

Fish Basketball Squad Goes To Wharton Saturday Night

Aggie Trainer Has Hands Full Healing Athletes' Sprains

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Aggie Athletic Trainer Blaine Rideout can boast of holding three track records. The 31-year old Navy veteran moved to College Station from Denton last year where he was assistant coach of football, basketball, and head track coach at Denton High School.

Blaine and his twin brother Wayne won world recognition for their middle distance running at North Texas State College from 1937 to 1940. The young trainer ran mile laps on two medley relay teams, and the 880 on another, which set the still-standing world's record.

Rideout graduated from Tuscola, Illinois High School after setting a state mile record of 4:29. He cut the time to 4:08.5 at Memphis on May 11, 1940. His twin brother, Wayne, is now in the Rio Grande Valley in the life insurance business.

The Navy cut short Blaine's coaching career, but it led him to his present vocation of physical therapy. He was attached to the 4th Marine Division, and saw service on Namur, Iwo Jima, Saipan and Tinian in the Pacific. He was discharged from the Navy in '45 after two and one-half years with a Chief Pharmacist Mate's stripes.

He spent two years at his old alma mater before coming to Aggie last fall.

Rideout doesn't have to worry about what to do with his weekends here, for he is gone most of the time. He accompanied the football team on every one of its trips, and promptly changed to basketball when that sport arrived on the scene.



Blaine Rideout

Most of his time is taken up taping sore ankles, giving foot baths, spraying throats, dressing cuts and bruises, and giving massages to ailing muscles.

Rideout also has several types of heat treatments available. The most modern of these are the diathermic and infra-ray heaters, which heat from the inside.

Intramural Play Nears Finish; Mitchell Wins Vet Volleyball

"E" Infantry crashed into the intramural basketball quarter-finals Wednesday night as they defeated "B" Athletic 23 to 15.

The Infantrymen proved to be a fast finishing team. While managing to score only six points in the first half to 12 for "B" Athletic, the boys from "E" Company, paced by Jack Quirey with 12 points, put on a spurt in the second half to win the game. H. L. Jones was high point man for the athletic crew.

Mitchell took the Veteran volleyball championship by downing Dorm 3 in two straight games. The second game was a close one with the score tied 14-14 at one time. Mitchell then quickly added two more points to win the game. This marks the second straight time that Mitchell has taken the volleyball championship.

In two quarter-final volleyball games among Corp teams, "A" Transportation tangled with "A" ASA and won after being forced

to play all three games. In the other game "A" Quartermaster, which has had a fine intramural season, defeated "A" CWS in two straight games.

"C" Infantry and "A" Infantry will meet for the Corp tennis championship. Both teams won their semi-final matches Wednesday afternoon. "C" Infantry downed "D" Veterans in straight sets and "A" Infantry defeated the Day Students, two games to one.

Red Auerbach, coach of the Washington Capitols of the Basketball Association of America, was a member of the 1939-40 Geo. Washington U. cage squad.

Freshman Cage List Is Cut To Twenty Players

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

The freshman cage team will meet Wharton Junior College in a game tomorrow night in Wharton. The strong fish five will have a real battle on their hands when they meet Coach Johnny Frankie's quintet.

Coach Taylor Wilkins has cut his freshman basketball squad for the second time this season. The young mentor has decided to keep 20 boys on the official list.

"The squad has shown a marked improvement since they came back from the holidays and have looked better than they ever looked before," said Coach Wilkins when asked about his teams chances in tomorrow night's tilt.

The freshmen lost by a slim four point margin in a practice game with the varsity squad Wednesday afternoon. Buddy Davis, who will be counted on heavily in the fray tomorrow night, outscored varsity center John DeWitt under the hoop. The varsity took an early 12 to 2 lead but it was short lived as the freshman soon caught up and tied the score 23-23. In the latter part of the game the freshmen went ahead by a 34 to 31 margin but failed to keep the lead in the closing minutes.

The official cage squad now includes: Gibbs, Davis, Bybee, Glover, Brethauer, Walker, Johnson, Wood, Smith, Berry, Sandlin, Skipper, Houser, Farmer, Ogletree, Talley, Church, Ecrette Parks and Leonard.

Another cager who will stay out with the squad is Wescombe (Rabbit) Jones. Jones is ineligible for the freshman team because of an excess of hours but will stay with the freshman team to pick up some experience. The young cager played some fine ball in high school and is expected to be of some value to Coach Marty Karow next season.

Taking the post for tomorrow night's game will be Bentley and Houser at forwards, McDowell and Farmer at the guard slots and Davis at center.

All the boys appear to be in top shape. The freshman five will be seeking their third straight win of the season, having defeated Allen Academy and the Sam Houston State "B" Squad in opening tilts.

Went, Evans Sign Pro Contracts

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 7 (AP)—Texas Mines' little All America tackle, Ray (Sugar) Evans, and star fullback, Fred Wendt, had professional football contracts today.

Evans, who usually cleared the way for Wendt's spectacular runs, signed yesterday with the Cleveland Browns of the All-America Conference.

Wendt, who set a new individual rushing record last season of 1370 yards, signed with the Chicago Cardinals of the National League.

Evans was chosen the outstanding player of the Border Conference the last two years and was rated one of the finest linemen in the Sagebrush circuit's history.

Wendt, who started out to be an end, reached his peak last season when he sparked the Miners into the Sun Bowl New Year's Day.

Al Severance is in his 13th season as head basketball coach at Villanova College.

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Cagers to Start League Play Tonight



COACH HARRY STITELER inspects the operation scars of Aggie center HULIN SMITH. Last season Smith was hobbled by an injury cartilage and did not see much action, so the Athletic Department arranged for an operation during the holidays. Smith will not be well in time to participate in spring training, but should be ready next fall.

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Freshmen Expected To Bolster Baseball Squad This Season

By BILL POTTS

Its not long until another spring rolls around the corner and when it happens, another baseball season will be here.

Marty Karow, combined basketball-baseball coach, will start the boys practicing even before the current basketball season is over.

He will have only five lettermen returning from last year's team that finished in the runner-up spot next to Texas. Four of the returnees, Cotton Lindoff, second baseman, Russel Mayes, third baseman, Bobby Fretz, first baseman

Mines Upset Tech In Border Loop

LUBBOCK, Jan. 7 (AP)—Texas Mines flashed a warning to other Border Conference basketball teams not to regard it so lightly.

The Miners upset Texas Tech's Red Raiders last night, 57-53, with little Kayo Perez taking starring honors. Perez scored 17 points and it was his tricky ball handling that enabled the Miners to stall successfully in the final two minutes of play.

The University of Arizona staged off a last quarter uprising by Hardin-Simmons to take a 50-43 decision in a conference tilt.

West Texas State's game with New Mexico at Albuquerque was postponed because of a city power failure.

Two games are scheduled tonight. Texas Tech plays New Mexico A&M at Las Cruces, N. M., and Hardin-Simmons plays Arizona State of Tempe at Tempe, Ariz.

Tomorrow, Hardin-Simmons and Arizona State of Flagstaff play at Flagstaff, Ariz., and Texas Tech meets New Mexico at Albuquerque, N. M.

Leon Blevins paced Arizona with 15 points. Julius Stagner was high for Hardin-Simmons with 13 points.

Guard James Hill led a strong Texas Tech rally in the second half, scoring 14 of his 16 points in this period.

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Farmers Open Battle to Stay Out of Cellar With SMU, TCU

By LEON SOMER

The Texas Aggies will begin Southwest Conference competition by playing two games away from home this week-end. Tonight the Cadets take on the fast improving TCU Horned Frogs in the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum in Fort Worth. Saturday night Coach Marty Karow will take his team to Dallas to meet Southern Methodist.

Coach Buster Brannon's cagers already have pulled the first upset of this season by defeating SMU 58-52 last Tuesday night in the opening Southwest Conference game. Tonight TCU will be out to notch their second victory at the expense of the Farmers.

A&M has been off to a slow start this season, taking only three of twelve games played. Two of these victories were over Southwestern Oklahoma Teachers and the other was a win over Abilene Christian.

The Cadets have been working out hard all week, hoping to find a combination that will stop the Frogs who showed plenty of hustle and determination in Tuesday night's win over the Mustangs. Pacing the Frogs in that game was their 29 year old center Julius Dolnic who led both teams in scoring for the night with 21 points.

Six games are on tap for this weekend involving Southwest Conference teams. Five of the six contests to be played are conference tilts.

In the only other game tonight Texas plays SMU in Dallas. The

Swimmers Open Workouts As Season Nears

This could be the year for A&M to break the Longhorn's strangle hold on the Conference Swimming crown, but Coach Art Adamson is not overly optimistic. He lost only two important men off of last year's edition. Dash star Jack Riley graduated, and Johnny Heeman used up his eligibility.

But Texas has retained most of its powerhouse from last year also, losing only Jack Tolar. Tolar specialized in diving, but also captured points in the short dashes. It remains to be seen whether Campbell of Texas can take Tolar's place on the board.

For the last two years A&M has beaten Texas in dual meets, only to lose the all important conference meet.

Danny Green, one of A&M's all-time swimming greats, will be back for his last year of competition. Green has a corner on both the 50 and 100-yard dash conference records. This season he also expects to try for points in the individual medley (backstroke, breaststroke, and free style).

Perhaps the second most important post on the team goes to Jimmy Flowers. The husky football player is fast in the breaststroke and free style, and may furnish the margin of victory for his team. Art is expected to use his talents in two relays, in addition to the breaststroke.

Next on the list of point-getters is Bernie Syfan. Syfan is good in both distance and dash races. He has been working out on the 1500 meter distance swim, the new addition to the conference events. Syfan will also handle a slot on the 400-yard free style relay. Gilbert McKenzie and Paul Fleming will team with Syfan in the distance swims.

Texas has its greatest power in the breaststroke's post, with three top men. It will be up to "Tiger" Moye, Gene Summers, George Diek, and Arlan McKenzie to swipe some points for the Aggies, in addition to Flowers. Summers will also compete in the individual medley.

Ed Kruse, Reeves, and Buddy Fisher will handle the backstroke chores for the Aggies.

Our admitted weak spot is in diving. Heeman was rounding into fine form last season, and his loss will hurt A&M in that event. Bill Starik, Scotty Potter, and Howell Johnson have been working on the high board, but it is doubtful any of them will be able to garner many points this season.

Adamson will throw his squad into action on January 31 here against Oklahoma U. in a warmup fray. Then the weak Baylor Bears visit here on February 2nd.

The Aggie squad has been working out most of the semester, and should hit their form early. Many of the swimmers were on the championship Water Polo team, and are ready now.



AL SAENGER

Al Saenger To Preside at 'T' Club Banquet

Al Saenger of Houston, '32, will be toastmaster at the third Annual A&M Club Officer's meeting at College Station January 14, 15, and 16.

Friday night, January 14, at 7 p. m., the annual "T" Banquet, honoring varsity and freshman football players and the cross country men, will be the highlight of the evening. At this time letters, awards, and "T" Medals will be given to persons participating in all forms of athletics during the fall. Kern Tips has been invited to make the principal address, Dick Hervey, former Student Association secretary announced.

The following day, Saturday, sport films will be shown. The athletic department is making their entire film library available for the showing of whatever picture members of the group wish to see.

At the officers forum, scheduled for 9 p. m. Saturday night, January 15, problems peculiar to the individual offices will be discussed.

The following Sunday morning, breakfast will be served the guests as a courtesy of the Former Students Association, Hervey said.

Beauty Only Hide-Deep

NEW YORK (AP)—Donor is probably the homeliest of racing thoroughbreds, but the son of Challeon has banked \$261,310 for his owners on the track. However, he was so bony and unattractive as a two-year-old, none of the grooms wanted to rub him down. And he could have been claimed in his first race, which he won, for \$3,500.

12 Winners

MIAMI (AP)—Trainers of 12 Kentucky Derby winners will stable their horses this winter at Hialeah. They are B. A. Jones (Lawrin, Whirlaway, Pensive and Citation), Jim Fitzsimmons (Gallant Fox, Omaha and Johnston), Max Hirsch (Bold Venture and Assault) Ivan Parke (Hoop, Jr.), John Gaver (Shut Out) and Hollie Hughes (George Smith).

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