

**Cadets Open Season Tonight Against Trinity in Santone**

Aggie basketballers invade sunny San Antonio tonight to play Trinity University in their first game of the 1948-49 season. After several weeks of working out, Coach Marty Karow decided on a starting team that will find John DeWitt at center, Bill Turnbow and either Mike "Frijoles" Garcia or Jim "Spider" Kirkland at forwards, Sam Jenkins and Gene "Doak Walker of the Hardwood" Shrickel at guards.

A rather large traveling squad consisting of Pruitt Bazer, Edge Mobley, Wallace "Boogie" Moin, Marvin "Hands" Murillo, Robert "Bones" Allen, Ben Evans, Fred Sommers, Sid "Rocky" Hrachovy, Bill Batey, Guy Wallace and Jackie "Slat" Miller will leave DeWitt Field House at 8:30 Friday morning.

The smaller squad which will make the trip East in December has not been designated as yet, but one of the more pessimistic squad members already has a job over the holidays.

Mike Garcia, who made more points in one recent scrimmage than he did all last year, will be playing in familiar surroundings tonight since the game will be played in the Thomas Jefferson gym, Mike's alma mater.

Trinity is expected to employ a zone defense against the Aggies. With this in mind, Coach Karow has drilled the team in various defenses generally conceded to be most successful against this type of defense.

Little is known about the Trinity team, but the game is considered to be a tossup.

**Tigers Open First Basketball Drills**

Consolidated High School opened basketball practice Monday afternoon with 23 candidates reporting to Coach Boats Simmons. Three returning lettermen, James Prewitz, Mason Gashon, and Dickey Dowell, have just turned in their football uniforms. All three men will be trying for their third basketball letter.

Six returning squadmen also turned out to fight for the open spots on the Tiger starting lineup. They are: Dick Birdwell, Jake McGee, Floyd McDonald, Gene Potts, Lloyd Gay, and Royce Rodgers.

In addition, several gridiron stars will be out for the Tiger quintet, including John Killough, John Cooley, and James Dudley.

Six of the candidates are over six feet tall, and Simmons expects to have a fair team in shape for the district race which starts in January.

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**Baylor, Texas Favored in SWC Basketball**  
**Aggies Slated to Fight For Fourth With Owls and Hogs**

By LEON SOMER

With the 1948 football season ending in a flurry of ties, Southwest conference sport followers are beginning to turn their attention to the winter sport of basketball. Only four of the seven conference members, Rice, A&M, Arkansas, and TCU, can turn their full attention toward their cage teams as the three remaining members, SMU, Baylor, and Texas, have post-season football bowl engagements to fill.

The Baylor Bears, despite the loss of their star performer Jackie Robinson, are still favored to repeat as Conference champions. Four Bruin starters of last season, Bill DeWitt, Red Owens, Bill Johnson, and Don Heathington, will be on-hand this year. The other starter will probably be Odell Preston who was the number six player on the squad last season.

Expected to offer the most opposition for the Baylor team will be Texas and SMU. Last year Texas was the only team to defeat the Bears in Conference play.

The Longhorns have three of their starters back from last year plus a fourth player who started in several games. Returning as starters this season are Al Madsen, Tom Hamilton, Slater Martin, and Wilby White. The fifth member is expected to be Wilson Taylor, up from last year's freshman team.

The scramble for the fourth spot in the conference race should find three teams, A&M, Arkansas, and Rice, in the thick of the battle. The seventh member of the conference, TCU, is not expected to offer too much competition this season.

The Aggie squad, with most of its players back from last year, could prove to be the "dark horse" in the conference race. Return-

ing for the 1948-49 season are Bill Batey, Sam Jenkins, Billy Turnbow, Mike Garcia, and Gene Shrickel. Up from last year's fish squad are John DeWitt, Fred Sommers, Truett Mobley, and Wallace Moon.

A junior college transfer, Sid Hrachovy, is also expected to bolster the maroon and white squad.

Rice is also expected to field a strong team this season. Like most of the other conference teams the Owls will have most of last year's team back. Leading the Rice squad is Bill Tom, 6' 7" center, who was the Owl's leading scorer last year. In addition to Tom the team boasts fine performers in David Cook, Warren Switzer, Bob Foley, and Joe McDermott.

The Arkansas Razorbacks will be somewhat handicapped this year by the loss of last year's two star performers, George Kok and Al Williams. Kok, at 6'10", and Williams, at 6'7", were two of the tallest players in the nation last year. However, the Hogs are reported to have several fine sophomore stars to offset the loss of the two towering cagers.

Expected to occupy the cellar this year is TCU. The Horned Frogs lost three lettermen from last season's team and are not expected to put up too much of a fight in this year's conference race. Six lettermen, Julius Dolnic, Bob Hendricks, Frank Kudlaty, Bob Young, Gene Wardynski, and Gene Schmidt, will form the core of this season's TCU team.

**Week-end High School Football Games to Attract 150,000 Fans**

DALLAS, Dec. 3.—The three-day battle for Texas Schoolboy Football Championships is due to attract around 150,000 fans this weekend.

Sixteen games are scheduled in the city conference, Class AA and Class A, with the former reaching its finals and the other two divisions determining quarter finalists.

Woodrow Wilson of Dallas plays Arlington Heights of Ft. Worth at Dallas Friday night. A throng of 15,000 is forecast. Saturday afternoon Lamar of Houston clashes with Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio at Houston with 18,000 predicted.

The biggest crowd in Class AA is forecast at Odessa where the Broncos play Wichita Falls Saturday afternoon. A sell-out of 18,000 is due as Odessa makes its climb back into prominence after an early season drubbing from Amarillo. Odessa will be a solid choice over the twice-beaten Coyotes.

Two games are scheduled Friday: Austin (El Paso) and Denison getting together at Denison in a night game and Palestine and Waco clashing at Waco in the afternoon. Denison expects 9,000 to 10,000 to turn out with the Yellow Jackets light favorites. Waco looks for 12,000 as the Tigers move against a Palestine team given little chance to stop the Tiger juggernaut.

Saturday there will be four games, all day affairs, featured by the Port Arthur - Baytown clash at Baytown. Port Arthur and Baytown represent the only battle between undefeated teams and 15,000 will be due to see the struggle. Most critics figure the state title team will come from this game. Port Arthur is the favorite but Baytown is considered the toughest crew the Yellow jackets have gone up against this year.

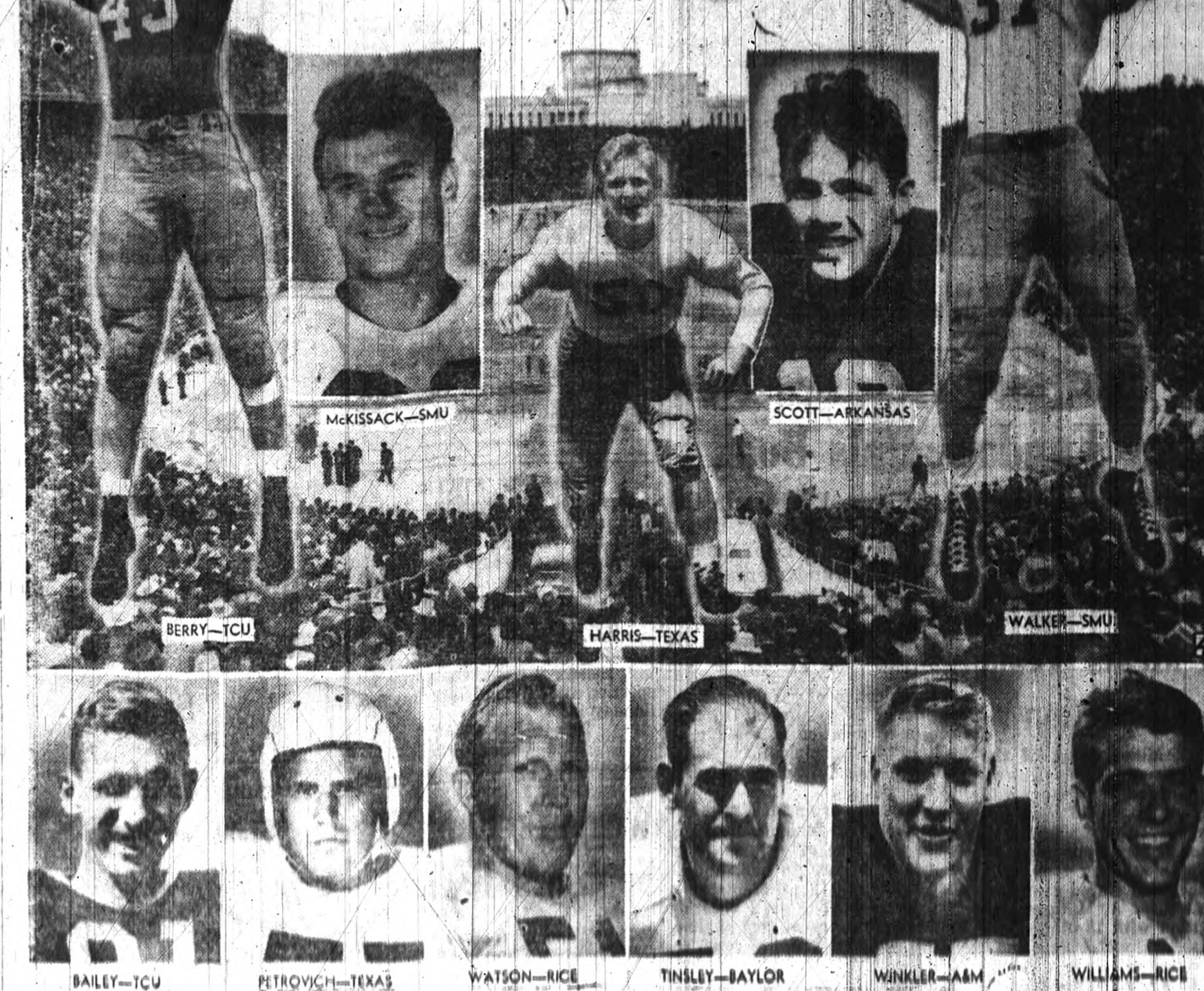
Breckenridge plays Highland Park at Dallas with 12,000 expected to crowd into Owenby Stadium at Southern Methodist University. The teams have somewhat similar records and it appears to be a tossup.

The other Class AA game matches San Benito against Austin at Austin with 12,000 due to watch this one. Austin is a big favorite to trim the Rio Grande Valley outfit.

The Class A race is in its second round with seven of the eight games Friday. The lone Saturday engagement has Post opposing

The Olympic Games were originated by the Greeks before Christ.

**ALL SOUTHWEST 1948**



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**Frog Cagers To Open Against NTSC Dec. 10**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 2.—With seven lettermen back and a new coach taking over at the helm, TCU's 12-man basketball squad will open its 1948-49 season Saturday night against North Texas State College in the TCU gymnasium.

The game will be the team's first under the coaching of Byron (Buster) Brannon, TCU graduate of 1935, who tutored two Southwest Conference championship teams in four years at Rice Institute before he entered military service in 1942.

Six lettermen form the core of the Frog squad—Centers Julius Dolnic and Bob Hendricks, Forwards Frank Kudlaty and Bob Young, and Guards Gene Schmidt and Gene Wardynski. All lettered last year except Wardynski, who was out most of last season with injuries.

The seventh veteran on the squad is Guard Kendall Boni, letterman in 1944 and squadman last season. Also back from last year's squad is Forward Bruce Craig.

Three of last year's lettermen have been lost—Red Brothers, Nolan Weeks and Broc Jerrel. Brothers and Weeks graduated last spring. Jerrel was eligible to play this year but did not return to school.

Three men have moved up to the varsity squad from last year's "B" team—Bob Burton, sophomore guard; Bob Lee, junior forward; and Bill Moran, sophomore forward.

One new man is on the squad and is expected to see plenty of action—Bill Elliot, Fort Worth sophomore who was Poly High School's high scorer in 1945 and again in 1946. Bill and Bob Moorhead, twin defensive ends from the Frog football team, are also expected to join the basketball squad this week.

Four of the 12 Frog hardwood men were all-state high school players: three in Indiana and one in Kansas. Schmidt, captain of the Frogs this year, won all-state honors at Evansville, Ind. Kudlaty at South Bend, Ind.; and Hendricks at Huntington, Ind. Moran was all-state at Newton, Kan., in 1947 and lettered on Newton's state championship team in 1946.

has not come to our attention, please accept our apologies. More important, however, is that you accept our hearty congratulations on the splendid behavior of the Aggie students.

"Please give my regards to Ben Wyatt and the other Aggie leaders with whom we had contact."

"Signed: George E. Hurt, Director, Longhorn Bands"

**Notre Dame - USC Game Tops Card**

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The college football season takes a tiny final fling on widely scattered gridirons this weekend before plunging into the year-end bowls.

Some 100,000 customers will jam Memorial Coliseum at Los Angeles tomorrow to watch Notre Dame tangle with Southern California. The Irish will be heavily favored to wind up their third straight season without a defeat.

In Charleston, S. C., Clemson, one of the three other major all-winning teams of the year, will help the Citadel dedicate a new stadium in what should be a flurry of Tiger touchdowns. By winning Clemson can capture the Southern Conference championship.

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