

City of Dallas To Represent Texas in '500'

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DALLAS — For the first time in history, Texas is due to have complete, bona fide representation in the Indianapolis Speedway 500 mile race on Memorial Day.

Moreover, the most eye-catching creation spinning around the brick oval in the 1949 classic will be The City of Dallas. Those words will be emblazoned across the hood. The car will be owned and assembled in Dallas. It will be driven and serviced 100 per cent by natives or long time residents of this city.

The little man with the heavy foot at the steering wheel will be five, eight, 152-pound, 40-year-old William B. (Red) Hodges.

Red, probably the most popular driver in the southwest, never has raced in the 500, but he is not at all awed.

He has 20 years of racing experience behind him. It has been his life. Red was the big car racing champion of the southwestern circuit four years straight—1934-1937—when the sport was more popular in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana than it is now. There were plenty of races. The midgets had not been popularized. Hodges had one stretch when he won 19 races in 20 starts. But for bad luck last year he would have been the first Dallas man to drive in the Indianapolis classic.

He went there all right, just two weeks before the 1948 race, but his car wasn't hitting. There was one mishap after another. Finally the car wasn't placed in complete readiness until 10 minutes remained before the deadline on qualifying trials. That was too late for Red to take the driver's test required of all newcomers and to warm up and get in the 10-mile trials.

If present plans materialize there won't be any slip-up on the time element this year. Hodges and his crew will go to the big saucer not later than May 1 and stay for the finish.

Plans as outlined now call for The City of Dallas to be a community proposition. It may be a \$20,000 corporation for that's what the total cost of building and transporting the car and paying other expenses will run to. Stock will be offered to the Dallas public.

Sorry, Harnden Missing From Olympic Films

Unfortunately, the pictures of the Olympics now showing at Guion Hall do not show Art Harnden in action. Manager Tom Putty expresses his regrets for this, adding that he had been assured that the pictures of the 1600 meter relay would be included in this reel. However, it is still full of exciting events filmed in Technicolor, Putty added.

Aggies Meet Baylor Tomorrow Night

Freshman Cagers Will Play Baylor Cubs at Six o'Clock

By LEON SOMER

The once-defeated Baylor Bears will move into College Station tomorrow night for a game with the Texas Aggies in DeWare Field House. Preceding the varsity game will be a freshman game with the Aggie Fish playing the Baylor Cubs. The freshman game will begin at 6:00 while the varsity game is scheduled for eight o'clock.

The Bears, who were defeated by Texas 40-37 in Austin Tuesday afternoon, will have to win this one in order to stay on top in the scrambled Southwest Conference race. Baylor has won four games and lost one while Texas is close behind with a three and one record in conference play.

A&M is now in fifth place with one win against two losses. The Aggies missed a chance to tie Arkansas for third place when Rice squeezed past the Cadets 54 to 53 in Houston last week.

Last year the Bruins handed the Farmers two setbacks, 57-41 and 70-52, but tomorrow night the Aggie hope to give the Bears some real competition.

Baylor will open tomorrow night's game with a team that will average around 6'3" while the A&M starters will average close to 6'2". Aggie center John DeWitt, at six feet, four inches, will be the tallest cager in either team's starting lineup.

In the preliminary game at 6:00 Coach Taylor Wilkins will send his freshman cagers against the Baylor Cubs in what promises to be a real battle. Wilkins will probably start Houser and Bentley at forwards, Davis at Center and McDowell and Farmer at the guard posts.

McDowell will be playing his last game for the fish team as he becomes eligible for varsity competition at the end of January.

In tomorrow night's game, student coupon tickets A through M will be used as admittance until 7:30. After that time, all students will be admitted on a "first come first served" basis.

Starting Line-ups

A&M	Baylor
Turnbow	F Owens
Kirkland	F Preston
DeWitt, J.	C Heathington
Jenkins	G DeWitt, B.
Schrickel	G Johnson

Aggie Basketball Schedule

Jan. 21—Baylor, here.
Jan. 31—Arkansas, there.
Feb. 5—Texas, here.
Feb. 9—SMU, here.
Feb. 10—TCU, here.
Feb. 16—Texas, there.
Feb. 26—Baylor, there.
Feb. 28—Arkansas, here.
Mar. 4—Rice, here.

Laredo Club Meets To Elect Officers

The Laredo Club will meet tonight at 7 in Room 126 of the Academic Building, D. S. Pena, president, announced Wednesday. Officers for the spring semester will be elected, Pena said.



'Dog' Dawson Lays Claim To Conference Low-Jump Mark

By SACK SPOEDE

Once upon a time an Aggie basketball team went up to Ft. Worth to meet the TCU Horned Frogs in a conference game. This Aggie team boasted of a six foot five inch center weighing around 225 pounds, who did double duty on the Aggie football team as a tackle and end.

Playing on the old TCU court located behind the buildings of the University, the two teams were engaged in a fast and furious match. During the game a shot was attempted by someone and missed, and up goes this center from Aggie land in order to grab the ball. As he came down from his prodigious leap, a terrific splintering noise was heard. When the dust had cleared, everyone was aghast at the sight of the Aggie standing knee deep in the prized hardwood of the Horned Frogs.

That, ladies and gentlemen, is the reason that Bill "Dog" Dawson holds the title of being the lowest jumping basketball player in the history of the Southwest Conference. If you talk to "Dog" now, you will find that at the time, he was afraid that he had lost the lower half of his leg.

Dawson is now the Assistant Athletic Director of A&M. His chief duties at present are to see that the outstanding athletes in Texas choose to enroll in A&M, and after they are enrolled, to see they remain here in a happy, contented mood.

An older and a younger brother of Dog have also graduated from A&M. Dooley Dawson was in the class of '32, while Jamey finished in 1946 although he is in an earlier class.

After coming to A&M in 1937 Dawson lettered three times in football and basketball, and was

a member of the National Championship football squad of 1939. He handled many of the kick-off duties of the Aggies and in the TCU game of 1940, he put one of the kickoffs through the cross bars. He was captain of the basketball team his last year.

Before coming to A&M, he went to Allen Academy in 1933 and then to Lon Morris Junior College in 1935 and '36.

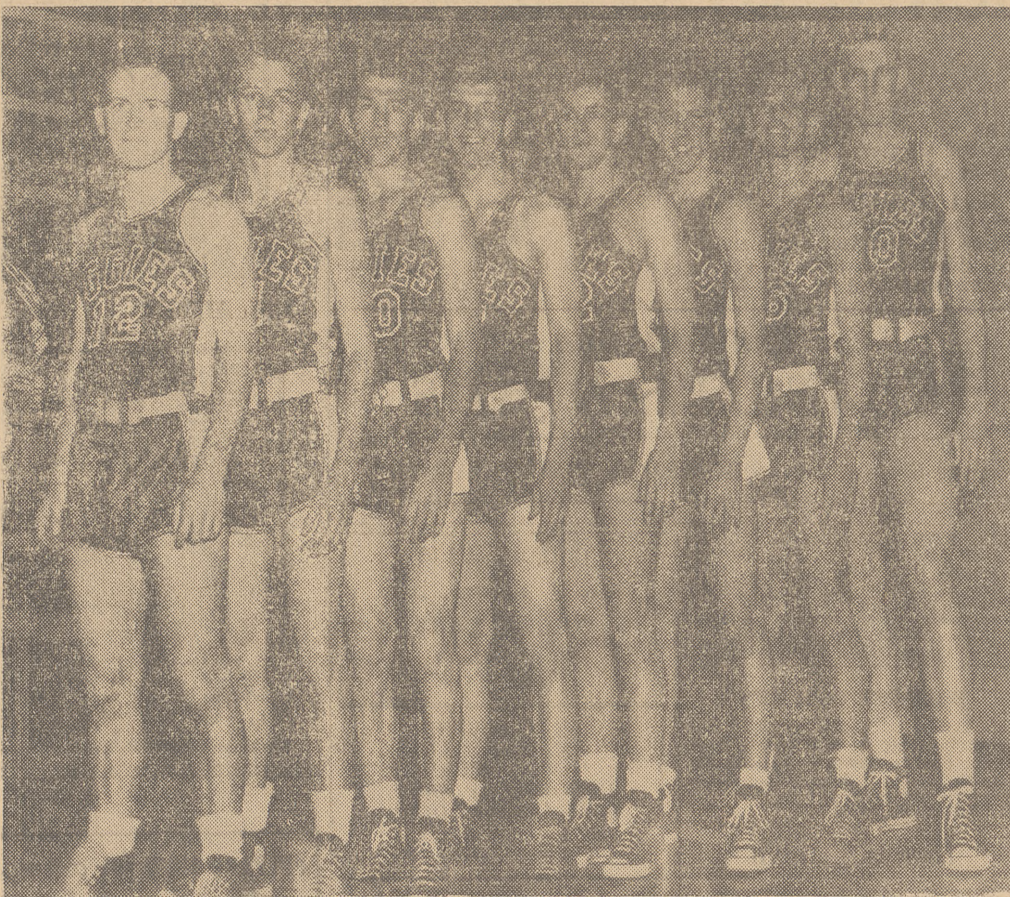
Upon completion of his studies at A&M, Dawson went into the Army and was assigned to duty with the Western Army All-Stars, in the year of 1942. This squad played five pro teams during the year.

During the war, Dawson rose to the rank of major in the army. He is married and has a daughter, Lydia Jane.

A frequent visitor to the basketball court in the evening to watch the cage team practice, one of Dawson's favorite subjects of conversation are the antics of his old teammate, Bill "Jitterbug" Henderson. Henderson was one of the greatest all around athletes in history of the conference.

At the annual football banquet last Friday night, a new label was stuck on Dawson, when the toastmaster of the evening called him "Old Legs and Lungs."

All kidding aside, "Dog" is one of the best liked persons on the campus.



These eight men form the nucleus of the Texas Aggie freshman basketball team that will meet the Baylor freshmen at six o'clock Friday at DeWare Field House. Left to right are: R. G. WALKER from Woodville, BILLY GIBBS of Lufkin, JEWEL McDOWELL of Amarillo, BOBBY FARMER of Amarillo, EDDIE HOUSER of Big Spring, BOB CHURCH of Houston, DICK BENTLEY of Harlingen, and BUDDY DAVIS of Nederland.



Good Bowlers Requested To Enter Tourney

Bowling in the YMCA alleys has already showed a noticeable increase as students have begun practicing for the coming campus bowling playoff. The highest scorers will be selected for a team to compete against Baylor next month.

Over 15 entries have been turned in to the Batt sports department, and more are coming in at a rapid rate. It is planned that the three runoff lines will be held the first week in February, with official scorers watching each game.

Two of the entrants, R. L. McClure and A. B. Harris claim the highest average received—170. Another prospective team member, George Chew, claims a wide range, 150-170, for his average.

Baylor has offered the use of its lanes, bowling balls, and shoes free of charge for this tournament. Members of A&M's faculty are also invited to participate, but no entries in this group have been turned in as yet.

Plans call for the team to make the trip to Waco in private cars so good bowlers with good cars are especially desired. The Bears have three student teams which bowl regularly, so the Aggies will not be given much of a chance to win unless the top keepers in the school turn out.

It is hoped that two teams can be formed of 165-or better bowlers. However, it might take several matches to bring everyone up to that standard. If sufficient interest is shown in this event, matches with other conference schools will be arranged.

Prospective bowlers should turn in the entry blank found on this page to the Batt Sports desk, and any questions should be sent to Art Howard at the same place.

Announcements of the playoff will be published in the first issue of the Batt after mid-term.

Application for Bowling Squad

Name Own Car?

Address Bowling Average

Dorm Student or Prof.

This entry should be turned in to the Batt Sports Desk.

Plans for Stadium Lights Underway

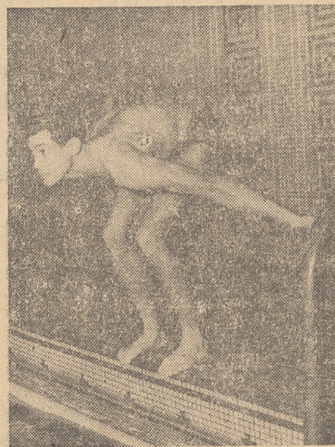
Preliminary plans for lighting Kyle Field are being worked out, and should be ready for approval in a few weeks, Athletic Director Bill Carmichael said yesterday.

After the plans are submitted and corrections made, they will be approved by the athletic council before bids are accepted. This legal procedure will take about six weeks, and construction will start shortly thereafter.

Carmichael added that if at all possible, the light posts will be placed on the stadium rim, rather than on the field. This plan is being worked on, and if the cost is not prohibitive, it will be passed.

Only one night game, with Villanova, is scheduled for next season, but Carmichael expects that this figure will be increased as the popularity increases.

Much of the demand for night games comes from the surrounding towns, including Houston, where many fans are not able to leave work on Saturday afternoon. It is expected that these games will greatly increase the size of the crowds at Kyle Field.



Aggie BERNIE SYFAN is expected to cop some first places for the swimmers when they meet Oklahoma University here January 31. Syfan is the top distance man on the squad, but can turn in a fast dash race when Coach Art Adamson needs points.

The courtship of the New Mexican duck is a graceful performance taking place in the water and in the air. But the male is among the drabest of American drakes.

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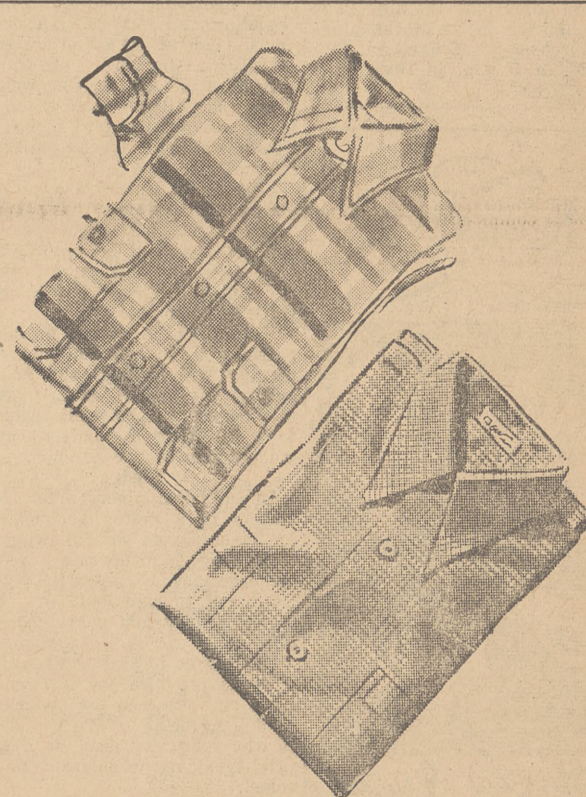
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