged 273 yards gain per game while TCU has but 111 points and an average of 244 yards per game. The Frogs have even been outscored and outgained by their combined opponents, who have tallied 115 points and averaged 261 yards gain per game.

In contrast, the Owls hold a 35 point advantage on their combined opponents, having held them to 105 points and an average gain of 199 yards per game.

Long famed for their aerial attack, TCU can find its only encouragement in passing statistics. The Frogs have averaged nearly twice as much gain per game on passing as the Owls, and with the conference's best pass defense record in the Southwest—in this department.

The two teams have had three opponents in common—Rice beating Arkansas 25 to 6, whereas TCU lost 14 to 27; Rice winning over Texas A&M by three touchdowns, 28 to 6, and TCU by two, 27 to 14; and both losing to Texas, Rice 7 to 20 and TCU 7 to 14.

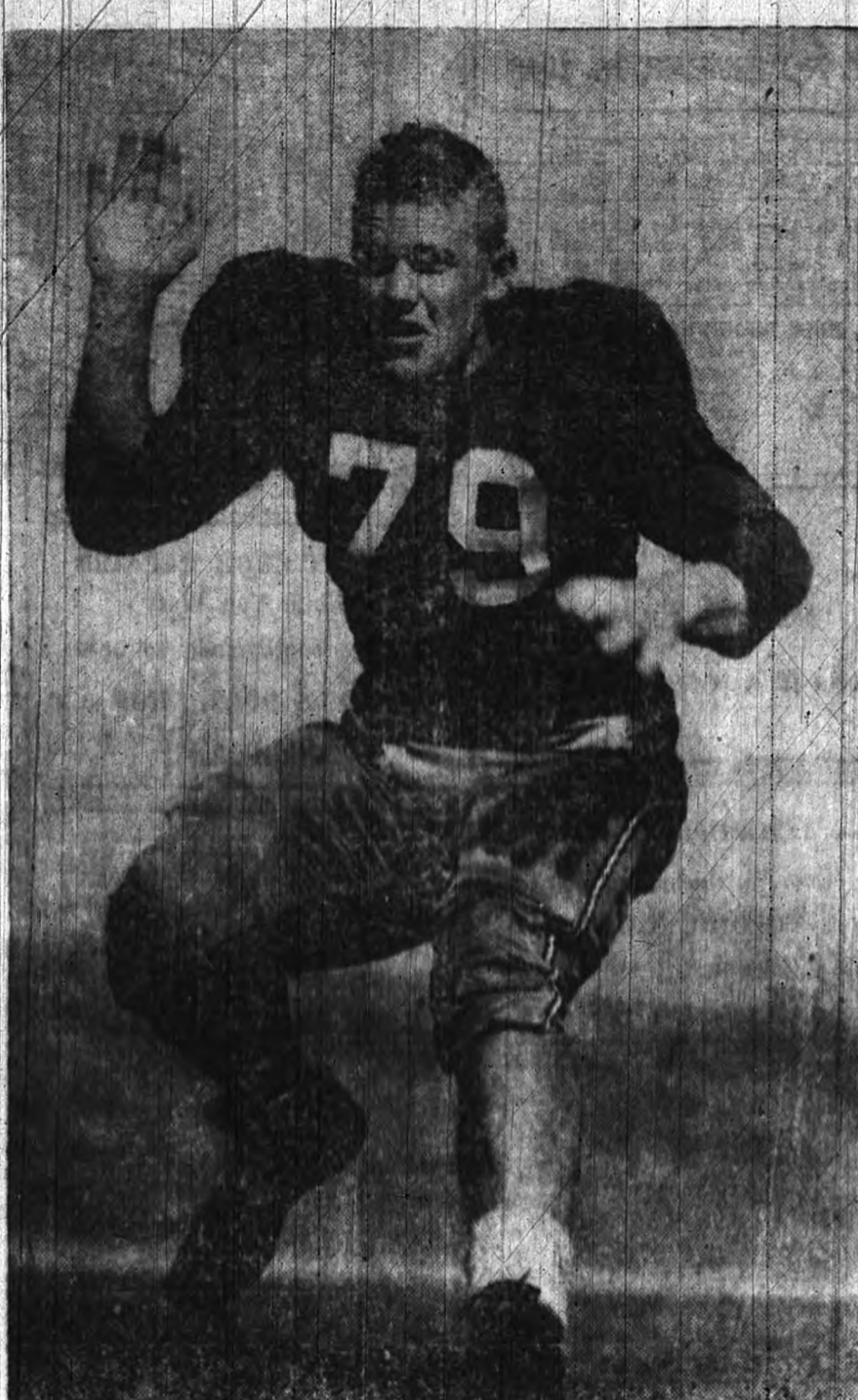
Hog, Owl Players Linemen-of-Week

AUSTIN, Nov. 18 (AP)—Southwest Conference linemen-of-the-week honors were shared by guards Tom Parsons of Rice and Ray Peters of Arkansas this week.

Sports publicity directors of the seven conference schools, on whose recommendations the recognition is based, were impressed by Parsons' terrific blocking against Texas A&M and the all-around brilliance of Peters against the Mustangs of Southern Methodist.

Strong contenders for the honor were ends Morris Bailey of Texas Christian and Andy Hiffhouse of Texas A&M, tackle John Hamburger of Southern Methodist and Center Dick Harris of Texas.

HODGES TO RETIRE
NEW YORK, Nov. 18 (AP)—Gen. Courtney B. Hodges, commanding general of the first army, will retire because of age on Jan. 31, army officials said today.



MURRAY HOLDITCH, one of A&M's sophomore tackles who has seen little action this fall, has shown up well in recent practice sessions. Holditch will be one of the leading candidates for a tackle berth on next year's starting eleven if he continues to improve at his present rate.

Varsity Squad Begins Working For Thanksgiving Day Classic

The varsity squad has been taking it easy this week before getting down to the business at hand a week from today. Instead of their usual light workout Monday, they had a skull practice with Charlie DeWare doing the talking. The practice lasted only a couple of hours, and was concerned with reviewing plays for the Thanksgiving Day contest.

Tuesday, a light practice was held with only a part of the players in full equipment. Others were practicing in shorts in order to help bruises received in the Rice game heal quicker.

Yesterday, practically the whole squad was in full equipment except for guard Odell Stautzenberger, who was taking it easy on an injured knee. His injury is not serious and he will be ready to go next Thursday.

Emphasis was being placed on pass defense and on perfecting running plays.

The whole squad appeared to be peppy and ready to go against the Longhorns. This extra week-end of rest is expected to have them in the best physical shape since before the start of this season.

The Aggies will be up against the "jinx" again in Memorial Stadium in Austin next Thursday when they meet Texas. The Aggies have not defeated the Longhorns in Austin since before 1924, the year the stadium

1,000 MARINES SENT TO TSINGTAO AREA
WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)—Defense Secretary Forrestal said today the United States Marine Force at Tsingtao, China, will be increased by 1,000 Marines.

He also told a news conference that two transports are going into Chinese ports, one today and one Friday, to remove Americans fleeing from the path of advancing Communist forces.

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BILLY TIDWELL is one of the fanciest runners on the Fish squad, and may live the Short-horns trouble Saturday.
VAN HETHERLY, second-string Fish center, has been playing good ball from his linebacker position.

Interest of Coaches to Be On Freshman Lines This Saturday

The fans usually watch the backs—but a group of coaches will be more interested in how well the linesmen perform when the Texas A&M freshmen team collides with the University of Texas' powerful frosh aggregation here Saturday afternoon.

For the Longhorns and Aggie varsity elevens each are to lose heavily in the line. The Steers lost most of their ends and tackles, and the Aggies will lose five of their seven starting linesmen.

So the Cadet coaches will be interested in the play of tackles Sam Moses of Lockhart, Russ Hudeck of Houston and Bob Boyles of Pampa; guards Bob Davidson of Port Arthur and Elio Nohaviza of El Campo and center James Fowler of Temple. The Aggies retain most of their ends this year, losing only Charley Wright.

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