

Fish Win; Varsity Loses to Bearkats 53-50

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KICKING IT AROUND

BY ART HOWARD

Basketball Will Be Lean This Year; Apology Given to Flower's Cigar

Last night's game against Sam Houston was a hard one to lose. The Aggies played a good game, but could not hit the basket in the last few minutes when it counted. They had a five-point lead with five minutes remaining, but couldn't seem to hit another quick shot or two which would have meant the game.

Everybody and his brother was under the basket as Turnbow, DeWitt, and Mobley tried for tip-ins, but the ball wouldn't go. Then "Shorty" Watkins put his team a head with some long shots and Acker Hanks made his only two baskets to keep them there.

John DeWitt played his best game of the year, both defensively and offensively. He was a big rugged at the start of the season, but last night he was the outstanding Aggie player on the court.

But it still looks like a mighty lean year for A&M in basketball. There was a rumor going around that A&M would choose to play Texas U. in the Cotton Bowl next Thanksgiving. You can spike that right now. Bill Carmichael told me that we would definitely play here.

He also said that an addition to the press box is expected. It will be nothing fancy, just something to last until the stadium is enlarged.

I see where Bully Gilstrap, end-coach for TU, is going to show pictures of the A&M-Texas game at a dinner in Temple next Monday night. . . it seems to me as if they wouldn't even admit

to owning that film. . . or perhaps they will show the 47 game.

Col. Andy, Aggie Track Coach, is moaning over the lack of shot putters. He had an abundance of heavies all set for this season, and they have floated away. Bob Smith is ineligible scholastically, and Franklin Young is going to graduate at mid-term. Gene Salmon, a freshman standout last year, failed to return to school.

Lackly, I have been out of the Batt. office at strategic times this last week, for I heard that Jimmy Flowers has been looking for me with blood in his eye.

It seems as if he didn't like a paragraph which went something like this: "Not what is known as a rigid trainer, Flowers has been known to discard a cigar shortly before entering the pool."

I take it all back, Jimmy. Only, you might see Engelking, he is going to be a father in a few days.

While we're on the watery trail, a mention might be made of a certain football player who asked why his name never got in the Batt. (He did letter). I told him the only time he did anything was in the Oklahoma game when he kicked twice for an average of 16 yards. . . but he will get plenty of publicity once golf season starts.

"Dawg" Dawson was sporting a new 16-gauge shotgun yesterday, which he said he was going to use on birds. . . hope he will not shoot any athlete just because he doesn't want to come to A&M.

Jack Crook, also a news hound, announces that he recently shot a five-point buck (on my lease). Now, Jack, tell them about the \$21 fine you had to pay when that shotgun you borrowed was not plugged. . . pretty expensive meat.

Davis Stars As Fish Outclass "B" 'Kats

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

The A&M Freshman basketball team led by Buddy Davis soundly trounced the Sam Houston B squadders 53 to 34 in a game here last night. The Aggies simply couldn't miss in the early stages of the game and quickly took a 11 point lead before the junior Bearkats could score.



Back in his old form, JEWEL McDOWELL, looked impressive in the Fish game against the Bearkats last night. He was second in scoring only to Buddy Davis, and sparked his team's defensive play.

The visitors, led by Fleet Bob Jochee who racked up a total of 12 points, just couldn't get started. The Bearkats' offensive structure seemed to click in spots, but the whole squad seemed to fall apart on the defense.

The Fish had just as tough a time keeping their defense together. The cagers could not stay together in spots, but they came through, with the needed help of Davis, almost every time in getting the ball off the backboard.

Jewel McDowell started off the Aggie scoring when he took a handoff from Houser to dribble in for a crisp shot while the game was only two seconds old. From that point on it was the Fish's game. The scoring came fast and furious with Davis, McDowell, and Houser doing most of the shooting.

The young Cadets managed to grab a 27-15 halftime lead and shortly afterwards Coach Wilkins took out his first stringers and evened the game up.

Buddy Davis is quickly living up to his pre-season rating as one of the best cage prospects in the southwest. Davis not only played a bang up defensive game, but led his teammates offensively by racking up a total of 14 points, and no doubt he could have scored over thirty.

The Nederland flash at last proved he could get off his feet under the hoop. He constantly battered down Bearkat scoring attempts and with his long reach in and under the basket. He also proved that, even though being 6 feet 8 inches, he didn't need to be right under the hoop to score.

"Woody Walker," the Woodhouse workhorse, also proved a big help to the freshman cagers. His tricky

Turnstile Records May Be Broken For Sports in 1949

Major sports should continue to prosper during 1949. Major League baseball is looking forward to new attendance records for the fourth straight year. Several reasons appear to be:

Seven managerial changes; the continued slugging of Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals and Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox; more night games—and television.

However, as video branches out it may continue to hamper minor league teams, within range of major league cities with TV.

In football, Michigan, Notre Dame and Army should have powerful teams. A team that will bear watching in the East is Cornell, loaded with brilliant sophomores and juniors.

In horse racing Citation, the new Man o' War, will become the first thoroughbred to pass the million dollar mark in money won. One of the good 3-year olds will be Mr. Busher, a Kentucky Derby contender.

It will take more than TV and a new heavyweight champion to revive boxing. Champion Joe Louis a hollow shell of his former self, is overdue to lose his crown—if he fights again—but as yet nobody has shown up who can dethrone him.

STATE FAIR SETS MARK

DALLAS, Dec. 16 (AP)—The State Fair of Texas drew almost 2,000,000 persons this year and showed a net profit of \$422,000.

President R. L. Thornton last night reported to stockholders that both profit and attendance set new records.

NAME	FG	FT	PF	TP
Houser	2	0	2	4
Johnson	1	2	1	4
Brethauer	0	0	0	0
Bentley	1	0	0	2
Bybee	2	0	1	4
Wood	0	0	0	0
Church	1	0	0	2
Davis	6	2	1	14
Talley	0	0	0	0
McDowell	0	2	0	2
Sandlin	3	1	1	6
Walker	0	1	0	1
Ogletree	0	1	0	1
Farmer	2	0	2	4
Gibbs	0	1	1	1
Glover	2	0	2	2

Olin	1	0	1	2
McDonald	1	0	1	3
Tochee	5	2	4	12
Kirkpatrick	0	0	4	0
Iguina	0	0	0	0
Cadwalder	0	0	1	0
Nowak	3	0	3	6
Stuessy	3	3	4	9
Wilson	2	0	1	4

dribbling and fine shooting netted the young Farmers six points. Bobby Farmer also turned in a fine performance last night. The young Amarillo cager, although scoring only four points, kept the Bearkat offense in a complete state of confusion.

The second string cagers didn't look too well in the second half, although Sandlin turned in a fine performance under the basket. Their bad passing, crumpled defense, and poor shooting



JOHN DeWITT played his best game of the year for the maroon and white last night while making 16 points. His scoring in the last few minutes almost pulled the game out of the fire.

Boxing Bouts To Be Held at Allen

"All Aggies are invited to participate in the Golden Gloves tournament to be held here in January," Frank Navies said yesterday. Navies is in charge of the district bouts to be held at Allen Academy on January 14, 15, and 16.

All weights will be entered in this open contest, and winners will receive transportation to the regional bouts at Temple. Entry blanks can be obtained from the Battalion office, or by contacting Navies in Bryan. He said that an attempt will be made to give medals to the winners in each division.

DEFENSE LEAK RUMORED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Congressional spy investigators disclosed today they are looking into a charge that secrets of the Norden Bombsight were slipped to the Russians 10 years ago by a civilian who still is on the army's payroll.

hampered their game quite a bit. Fouls were committed throughout the fray, a lot of which the officials did not call. The Fish picked up nine points off of Bearkat mishaps while the Sam Houston cagers racked up a total of six points via the Aggie charity route.

Squad Falters After Lead-Catching Rally

By SACK SPOEDE

For the third time in four games the Texas Aggie basketball team lost a lead in the last five minutes of the game. This time it was to the Sam Houston State Bearkats of Huntsville in the game played last night in DeWare Field House. As the clock made its final motions the scoreboard read "Visitors 53, Aggies 50."

In the first half only three of the Bearkats had broken into the scoring column. They were Collins, Phillips, and Watkins. Several of the other Huntsville players broke into the scoring section in the second half.

Starring for the night was Aggie center John DeWitt, six foot five sophomore from Waco. Keeping up the good defensive work that he has been doing all season, DeWitt also seemed to decide to do a little scoring on his own last night.

Besides making 16 points for the Aggies, he also held former Junior College All-American Acker Hanks to a total of four points for the evening.

James Kirkland opened the scoring for the Aggies within five seconds after the opening toss-up of the ball by Umpire Bill Wallace with a crisp shot.

"Cotton" Watkins soon tied the score up for the Bearkats with the same type shot. Several seconds later, Sam Jenkins, the captain of last year's Aggie cage squad, was injured when he slammed his head against the court floor and had to be removed from the game. He re-entered the game later, however, although still limited in effectiveness.

In the first quarter, the Aggies took an eleven to six lead, only to be unable to go beyond that score until the Bearkats had moved their score up to sixteen points.

Sam Jenkins finally broke the jinx with a mercy throw donated by the Houstonites, only to have the Farmers stuck at that point until Sam Houston had a score of 21 points.

From that time until the end of the game the Aggies climbed back into the fray and even took over the lead in the last quarter. At halftime the score was 28-25 in favor of the Bearkats.

After moving up to within one point of their opponents in the last half several times, DeWitt and Jenkins collaborated to put the Aggies out in front 47-42

have a fine team, however as their case game with Rice in Houston Tuesday night indicates. It took the Aggie an overtime period to finally down the Bearkats by two points.

Considered as a whole, the play of the Aggies looked the best of the year, with the possible exception of the Abilene Christian game.

THE SAD STORY

AGGIES	FG	FT	PF	T
Turnbow	8	2	4	8
Batey	0	0	0	0
Marlin	1	1	0	3
Kirkland	3	1	1	7
Dawg	8	0	2	10
Sommers	0	0	0	0
Jenkins	5	1	3	11
Schrickel	2	1	5	5
Mobley	0	0	2	0
Moore	0	0	0	0

TOTALS

BEARKATS:	FG	FT	PF	T
Collins	9	0	2	18
Waltke	0	0	0	0
Hanks	2	0	1	4
Sherman	-0	0	0	0
Phillips	7	5	1	19
Watkins	5	2	3	12
Reynolds	0	0	2	0
Birchett	0	0	2	0
Ellisler	0	0	1	0

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Wharton JC Player Ineligible, Team to Play Two Bowl Games

The Wharton Junior College Pioneers defeated Navarro Junior College 48-0 in the north-south zone play offs of the Texas Junior College Conference in Navarro last Friday

but this week the team found itself without the championship. The eligibility committee of the Junior College Athletic Conference met in Waco last Sunday and declared a Wharton player, Eugene Green, ineligible after Navarro protested the game last Friday. The ineligibility brought about the cancellation of Wharton's championship of the conference.

Ray Waller, president of the conference announced that Green was declared after Coach Johnnie Frankie of Wharton had told the committee that the team's star halfback played B-team and varsity football at Texas A&M in 1946-47. Green was counted on heavily to bolster the Aggie backfield this year, but transferred to Wharton after failing in his grades at A&M.

Couch Frankie, aided by more than a half dozen former A&M players, closed out the season with nine wins and one loss. This was Frankie's first year at Wharton. His team still has two bowl en-

gagements to fill. This week the Pioneers travel to Conroe where they will meet Henderson Junior College and on December 29 they meet Paris Junior College in the Ochsener Bowl at Galveston.

This year Wharton Junior College was ranked as the sixth best junior college team in the nation by the Williamson poll. Two of the team's players, guard Ervin Muogge and fullback Bill Morrow, were picked on the Junior College All-American second team.

Big Nine Will Soon Be Big Ten, Maybe

CHECAGO, Dec. 16 (AP)—Michigan State College was a new member of the Western Conference today, but nobody—especially puzzled football coaches—knew just when the big nine would start functioning actively as the big ten.

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