

Smooth Pony Cagers Give Aggies A Lesson To Tune Of 49-35

Tyler Jr. College Hands Fish Team 78-43 Defeat

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Tyler Junior College brought the Aggie Fish six game winning streak to a halt last night when they handed the Fish their first defeat of the season by the overwhelming score of 78-43. The Fish were simply outclassed from start to finish.

Palafox led the scoring with 16 points followed by Champion and Rodriguez of the Apaches who racked up 15 and 14 points respectively. Aggie center Buddy Davis ended up with 15 points to pace the Fish.

Combining a fast break with an excellent brand of floor play the Tyler lads, early in the game, took a five point lead and literally scored at will to win going away. The Apaches, throughout the game, gained control of both backboards and taking full advantage of their height, as well as their skill, handed the hapless Fish their first setback.

With Miller and tall center Bob Rodriguez under the Aggie hoop Davis was screened out most of the time; he had considerable trouble in getting his hands on the ball, let alone taking a shot at the hoop. Davis made a few of his shots from under the basket, but since the Fish could not work the ball in through the Tyler defense, the tall center had to rely on the long ones for counters.

Quickly taking a 15 to 4 margin in the first seven minutes of play the Tyler cagers quickly and calmly ran away from the Fish. By the end of 13 full minutes of play the Apaches were out in front by a 30 to 9 count; within 16 minutes they jumped ahead even more racking up 37 to the Aggies 15 points.

At the start of the second half it looked as if the Fish were going to give the Tyler cagers a run for their money; but this was short lived as the Apaches

with the combined help of Miller and Champion, together sank seven field goals in five minutes of play to further increase the Apache lead.

A total of 49 fouls were committed on the part of both squads.

BOX SCORES				
Tyler JC	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Richardson	4	3	1	11
Miller	1	1	3	3
Rodriguez	4	6	5	14
Palafox	6	4	4	16
Champion	5	5	1	15
Orona	1	0	1	2
Mathews	1	1	2	3
Hunt	1	1	2	3
Revel	1	0	0	2
Penberton	0	2	4	2
Holiday	3	1	2	7
Richardson W.	0	0	0	0
Total	28	25	25	78
Fish	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Houser	2	0	3	4
Bentley	2	0	1	4
Church	0	2	3	2
Davis	6	3	4	15
Bybee	1	3	2	5
Farmer	1	0	5	2
Walker	2	4	1	8
Gibbs	1	0	3	2
Ogletree	0	0	1	0
Johnson	0	0	0	0
Bredthauer	0	0	1	1
Total	15	13	24	43

The Tyler bunch counted for 25 with the Fish committing 24 misplays as the whistle sounded almost automatically throughout the fray. The Fish were only able to slip through the hoop 13 of their charities while the Tyler basket-

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Star Of The Week



John DeWitt, Aggie Cager, Selected As Star Of Week

By SACK SPOEDE

This week the Battalion Sports Staff inaugurates its selection of the STAR OF THE WEEK each Thursday. Arrangements have been made for the winner of this award to receive a week's pass to the Campus Theater.

Our first selection as the outstanding athlete representing A&M in the week from Monday, January 31 to Sunday, February 6 was John DeWitt of the varsity basketball team. During this period the Aggies played Arkansas University and Texas University in basketball and met the University of Oklahoma Sooners in swimming meet at Downs Natatorium.

In the Arkansas game in Fayetteville, DeWitt scored 26 points for the Aggie cause to top all scorers for the Maroon and White. Although the Aggies lost the game, they led most of the game and gave a very good account for themselves.

Against the Longhorns of Texas U., DeWitt again led the scoring for the cadet five. In this game he racked up 10 points as the Aggies again put up a good fight before finally being submerged by the Steers from Austin.

While playing for the Waco High Tigers in the 1946-47 season DeWitt made the All-Tournament teams at the Dallas and Houston cage meets. John was considered one of the outstand-

ing prospects in the state as Waco won the district and bi-district titles and moved into the state play-offs in Austin.

Waco had the bad luck to draw Thomas Jefferson of San Antonio in the first round of the state tourney. Kyle Rote, Ben White, Pat Knight, and Charley Lutz, all now at SMU, were the leaders of the Jeff Mustang cagers at that time. Waco was trampled at Rote and White went on to make All-State. Lutz had made it the previous year as a Junior. Other members of the All-State team of that year were Joe Palafox of El Paso, now at Tyler Junior College, Jack Brown of Dallas, playing for SMU and Jewel McDowell of A&M.

John's two brothers, David and Bill, are both enrolled at Baylor where Bill is a starter on the Baylor team. David was a member of the Baylor squad last year but dropped the sport this season.

John, in his second year at Aggie, has two years of eligibility remaining in which to continue to show the great form that he showed last week.

Aggies Favored Against Frog Cagers Here Tonight

The Aggie cagers play their second game in as many days tonight when they take on the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs in DeWare Field House at eight o'clock.

Students with names beginning with the letters N through Z will be admitted first. At seven-thirty the doors will be thrown open to any others wishing entry.

The Aggies will be in a strange role tonight; they are favored to win this one because of their defeat of the Frogs in an early season contest on the Frogs' home floor. In their first conference contest of the current basketball season, the Aggies had little trouble in whipping the Christians, 58-42.

Scheduled to be the main trouble-maker for the Cadets tonight is "daddy" Julius Dolnic, the Frogs' high scoring center.

BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED

The Wesley Foundation has announced the formation of a Church Bowling League, which will bowl on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the YMCA lanes.

At the present time eight teams have been entered in the league. They include the Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Catholic, Hillel Club, and two teams from the Methodist Church.

Spring Football Practice Will Begin Friday

Candidates for Texas A&M's 1949 football team will start learning their assignments from two different formations when the Aggies plunge into 30 days of intensive spring training here tomorrow afternoon.

Head coach Harry Stiteler announced today that the Cadets will use the "same formations we used in 1949—the T and double wingback."

"At least we will work from those two formations during the spring training. I can't say at this time whether or not we swing over entirely to the T or wingback next fall. It all depends on what clicks in spring drills."

Stiteler said the week's delay in the start of spring work would not change the plans for four different Saturday afternoon games. No squad game is planned for Saturday, Feb. 12.

One of the hottest battles of all will be the fight for the ball handling slot on the T-formation Jimmy Cashion, senior letterman from College Station, and 1948 squadman, Don Nicholas of Mineral Wells, are the only hold-overs at the quarterback slot. These two are due to get much competition from Dick Gardemal of Port Arthur and Delmer Sikes of San Angelo, ineligible of last season, and three boys up from the freshman team, Yale Lary of Fort Worth, Gerald Bowen of Corsicana and Fred Bredthauer of Brenham.

Jimmy Flowers of Dallas, who worked as offensive tackle and defensive linebacker last season may be shifted to center. The Cadets expect to be strong at center with Flowers getting plenty of help from letterman Bob Bates of Ft. Worth, squadmen Hugh Meyer of Gainesville and Hulen Smith of Grand Saline and several promising freshmen.

Stiteler must develop a punter to replace Bob Goode, who did 95 per cent of the kicking last fall. He will groom Frank Torno of Cameron, Bob Smith of Houston Lary of Fort Worth and Mack Stoeltje of Beaumont for this job.

For group work, Dick Todd will instruct the backs, J. T. King the ends and Bill DuRose the tackles, guards and centers. Freshmen Coach Barlow (Bones) Irvin and Stiteler will work where they are needed most.

Outstanding High School Athletes Enrolled at A&M

Little Aaron Cohen of San Antonio Thomas Jefferson, 1948 state Big City schoolboy singles tennis champion, heads a group of outstanding athletes who enrolled at Texas A&M for the spring semester.

Other new Aggies include Gene Landrum, baseball and basket ball player from Abilene and a participant in the 1948 North-South all-star cage game; trackmen Harry Green, Houston S. P. Austin; David Wiest, Houston Reagan and Louis Belinsky of San Antonio Thomas Jefferson.

Also enrolled were baseball players Elmer Locke of Port Arthur, Charles Smith of El Paso and Dean Jordan of Houston Reagan, and two swimmers from Houston, Dwight King and John David Mitchmore.

Carl Menger, a star runner and passer for Hearne the past two seasons, is the sixth freshman football player to enroll at mid-term. Menger who weighs 176, now lists Paducah as his home and is considered a fine prospect in baseball and golf.

Another outstanding freshman football prospect enrolling in A&M for the spring semester from Sulphur, Louisiana, is Jim Matthews. Matthews is a 190 pound end who made the All-State team in the Bayou state last season. The other Sulphur player enrolling at A&M, Paul Todd, is a 185 pound guard.

Mustangs Never Lose Early Lead As Brown Rules Board

A smooth playing Southern Methodist basketball team trimmed Texas A&M in DeWare Field House last night 49-35 in a rough and tumble affair. The Aggies collected 19 fouls in the game while the Mustangs committed only ten.

The Ponies took the lead in the first minute and a half of play on a crisp shot by guard Charles Lutz and from then on they were never behind. The Aggie cagers never seemed to find the mark and many times lost the ball on bad passes under their own basket.

Jewell McDowell was the main spark of the Farmer offense and his long shots kept the Cadets in the game. McDowell was a demon on defense and during the second half, while guarding Lutz, he kept the Mustang cager scoreless after Lutz had racked up nine points in the first half of the game.

Leading the scorers last night was Jack Brown of the Ponies with 14 points. He was followed closely by teammate Bob Prewitt and McDowell of the Aggies with 12 points each.

Center John DeWitt got off to a slow start in the first half for the Cadets and failed to score a point. However, he came back in the second half to rack up seven points. DeWitt held Pony center Penn to six points.

In the first six minutes of the game SMU took a 9-3 lead and the contest was better than seven minutes old before Wallace Moon dribbled under the basket to score the first field goal for the Cadets.

The Farmers began to close in on the Mustang lead in the closing minutes of the first half and with two minutes left the SMU margin was cut to 18-16 before the Ponies pulled away to a 25-18 lead at the half.

The Aggies came back after the intermission and once again cut the SMU lead to two points, 28-26.

Then the Mustangs, led by forward Jack Brown, who scored two quick field goals, increased their lead and coasted on to victory in the final minutes of play.

Forward Bill Turnbow of the Aggies, who was injured in last Saturday's Texas game, made his appearance in the second half of last night's and should be ready to go against Texas Christian tonight.

BOX SCORE				
A&M	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Kirkland, f	0	0	3	0
Martin, f	1	2	1	4
DeWitt, c	3	1	3	7
Schrickel, g	1	1	3	3
McDowell, g	5	2	3	12
Turnbow, f	0	0	1	0
Hrachovy, f	0	0	0	0
Baty, f	1	1	0	3
Moley, g	0	0	1	0
Moon, g	3	0	1	6
Miller, g	0	0	3	0
Totals	14	7	19	35
SMU	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Brown, f	5	4	1	14
Prewitt, f	3	6	5	12
Penn, c	3	0	1	6
Salmon, g	2	3	3	7
Lutz, g	4	2	0	10
Owen, g	0	0	0	0
Martin, c	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	15	10	49

WALLACE MOON, sophomore from Bay, Arkansas, scores the first field goal for the Aggies in the game last night with the SMU Mustangs. Trying to block Moon's shot is JACK BROWN of the Mustangs. This bucket brought the score to nine to five with the Dallas team on the long end of the count.

Aggie Track Team Will Lack Balance In Field Events

The 1949 edition of the Aggie track team will again be a strong contender for the Southwest title. The Cadet's chances of winning this crown for the third consecutive time depends largely upon the points garnered in the weight events.

A once formidable array of talent in these events has abruptly dissolved to where only one dependable performer is left. The Farmers lost Bob Goode when he signed a professional football contract. Franklin Young has graduated, Bob Smith is ineligible, and Gene Salmon quit school. That leaves a staggering load on George Kadera's capable shoulders.

All is not black though, for Coach Anderson's charges are well

1949 TRACK SCHEDULE

March 12—The Border Olympics at Laredo.

March 19—The Ft. Worth Stock Show and Exposition Track Meet.

March 26—A dual meet between the Fish and the Varsity.

April 2—Texas Relays in Austin.

April 9—A dual meet with Texas here.

April 16—A triangular meet with Rice and Texas in Corpus Christi.

April 23—A dual meet with Rice in Houston.

April 29—The Drake Relays.

May 4—A triangular meet in Denton with NTSC and ETSTC.

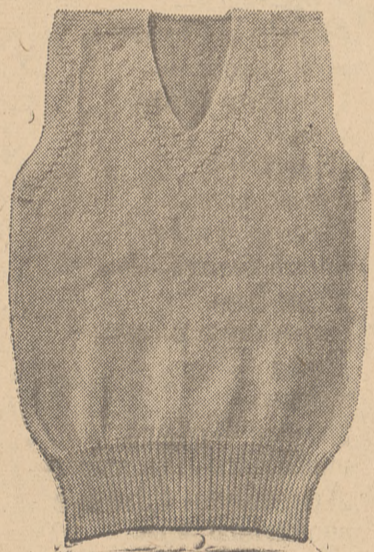
May 14—The conference meet in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

AGGIES MEET BUFFS HERE

The Houston Buffs of the Texas League have been added to the Texas Aggies' 1949 baseball schedule. Houston and the Aggies will clash here on April 11.

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