

Aggie Swimming Team Crushes Baylor With 51-24 Victory

League Cage Race Knotted By Upsets

Baylor, Texas, Rice, Arkansas All Share in Lead for Conference Title

By The Associated Press

The Southwest Conference basketball race today was in a virtual tie between Baylor, Arkansas, Texas and Rice. Southern Methodist University last night upset Rice, 47-46, and Arkansas knocked off Texas, 60-54, to jumble the standings.

Baylor and Arkansas are now tied for the top on a percentage basis, but only because they have played more games than either Texas or Rice. Each of the big four teams has been beaten twice.

A substitute guard, George Owen, was the hero of the Southern Methodist victory. He stole the ball in the waning seconds of play and sank a field goal that gave the Mustangs their narrow margin of victory. Big Bob Ambler and Cliff Horton played hob with Texas' defense. Ambler scored 21 points. Horton got 11 and his defensive play was brilliant.

Arkansas was never behind as it rang up its second upset in as many nights. Once Texas tied the lead at 16-16. But the Razorbacks pulled handily away in the fading moments of play.

Slater Martin paced Texas' scoring efforts with 17 points. Teammate Tom Hamilton had 16.

Twenty-four personal fouls hurt Texas as Arkansas made good on 16 free throws.

The Rice-SMU game was a wild, evenly fought affair. The two teams were deadlocked at the half, 25-25.

A Rice substitute, Paul Vahldiek, missed a chance to tie the score for his team when he failed to connect on a gift shot just seconds before the final gun.

Tall Bill Tom led Rice scoring with 18 points. Bob Prewitt was high for Southern Methodist with 15.

Tomorrow Rice plays host to Texas Christian at Houston.

Santa Anita has been hit by a 10 per cent drop in attendance and betting.

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Sports Staff Will Pick Star of Week

Beginning this week, the Battalion sports staff will pick the STAR OF THE WEEK from the athletes participating in all sports at A&M.

This honor will be bestowed upon the athlete who, in the opinion of the members of the sports staff, does most toward helping his team win.

This award is open to either freshman or varsity players in any major or minor Southwest Conference sport.

Arrangements have already been made for the winner each week to receive a week's pass to the Campus theater and arrangements for some other awards are pending.

This award is open to the same man more than one time and he may receive it at any time the sports staff thinks he has earned it.

Winners will be announced on Thursday of each week on the sports page. The time of judging is from Monday until Sunday of each week and the winner will be picked the following Monday.

This award is being originated by the sports staff in the belief that this will give recognition to many excellent members of Aggie athletic teams that would not otherwise receive any recognition for the time and service they devote to Aggie athletics.

Arkansas Upsets Texas, SMU Edges Rice in Wild Battles

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 8 (AP)—The high riding Arkansas Razorbacks upset the dope bucket here last night when they won their second consecutive game of their current roadtrip, this one from the University of Texas cagers by a score of 60 to 54.

The Razorbacks, outplayed the Steers throughout the game, took the lead in the opening seconds of play when Cliff Horton hit a short shot.

Texas trailed for fifteen minutes. Then Tom Hamilton knotted the score at 16-all, but the tie was short-lived. Five seconds later and the Hogs were again out in front.

At half time the Arkansas quint led, 29 to 20. The Razorbacks had consistently outplayed the Steers, working the ball in for close shot after shot.

Slater Martin, ace Steer scorer, was held to a pair of field goals in the first half, but found the scoring target more consistently in the second. He added 5 field goals, but they were not enough to halt the rampaging Razorbacks.

Bob Ambler, 6-foot 8-inch Hog center, proved unguardable and rang the bell for 21 points on 8 field and 5 free throws.

His opposites, Centers Philip George and Wilson Taylor, each accumulated 4 personal fouls in the first half and were forced to play under wraps the rest of the way.

The Texans pulled up to within a point of the Hogs with four minutes of play remaining, but never led. The Razorbacks soon amassed a neater advantage.

They capped it off when Ken Kearns slipped under the basket for two consecutive shots with no one near him in the final minute of play.

Tom Hamilton, with 16 points, was within a tally of tying Martin for Texas' scoring honors. Each team committed 19 personal fouls but the game was not rough. Officials Johnny Morrow and Carl Sears were calling 'em close.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 8 (AP)—SMU's Ponies clipped the wings of the Rice Owls here last night 47 to 46 in one of the wildest games ever seen on a southwest basketball court.

Six times the lead changed hands. The last time was the best for SMU. It came with less than a minute to go, when little George Owen, substitute guard, created his moment of glory.

He stole the ball at mid-court and dribbled like a madman for the basket. It plopped in and gave the Mustangs their precious point advantage.

Seconds later, Rice had its chance to tie up the game. But Paul Vahldiek, an Owl substitute guard, was not equal to the occasion. He missed a free throw.

The Owls got the rebound and made three long, wild shots as the crowd of 1,500 stood and shrieked. The shots missed and the game was over.

SMU won the hard way, overcoming an 11-point deficit which the Owls inflicted on it through the first ten minutes.

Sheer courage paid off for the Mustangs. Through the early part of the game, Rice appeared much the better team. The Owls operated their floor game smoothly, controlled the rebounds and were deadly with long shots.

But SMU kept driving, kept plugging. Finally, determination paid off.

Magically, the Mustangs became a great team and outplayed and outgouted the Owls the rest of the way.

The teams were tied, 25 to 25, when they took the floor for the second half.

Coach Doc Hayes of SMU started Bill Gillespie in place of Center Johnny Zatopek.

The Mustangs immediately took control of the game, getting 5 points before Rice could score a field goal. Then the game grew tighter than ever; the score became tied, then SMU would get ahead. Rice would punch its way back to a tie and then to the lead.

They were the men who had the points when the Mustangs needed them most.

Prewitt put the Mustangs ahead, 45 to 42 when Guard Harold Samon made a beautiful fake and bounce-passed to the tall forward who was waiting under the basket.

But Rice rallied an dwent into the lead, 46 to 45, with less than a minute. Then Owen pulled the blameless act of thievery and drove in for the winning basket.

Fencers Meet Corpus Y
Corpus Christi's YMCA will furnish the opposition to the Fencing team from Texas A&M in Houston, Saturday February 12. The Aggie fencers met the Baylor Bears in a match in Waco last Saturday.

All three fencing weapons will have matches in Houston. These weapons include foil, epee, and saber.

Texas A&M's varsity football coaching staff is now composed of two former Aggie backs, Harry Stiteler and Dick Todd, and two former University of Texas linemen, Bill DuBose and J. T. King.

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Opponents Try Everything But They Can't Stop Vince

(AP) Newsfeatures

DENVER—Vince Boryla, University of Denver center, plays with a losing basketball team but ranks among the highest scorers in the nation. That's quite a trick under any circumstances.

It's especially surprising in Boryla's case, for he is one of the most feared—and most closely guarded—players in college basketball. Boryla gets the works whenever the ball is thrown in his direction. Vince's record made him a marked man from the beginning of his first season with Denver. As a freshman at Notre Dame, he broke the Irish scoring record.

During the war, the Army sent him to Lowry Field in Denver and while stationed here he played two seasons with the Denver Nuggets of the American Basketball League (AAU). Both years he was picked on the AAU All-America team. He also was chosen on the U. S. Olympic team.

Boryla's pivot shot, equally accurate with the right or left hand, is one of the slickest maneuvers in basketball. At first the colleges tried putting two men on him, but he sailed along at a 21-points-a-game clip. His best night so far was against St. John's in New York, when he scored 36.



Taken during a game with Regis College of Denver, this picture shows how opponents respect Vince Boryla's shooting ability. Fighting to keep the Denver ace from getting off a shot are three players, with a fourth coming up to help. No. 17 throws a hip, one man tries to tie up the ball from the rear and the player at left is guarding the direction of the basket. Vince made 16 points anyway.

Battalion Sports Quiz

1. What Southwest Conference teams have been National football champions, and in what years did they win this award?
 2. What former Southwest Conference athlete is the holder of two World track records and what are these records?
 3. In which case, a live drive in baseball, a tee shot in golf or a serve in tennis, would the ball travel faster?
 4. Which league leads in number of World Series victories and how many have each league won?
 5. What was the only Southwest Conference team to play in the Rose Bowl; in what year, and who won the game?
- (This is the first of a series of sports quizzes that the Battalion sports staff will run in the Tuesday edition each week. These questions will be made up by the staff and answers will be on this or on another page the same day.)

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. T. C. U., 1938; A&M, 1959.
2. American, 26 wins; National, 17.
3. A serve in tennis travels 176 f.p.s. and a tee shot travels 176 f.p.s.
4. American, 26 wins; National, 17.
5. SMU, 1938; against Stanford, SMU lost 7-0.

Sports Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Basket ball game 6:00 p. m. Texas A&M Freshmen vs. Tyler Junior College.

Basket ball game 8:00 p. m. Texas A&M vs. Southern Methodist.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Basketball game 6:00 p. m. Texas A&M Freshmen vs. Wharton Junior College.

Basket ball game 8:00 p. m. Texas A&M vs. Texas Christian.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Spring football training begins.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Fencing Meet—Texas A&M vs. Corpus Christi YMCA at Houston.

Swimming Meet 3:00 p. m.—Texas A&M vs. Southern Methodist in P. L. Downs Natatorium.

Coast boxing fans say Enrique Bolanos will dethrone lightweight champ Ike Williams when they fight this Spring.

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Danny Green and Bernie Syfan Perform in Only One Event

By SCOTTY SWINNEY

The Texas Aggie swimming team crashed into the win column in their series of dual meets today by virtue of a crushing 51 to 24 victory over the Baylor Bears. This gave the Aggies a .500 average due to an earlier defeat at the hands of the Oklahoma Sooners.

The Aggies got off to an early lead with a win in the 300 medley relay. Paul Fleming started for the Aggies, and came in a short distance behind. Then Billy Moye took over and gave the Aggies a forty foot lead, which was lengthened to one hundred feet by Danny Green, the anchor man. After that impressive start the Aggies held the lead for the rest of the meet.

In the 200 yard freestyle, Bernard Syfan and David Vardeman both of the Aggies pulled out to an early lead. Then Syfan pulled away from Vardeman to win by 20 feet.

Bullet Manale, of Baylor, showed form today that won the acclaim of the spectators in the Natatorium. He won the diving competition with seemingly little effort, and on some of his dives, there were bronx cheers from a gallery packed with Aggies; however, these weren't directed at Manale, but at one of the judges who was giving him what the Aggies thought were low scores.

For his final dive, Manale impressed the people with his skill by performing a difficult forward 1 1/2 flip with a double twist. At the height of his dive, he gave the impression of a pretzel in mid-air.

McKenzie, of the Aggies, fought Baylor's McCoy for the lead in the first 3/4 of the 100 yard freestyle only to see him pull out to a slight lead in the final length and win for the Bears.

The biggest fight of the afternoon came in the 200 yard breaststroke between two Aggies, Jimmy Flowers and George Dieck. Dieck left the Baylor entry far behind and had a private duel all the way. The lead changed hands several times during the course of the race, with Flowers taking the lead on the turns. In the straightaways, Dieck would always fight back and take a lead over Flowers.

On the final turn, Flowers took over the lead and put on a spurt to nose Dieck out at the finish. Flowers recorded a time of 2:54 against Dieck's 2:54.2. The Baylorite was over a pool length behind the two Aggies when they touched for the finish.

Another close race came in the 400 yard free-style, this time between John Peters of A&M and Sorrell of Baylor. Sorrell took an early lead at the start and stretched it to a scant two yards.

Peters then pulled up from behind to pull into the lead by a head. From that point on, the two men swam stroke for stroke with Sorrell taking a slight advantage coming off the last turn for the sprint to the finish, and winning by a slight margin of 0.2 seconds.

The 400 yard freestyle relay, again found the Aggies winning easily without the assistance of their regular anchor man, Danny Green. Tommy Butler led off for the Aggies and gave up a slight lead to the Baylor lead man.

R. W. Rouse pulled up even with the Baylor entry in the second position, and from that point on, the race belonged to the Aggies. Gene Summers took over and handed McKenzie a lead of 6 yards which he lengthened to 8 at the finish.

Although the Aggies won easily, the Bears took high point honors. McCoy counted for 8 points and Sorrell for 6 points to lead the scorers.

Following the leaders were Syfan, Fisher, Kruse, and Flowers of the Aggies, and Manale of the Bears with 5 points each.

Results:
300 yd. medley relay — Texas A&M (Fleming, Moye, Green), time: 3:23.8.
220 freestyle — Syfan, A&M; Vardeman, A&M; Sorrell, Baylor, time: 2:30.1.
50 freestyle — Fisher, A&M; McCoy, Baylor; Summers, A&M; time: 0:25.7.
Diving — Manale, Baylor; Potter, A&M; Strait, A&M; points: 102.1.
100 freestyle — McCoy, Baylor; McKenzie, A&M; Wynn, Baylor, time: 0:56.8.
150 backstroke — Kruse, A&M; Odum, Baylor; Fleming, A&M, time: 1:52.6.
200 breaststroke — Flowers, A&M; Dieck, A&M; Heath, Baylor, time: 2:54.
440 freestyle — Sorrell, Baylor; Peters, A&M; Gaines, A&M, time: 5:50.3.
400 freestyle relay—A&M (Butler, Rouse, Summers, McKenzie).

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