

Aggies Meet SMU Here Tonight, TCU Thursday, In Basketball

Aggie Cagers Take On Strong Tyler Junior College Tonight

Apaches Have Strongest JC Team In State; Davis Develops Sore Ankle

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Coach Taylor Wilkins will send his undefeated freshmen cagers into action tonight against a strong Tyler Junior College quintet in a preliminary game in DeWare Field House starting at 6 o'clock.

The underdog freshmen will run up against five all-stars that are now members of the Tyler team. Going into the fifth week of conference play, the Tyler cagers are undefeated in seven games and only have one loss against their near perfect record.

Leading the list of Apache basketballers is Byron Miller, Texas' most valuable high school cager last season. The young Dallas cager who played with Crozier Tech last season, has topped the Tyler lads in the scoring column in most of the games this season.

Another all-stater, Joe Palafox, played last season with the Apaches, has exhibited some fine floor play this year and should be a real help to the east Texans in their quest for a victory tonight. Palafox won the outstanding player award in the junior college tournament that was held in College Station last year.

A Sidney Lanier product of the Tyler squad is Robert Rodriguez, starting center for the Apaches. The young 6'5" cager of San Antonio was an all-state product during the 46 and 47 cage seasons.

Filling out the list of Apache starters is Champion and Richardson. Champion, another all stater from Crozier Tech, will hold down a starting forward position. Jim Richardson will hold down the other post in the tilt tonight against the Fish. He is an east Texas product who was chosen on the all-national squad last season when the Apaches were participating in the national JC meet in Kansas City.

The Tyler quintet lost its first game of the season to the SMU freshmen by a close margin, but since that time have remained undefeated. In one of the wildest scoring contests in Texas history the Apaches defeated the Le-Tourneau Tech cagers in a contest in Beaumont by a score of 108 to 26.

The Baylor freshmen five also fell before the Apaches by a score of 72 to 42. The young Bears could not seem to stay together against the Tyler attack. The east Texans also ran up a twelve point margin in a game with Lamar Junior College.

Jumping over to the Aggie side of the fence we find Buddy Davis with a sore ankle. Coach Wilkins stated that he will start Davis in hopes that his ankle will prove to be alright. He has been taking it easy in practice the last few days in hopes that he will see action against the Tyler team.

Royce Sandlin, a reserve center

Corpus Fencers To Meet Farmer Team Saturday

The Texas A&M Fencing Team will meet the Corpus Christi YMCA in the Houston Y, February 12, in a dual meet. The meet is one of the team matches scheduled by the Amateur Fencers League of America.

The Aggies who have had only one official match scheduled and that with the University of Houston, which withdrew from the AFLA before the meet, are inexperienced with the exception of Ignacio Barrios, returning letterman and top man in the South west Conference in saber, and Gus Mistrot, also returning letterman in foil.

The team which will make the trip is as follows:

Foil—Ignacio Barrios, Gus Mistrot, and Gerald Monks.
Epee—John H. Happ, Alvin Hope, and J. C. Falls.

Saber—Ignacio Barrios, Gus Mistrot, and John Happ.
The meet will consist of three matches in each weapon, the winners being the first to get the required number of points in the respective weapon, 5 for foil and saber, and 3 for epee. Points acquired will count on the final scoring of the teams in AFLA competition.

Members of the team who have won individual points in the current year are Ignacio Barrios, 3rd place and 7 points in an open foil meet in College Station, "Speck" Falls 5th place and 5 points and Gerald Monks 6th place and 4 points both in a prep foil meet in Houston.

From Moody, Texas is also on the injured list. Sandlin sprained his ankle in practice the early part of the week.

Coach Wilkins will probably start Davis at the pivot post, Woody Walker, who showed such dazzling form in the Yearling contest, at a guard slot; Eddie Houser and Bentley at forwards and Bob Farmer at the other guard position.

The Fish will be seeking their seventh straight win of the season tonight, having already defeated the Texas, Rice, and Baylor frosh quintets as well as Allen Academy, Wharton Junior College, and the Sam Houston B team.

As a preliminary to the varsity contest between A&M and TCU on Thursday night the freshmen will again perform against Wharton Junior College. The Fish have already defeated the Wharton County lads once this season by a score of 52 to 41.

Frankie McFadden, who was at A&M until the early part of December, has since transferred to Wharton and is playing on their cage team at present. McFadden, who was having scholastic troubles at Aggie, and is catching up on some back hours that he needs at the south Texas college.

Bob Tomlin of East Bernard, who led the Pioneer attack in the first Fish-Wharton tilt, is the leading cager on the Pioneer squad. Tomlin, who is 6'6", scored 10 points in that contest as well as leading his team defensively.

In this contest the Fish squad will not have the services of their star guard Jewell McDowell, who has moved up to the varsity. The young Amarillo cager racked up 24 points to lead the scoring as well as pace the Aggies floor play in the last meeting of the teams.



Here are the Volleyball Champions of the Club Leagues in Intramurals for the past Fall Semester, The A.S.C.E. team. In the front row, left to right: R. W. Claunch, B. E. Davis, W. Hill, and J. D. Pitcock. In the back row, same order: A. Charles, R. L. Schodde, and H. P. Buckner. Not present when the picture was taken were A. R. Buckner and E. E. Seewald.

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Spring Events Set for 'Mural Calendar

Intramural wrestlers continue to weigh in this week for their events that start next Monday afternoon. Over 160 entries have signed up so far.

This afternoon, a wrestling demonstration will be held in the little gym at 5 p. m. All bouts are scheduled to begin at 4 p. m. next week but Corps Athletic Officers should check their schedules on drill days for changes.

There are eight classes in Intramural wrestling. Last year's winner in the 149 lb class was Don Kutch. In the 129 and 139 lb classes, Bob Garcia and Bob Carlson were the title holders. Joe Flescher won the 149 lb division and Rudy Koenig annexed the 159 lb class.

The 169 lb defender is Jack Scott and Ken Rogers plans to defend his championship of the 179 lb division. G. B. Klatt was the 1948 Heavyweight winner.

Team Handball schedules have not been announced; Monday was the closing day for entries. Athletic Officers will be notified of times and dates.

So far only two dates have definitely been set for Intramural events this spring. Wrestling gets underway on Monday the 14, and Boxing will start on February 28. Boxers must get their entries in by February 21 and will weigh in on February 22 and 23.

Closing date for entries in softball and horse shoes is February 15. Vet softball will likely begin

Low Scores Posted in Bowling Playoffs; Barrett Tops Field

Scores in Monday night's bowling playoffs were all low, with no negler able to post a 150 average. Donald Barrett came closest with a 3-game total of 438, an average of 146.

Strikes were few and far between for most of the bowlers, with the exception of Marvin Luceford, who racked up 4 strikes in a row his last line for a 188-game. But a bad middle score of 111 kept Luceford's total to 433.

The only other four-hundred game was made by Harry Vaughn, who hit 418.

Two of the bowlers with the smoothest form, A. B. Harris and Vernon Smith, both had hard nights and hit below their par game.

The ironical part of the night was that Lyon, a non-entrant, was averaging 180 on the vacant fourth alley. Lyon will be given a lane in Friday's playoff if all of the alleys are not filled.

Eight of the 12 bowlers in Monday's playoff still are holding on to their tentative squad positions. However, several good keggers are still on tap for Friday's session.

Wednesday, February 16 has been selected as the tentative date for the tournament with Baylor, but this date may be changed if facilities will not be available there at that time.

An announcement of the squad roster will be made in Monday's Batt, and team members will be asked to attend a practice session that night.

Aggie Soccer Team Opens Practice In Need of Sponsor

This semester the A&M Soccer team begins its activities with a five game schedule.

The Aggies have coming games with Oklahoma A&M, Oklahoma U., Allen Academy, Texas U., and a team from Galveston. Team work outs will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 p. m. behind the baseball diamond.

The team is open to anyone wishing to play soccer, and new uniforms, which have just arrived, will be issued to the players during the next workout.

At the present time the team is interested in getting a sponsor.

Students A-M Get in First; Doors Open to All at 7:30

By LEON SOMER

The Southern Methodist Mustangs invade College Station tonight in the first of two games to be played in DeWare Field House this week. Tomorrow night Texas Christian will engage the Aggies in another conference tilt here. Both varsity games will begin at eight o'clock.

Monday night the Southwest Conference cage race was thrown wide open by the defeat of Texas and Rice, two teams that had been on top of the conference scramble as the result of Baylor's loss to Arkansas last week.

Four teams are now definitely in the running for the championship. These teams are Arkansas, Rice, Baylor, and Texas. Baylor and Arkansas, with five wins and two losses, now lead the conference race. Close behind these two teams are Texas with four wins and two losses and Rice with three victories in five games played.

Against the Cadets tonight the Mustangs will depend on their two high scoring forwards, Jack Brown and Bob Prewitt. In Monday night's 47-46 win over Rice these two cagers scored a total of 27 points.

The Aggies will rate as several point underdogs against a Pony team that has already defeated Marty Karow's cagers once this season. The Farmers' chances for an upset tonight were dealt a blow Saturday night when forward Bill Turnbow was injured in the Texas game. Turnbow probably will see only limited action against both the Mustangs and Frogs.

The Aggies' hopes for victory against SMU will rest largely on the shoulders of center John DeWitt and guard Jewell McDowell. DeWitt is now in second place in the conference scoring race with 84 points. This total is only five points less than that

made by Julius Dolnic who is the present leader.

In the other conference game tonight, TCU travels to Houston to meet the Rice Owls. The feathered flock will be favored to defeat a Horned Frog team that has won only one conference game this year.

Student coupon holders whose initials are A through M will be admitted first up to 7:30 in tonight's game. After that time students will be admitted on a first come first served basis.

Sports Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Basketball game 6:00 p. m. Texas A&M Freshmen vs. Tyler Junior College.

Basketball 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.

Basketball 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.

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Texas	4	2	.667
Rice	3	2	.600
SMU	3	4	.429
A&M	1	5	.167
TCU	1	5	.167

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DeWitt, A&M	84	14.0
Heathington, Baylor	84	12.0
Ambler, Ark.	83	13.8
Prewitt, SMU	77	12.8
Hamilton, Texas	69	13.8
Brown, SMU	68	11.3
Tom, Rice	67	16.7
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