

Cagers Win First Game; Beat ACC 48 to 40

No Water, No Ducks . . .

'48 Duck Hunting Season For Texas Closes December 16th

By JAMES K. WALKER

The days are rapidly dwindling down to a precious few as far as the Texas duck hunter is concerned, for with the appearance of December 16 the season closes for another year. Most of the hunters around College Station are looking hopefully toward the 1949 season and a large excess of ducks.

Duck hunting hit one of its all-time lows around Bryan and College this year. Hereofore the fall rains have spread the Navaota River far out of its banks, making a huge swamp-like lake covering thousands of acres of oak timber land, a veritable paradise for waterfowl. Once flooded, the surrounding country would remain under water for half of the winter, and such a situation has always attracted a great horde of ducks seeking food and protection from the flooded area. But the rains never came this fall, the river stayed in her banks (in fact, nearly drying up) and we had few or no ducks.

A few hunters have found a slight run of luck along the Brazos River since the season opened, but here too the shooting has been pretty scattered. The majority of the ducks killed on the Brazos have been teal, with an occasional

mallard bagged. Geese, too, have been killed occasionally on the sloughs along the river but goose hunting in this neck of the woods has always been the exception rather than the rule.

For students who plan to get in a little duck shooting before the season closes, here are the general migratory water fowl regulations that cover hunting in Texas.

The season opened in this state on November 12 and will close one hour before sunset on December 16. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunup and one hour before sunset. Bag limit on ducks is five per day, with not more than two days' kill in possession with only one wood duck in one or two days' possession limit.

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Four geese in possession at any time is the legal bag limit. This includes either two Canada geese or two white fronts.

And by the way, if you are sixteen or older, it would be wise to purchase a duck stamp at the nearest post office before setting out after the local web foot.

For people interested in Mud Hens, the bag limit is 15. That of meaguers, either American or red breasted or in aggregate, is 25 with no possession limit.

While we are on the subject of game laws it might be well to mention a few of the state laws that the hunter must abide by these days.

All persons over sixteen years of age are required to have a hunting license if they hunt out of their county. A few counties of the state, however, require even residents to procure license if they hunt in their home counties. Since there are many deviations of this law, too many to be included here, it would be wise to check with the local authorities in the county where you plan to hunt.

In order for a person to be considered a resident of Texas, it is required that he live in the State for a period of not less than six months. Non-residents seeking hunting privileges are required to pay a sum of \$25.00, whereas resi-

dent licenses sell for only \$2.00. Quail season opened December 1 and will close January 15 with the general bag limit of 12 per day with 36 in possession.

The period from November 16 to December 31 is set aside for the turkey hunters, with a general bag limit of three gobblers per person. In Blanco, Gillespie, Mason, Kerr, Kendall, Kimble, Kinney, Medina, Menard, Real, Schleicher, Sutton and Valverde the season kill is limited to only two gobblers. Still another group of counties have a permanent closed season, or at least the season will remain closed for several years yet.

Deer season is open from November 16 till December 31 with a bag limit of 2 bucks per season.

Squirrel, one of the most popular of Texas' small game, leave a wide, varying number of bag limits and seasons. Generally, however, the open seasons are the months of May, June, July, October, November and December, although many of the western counties have a permanent open season. For you people that plan to hunt squirrel in this area, the bag limit in Brazos, Grimes and Robertson county is five per day with not more than 15 killed per week.

Volleyballers Lose To San Antonio 'Y'

The A&M Volleyball squad, captained by Joe Bell of Hubbard, dropped its opening match of season Saturday night to the San Antonio YMCA in that city. After losing the first two games, 12-15 and 9-15 the Aggie team came back strong to win the two new bouts, 15-10 and 15-11, to tie the score.

But the Santonites took the hard-fought rubber game, 15-9, and the match.

Nick Pontau coaches the team, which includes Ned Burson, D. H. Nowlin, J. C. Fett, R. B. Fryer, J. F. Bell, and W. J. Dixon.

DOG SHOW SLATED

NEW YORK —(AP)—The 73rd annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club will be staged at Madison Square Garden Feb. 14 and 15, with thousands of entries in a hundred breed categories being judged.

Improved Cadets Never Behind As Offense, Defense Clicks

By ART HOWARD

Last season the Aggies made 63 points against Abilene Christian College to set a new scoring record for an A&M team in DeWare Field House. Saturday night they almost equalled that mark against the same school, while taking an easy 58 to 40 victory over the Christians before an estimated 2,000 fans.

This was clearly a warmup game for the Cagers, and Coach Marty Karow got nervous only once, when the second-string squandered nine of a 21-point lead. Karow quickly put his first stringers in and let them start another scoring spree.

Although by no means ready for conference play, the Cadets looked their best this season. Their shooting was above average, making 34 of 76 field shots, and sinking 10 of their 15 foul shots. For the first time this season the Cadet's offensive was fast and sustained, and mistakes were fewer in number.

A&M was never in danger from the opening gun, running up a six point lead before the Christians found the hoop. Sam Jenkins made six of his nine points in the first five minutes of the game, and from then on Jim Kirkland and Billy Turnbow furnished most of the gunpowder.

Aggie John DeWitt started the game, but was unable to hit the basket or pass well. But Coach Karow tamed him down at the half, and he looked much better in the second period.

After playing second-string for two years, Jim Kirkland finally came through in a blaze of glory and led the Aggie shooters with 13 points. Unimpressive but effective, Kirkland made most of his points on short one-handed shots.

The Christians gave the Aggies possession of the ball numerous times on bad passes, while Turnbow dominated both backboards for most of the game. Only one player, Dee Nutt, was able to make any headway against the Farmer defense. The Aggies have one of the best defensive teams in the conference, having given up an average of only 47.7 points per game.

Most of Abilene's points were made against the second-string players Saturday. In one phase of the game Bill Batey was the only experienced man on the floor, with sophomores Marvin Martin, Wallace Moon, and juniors Bob Allen and Jackie Miller, none of whom have appreciable varsity time.

Offensively, Schrickle and Turnbow were the best players on the court. Schrickle, 6' 1", was

taking more than his share of rebounds off the backboard, and Turnbow was doing the same.

The Aggie Cagers will play a return match with the Sam Houston Bearkats here Wednesday night. Last week the Huntsville quintet beat A&M, 47 to 43, in a last-minute spree, and the Cadets will be out for revenge.

Player	Fg	Ft	P	Tp
Jenkins, g	6	1	0	9
Kirkland, f	6	2	3	14
Turnbow, f	2	4	1	8
DeWitt, c	4	1	1	9
Schrickle, g	4	0	1	8
Mobley, f	3	1	1	7
Sommer, c	0	0	0	0
Batey, c	0	1	0	1
Hrachovy, c	0	0	2	0
Allen, f	1	0	0	2
	24	10		58

*Denotes starters
Halftime score: A&M 22, ACC 13.

DRAWS CROWDS

MIAMI, (AP)—Sightseers from two national conventions here shattered all off-season attendance records at the Hialeah race track. A single day non-racing total of 15,000 visitors was set during the National Letter Carriers convention. The four days the American Legion convention was in session a total of 27,700 sightseers visited Hialeah.

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