

Lagging 'Mural Playoffs In Race With End of Semester

Platoon System Boomed at Times During 1948

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—College football had another good year at the gate and some of the fans had a lot of fun booing the "two platoon system."

Army's Cadets received a terrific razzing during their 43-0 rout of Stanford. All Coach Earl Blaik of Army did was play the game according to the rules when he shifted offensive and defensive units.

The rules sped up the game under the unlimited substitution setup employed during 1948 but in some games, like the Army-Stanford fray, it made for one-sided football, especially when the underdog was shy of enough talent to use 11 players on defense and another 11 on offense.

Michigan had the best team in the land, according to the consensus of opinion. The success of the unbeaten Wolverines was a tribute to Bennie Oosterbaan who succeeded Fritz Crisler as coach.

Notre Dame, California, North Carolina and Army also ranked with the top. Notre Dame, however, had its winning streak stopped by an underdog Southern California team, the Trojans gaining a surprising 14-14 deadlock.

Like Michigan, California finished unbeaten and untied and met Northwestern in the Rose Bowl. Army came up to its final game with a perfect record but Navy, beaten by every rival on its tough schedule, tied injury-riddled Army 21-21 before 102,500 Philadelphia fans.

North Carolina, with Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice leading the way, beat everybody but William and Mary. The Indians figured to be outclassed by the Tarheels yet the rivals played a 7-7 tie.

Another major upset was supplied by Pitt, the Panthers handing Penn State its only loss of the season, 7-0.

Doak Walker, selected unanimously to The Associated Press All-America team, won the Heisman Memorial Trophy with Justice second and Chuck Bednarik, Penn's versatile center, third.

"A" Company Quartermaster Finally Defeated in Intramural Competition

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Playoffs in intramural tennis, football, basketball, and volleyball are now in progress and the winners will be decided around the 17 or 18 of this month. "A" QMC, the outfit that fielded an unbeatable combination in every sport they participated in since the beginning of school last September, until recently when they were defeated in tennis by A Infantry, are leading in team points. They won 20 straight games before being defeated.

Barney Welch, Director of Intramural Sports, said that the finals in all sports will be decided as soon as possible with playoffs ending somewhere around Jan. 17. Intramural tennis is the only sport now near the final stage.

The hotly contested intramural football race is down to the quarterfinals with the fighting Quartermaster corp leading the way. The QMC boys won the pigskin title last year, and are out to grab the championship again.

The quarterfinals see the winner of the A QMC-C Infantry tilt play the winner of a game between A Cavalry and E Infantry. D Airforce plays the winner of A Inf. and Senior Co. Senior Company and A Inf. both ended up the season with one loss and will meet in a game to decide the league champ. The winner of this game will meet B Field Artillery in another quarterfinal game.

Basketball is also at a quarterfinal stage with such teams as A QMC, E Inf., A Field Artillery, A Inf., ASA, and A Vet ready to start play competing for the title.

Fish Cagers Meet Wharton JC; Official Schedule Completed

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

The A&M Freshman basketball squad will play their third tilt of a twelve game schedule this Saturday night when they meet the Wharton Junior College cagers in Wharton.

A twelve game freshman slate has at last been completed with all games except one officially scheduled. The Fish will meet Wharton Junior College this Saturday and Feb. 10 in College Station on the same date that the varsity plays TCU.

The Tyler Junior College cagers are set for a tilt with the young Aggies on Feb. 9, but another game is on tab; as yet nothing is official as to the other

game. The Fish to date have played and won two games. Nov. 17 found the Allen Academy boys going down before the Freshman squad by a score of 56 to 46. Two weeks later the Aggies overpowered the Sam Houston B squadders in a game in College Station.

Ten games remain on the slate at the present time. Two games with Tyler, Texas freshman, Rice freshman, Baylor freshman, and the two clashes on tab with Wharton Junior College.

Coach Wilkins says his squad is in pretty fair shape with the exception of George Skipper, tall center from Houston who is out with a broken leg. His leg will be out of the cast in another month but he will be a lost to the squad for the remainder of the season.

Another Houston cager, Bob Church, who was suffering from an attack of the flu just before the holidays, has fully recuperated and should be in top form for the battle with Wharton this Saturday night.

The schedule for Texas Aggie Freshman Basketball Squad:

- Jan. 8—Wharton Junior College, there.
- Jan. 13—Rice Freshmen, there.
- Jan. 21—Baylor Freshmen, here.
- Feb. 5—Texas Freshman, here.
- Feb. 9—Tyler Junior College, here.
- Feb. 10—Wharton Junior College, here.
- Feb. 16—Texas University, Austin.
- Feb. 26—Baylor Freshmen, Waco.
- March 4—Rice Freshmen, here.

Texas Mines Coach Meets Live Wires

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—A football coach was knocked unconscious yesterday when he tangled with something a bit more violent than an opposing football team.

Rosas Moore, freshman coach of the Texas College of Mines, touched some high voltage wires while removing Sun Bowl pennants from a steel light standard at Kidd Field.

Moore fell 30 feet from the standard but apparently was not seriously hurt. He regained consciousness shortly after the fall but was unable to explain what happened.

The pennants adorned the big light standards for the New Year's day Sun Bowl game between the College of Mines and West Virginia.

Grid Yankees Sign Landry to Contract

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—The New York Yankees of the All-America football conference have signed three new college players.

They are fullback Tom Landry of Texas, halfback Jerry Williams of Washington State and Guard Ken Sinofsky of Nevada.

The Yankees beat out the National League Giants for the services of Landry, who scored the second touchdown for Texas against Georgia in the Orange Bowl Saturday.



The man with the flashy tie is J. T. KING, the new Aggie end coach. He is coming here from Tulane University, where he served as line coach.

New Aggie Mentor Developed Goff, Dobbyn In High School

By ART HOWARD

A&M will have a valuable addition to its coaching staff for spring training when J. T. King, ex-line coach at Tulane, starts working on the Aggie ends. King was signed up over the holidays, spent a few days here, and returned to Louisiana to make moving arrangements for his family.

King will be a boon to the sports writers, for he likes to "shoot the bull" about football. He is not a complete stranger on the campus, for two of the Aggie backs were his pupils in high school.

He coached Bobby Goff in Kenedy, Texas, in 1939, and Jim Dobbyn in Enid, Oklahoma 3 years ago.

He first became acquainted with Stiteler and Bill Dubose when his Kenedy team played nearby Corpus Christi several years back. From there King went to Enid where he produced several top high school squads. Henry Frnka drafted him when he went to Tulane three years ago from Tulsa University.

King probably should have come to A&M sooner so that he could have brought some of his high school athletes with him. When he saw the Sugar Bowl game between Oklahoma U. and North Carolina last Saturday, four of his former proteges were on the starting OU roster.

Commenting on that game, King said that it was a lot duller than had been expected, and was not the type of clash you expected when you shelled out \$4.80. He added that Jack Mitchell ran with the ball 12 straight times at the start of the game, probably because he was afraid of someone else fumbling.

Something of a football player himself, King played at John Regan in Houston, and later was a guard at Texas University.

King will fill the gap in the coaching staff which Thurman (Tugboat) Jones vacated last summer. His hands will be full during spring practice with one of the largest groups of ends at A&M in several years.

In addition to quite a few returning lettermen, he will have the

Recreation Council V-Ball Managers Meet Thursday

There will be a meeting of all prospective managers of volleyball teams in the Recreation Council League at the office of Student Activities at 5:00 p.m. Thursday. Teams from the Military Department, Agronomy Department, Biology Department, Goodwin Hall, Physical Education Department and the North Gate have already entered the play which will start the latter part of January. The sport is open to all College Station residents. Games will be played in the Consolidated School gymnasium every Monday night. Persons or departments interested in playing or in entering a team may contact "Spike" White at the office of Student Activities. Play will be between teams representing Campus buildings, departments, business firms, or areas.

More than 1,000 Syracuse University students are being taught to ski on the campus during the winter.

Frogs Upset Mustangs 58-52 In League Play

Arkansas Plays Baylor in Game At Fayetteville

The Arkansas Razorbacks will entertain the Baylor Bears in Fayetteville tonight in the second Southwest Conference basketball game to be played this week.

The win and loss record of both teams has been none too impressive so far this season. The Bears have won five games and lost six while the Hogs have taken only three of nine games played.

Baylor has already stamped itself as the team to beat in the Southwest Conference by trouncing Texas 49-36 in the Oklahoma City All College tournament last week. The Longhorns are expected to give the Baylor team the most trouble in this season's basketball race.

Tonight against Arkansas the Bears will be favored to successfully open the defense of the conference basketball crown they won last year. Despite the loss of their star performer, Jackie Robinson, who was forced to give up basketball at the beginning of the season because of a calcium growth on his knee, the Bruins should not encounter too much trouble from the Hogs.

Returning from last year's Baylor team are guards Bill Johnson and Charles Devereaux, forward James Owens, and center Don Heathington. Owens and Johnson led the Bears in scoring last season.

Last year Arkansas, with George Kok and Al Williams, gave Baylor a lot of trouble but this season both top scorers are gone. Taking over Kok's center spot is 6'7" Bob Ambler. Ambler is currently leading the Razorbacks in scoring and is rapidly rounding out in a fine player.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Wednesday—Arkansas vs Baylor at Fayetteville; Friday—Texas vs Southern Methodist at Dallas, Texas A&M vs Texas Christian at Fort Worth; Saturday—Texas A&M vs Southern Methodist at Dallas, Arkansas vs Baylor at Waco, Texas Christian vs Texas at Fort Worth, Arkansas vs Phillips Oilers at Little Rock.

TCU Overtakes Ponies in Last Three Minutes of Game for Win

By The Associated Press

Texas Christian rose up and walloped Southern Methodist 58-52 last night in the Southwest Conference basketball inaugural.

The surprise victory, TCU's first over the Mustangs in years, was not an easy one.

Playing their first conference game under Coach Buster Brannon, TCU's Horned Frogs managed only to stay in the game in the first half. With two minutes to play SMU's forward Jack Brown cracked three field goals to put SMU ahead 33-25 at the half.

With 29-year-old center Julius Dolnic leading the way, the Frogs rallied in the second half. After tying the score at 42-42 and 48-48 they went ahead 51-50 with three minutes to go. They never lost the lead.

Dolnic led TCU scoring with 21 points. SMU was paced by Brown with 17 and forward Bob Prewitt with 16.

To rub it in, TCU's freshmen made it a clean sweep for the purple by drubbing the previously-unbeaten SMU Colts easily 58-39.

Tonight Baylor takes on Arkansas at Fayetteville in the only conference game.

TRINITY BEATS CORPUS
SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 5 (AP)—Speedy reserves sparked a second-half spurt which gave Trinity University a 53-41 victory last night over Corpus Christi Tarpons in Trinity's basketball opener.

Pete Murphy led the winners with 15 points. Bill Clark's 17 was high for the Tarpons.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—Texas College of Mines eked out a 44-43 victory over West Texas State last night by stalling away the last four minutes and snuffing out a last-second scoring effort.

Ventura Irroballi scored 15 points to pace the Miners, who led 25-19 at the half. Bill Kitchens, who split West Texas scoring honors with John Braden at eight each, sparked the West Texas rally.

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Kern Tips To Speak At Football Banquet

Sports enthusiasts who attend the Brazos County's annual football banquet in Sbis Hall on Jan. 14th will be privileged to hear a man with one of the more illustrious sports and business careers in the Southwest.

He is Kern Tips of Houston. Tips will be principal speaker at the banquet honoring the Texas Aggie 1948 varsity football and cross country teams.

Tips is many things to many people. To the rabid Southwest football fan, he's the best darned sports announcer in the country, bar none, and they can't see why he hasn't been national network all these years, but are glad he stays in Texas.

To the old timers around the Houston Chronicle, he's one of the best sports editors they ever had, nutty enough to throw a good job overboard and take a trip across the briny deep for a leisurely tour of Europe, then versatile enough to come back a year later and land a top job in that upstart radio industry.

To the N.B.C. vice president in charge of station relations, he was one of the most efficient station managers in the 151 stations allied in the National Broadcasting Company network, a real executive that NBC hated to lose from the family. To Rotarians, he is an illustrious past president of the Houston Rotary Club, now an honorary member by virtue of past service.

Kern Tips is that rare individual, a native Houstonian, born on August 23, 1904. He was active in YMCA work as a youngster, and was a member of the Houston Y's basketball team in the early 20's. In high school days, he worked as a cub reporter on the old Houston Post, covering the police beat. He was graduated from old Central High school in 1922, then attended Texas A&M College for a year, the Rice Institute for another three years. He went from school in 1926 to the sports staff of the Houston Chronicle, and later took over as sports editor.

Kern Tips left radio January 1, 1947 to enter the broader field of general advertising, becoming a senior partner, executive vice president, and director of the Houston advertising agency of Franke-Wilkinson-Schwartz & Tips, Inc.

Kern Tips got a taste of radio in 1926 with a 15-minute sports program on one of Houston's early radio stations, and in 1930, soon after the opening of Station KTRH inaugurated a nightly newscast known as "The Star Reporter." This continued through 1933. By that time, he had decided to cast his lot with the radio industry, but took a European tour first, in 1934.

Upon his return to America, Kern Tips worked briefly with the St. Louis Cardinal organization assisting them in setting up a publicity-public relations department. While there, he received an offer to join the staff of Station KPRC in Houston, and became manager of that station in April, 1935.

In the fall of 1935, as a result of his sports and radio background Kern Tips was asked to become a Humble Sports-caster, a post he has held with distinction ever since. Texans in the service in the far isles of the Pacific, on the white cliffs of Dover, and in the CBI theater, all heard an old friend's voice when the Armed Forces Radio Service piped the Texas U-Texas Aggie Thanksgiving classic overseas for several years.

During the war period, Kern Tips was active in this organization of the Houston-Harris County Office of Civilian Defense, and became director in mid-1943. He has been active in civic affairs on committees too numerous to list, and served as chairman of the Council of Social Agencies for a year.

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