

Aggie Cagers Drop Last Conference Game To Flock, 53-39

SMU Tankers Sunk In "Big D" Meet With Farmers, 46 to 29

By SCOTTY SWINNEY

Coach Art Adamson's swimmers added another victory to their string Friday with a 46 to 29 win over Mustangs of SMU at Dallas. This brought their overall record to five victories against two defeats.

A&M took the meet with ease, slacking up on the Mustangs after they had enough points to assure a victory. The Aggies took five of nine possible first places, six of the seven possible second positions. They added to this three third places to round their points out at 46.

Starting the 300 yard medley relay for the Aggies, Ed Kruse fought to a deadlock in the backstroke with Bob Willard of SMU. Taking over from Kruse, Jim Flowers pulled away from Jim Dwire to give the Ags a lead of about six feet. Gilbert McKenzie then took over in the freestyle portion of the event and held his own against Don Mortimore of the Ponies to bring the Farmers in first and start the meet with a 5 point lead. From that time on, the Mustangs never came close to the Aggies.

Bernie Syfan took a quick lead in the 200 yard freestyle leaving Dave Vardaman of A&M and Doug Conner of SMU to fight it out for second place. Dave held a slight lead over Conner for a while, then Doug pulled ahead and gained the lead which he held until the stretch, when Dave pulled back up to place second by inches.

Danny Green and Mike Muckleroy repeated their performance of the last contest between the two squads with Mike taking the 50 and Danny the 100 yard freestyle. Danny wasn't set for the starters gun on the 50, thus giving Muckleroy the precious added inches that he needed to win. Mike's time of 0:21.8, for the distance set a new record for the Mustang pool.

It was a different story in the 100 yard freestyle. This time the two lads fought it out with Green coming in on top. First Danny pulled out in front, then Muckleroy took over, and finally in the last 25 yards Danny regained the lead to hold it for a first place.

Facing the hazards of the Ponie pool was the first and hardest task of the Aggie divers. The pool has low beams, is very narrow with the board facing across the pool, and to top it off a pipe running

across the bottom of the pool almost directly under the board. Overcoming these difficulties divers Scotty Potter and Earlie Johnson, both of A&M placed first and second in the contest to take the honors away from the Mustangs who had been given plenty of time to get used to the difficulties. Johnson dived in the place of Bill Strait who bursted an eardrum while warming up for the event.

Another of the Aggie wins, and the last, came in the 150 yard backstroke. For awhile it looked as though Nate King of SMU was going to give Ed Kruse of A&M a fight for first, but he soon fell behind to be nosed out of second place by Paul Fleming, Ed's swimming mate.

The 200 yard breaststroke saw Jim Dwire of SMU pull up from last place to take the event. Jim swam slow but steady to overtake Aggies George Dieck and Tiger Moye, who placed second and third respectively. In the 400 yard freestyle, John Peters gave Doug Conner of SMU a race for the tape, but couldn't stretch it out enough to win. Gilbert McKenzie of the Aggie team came in third.

Coach Adamson swam a strange group in the 400 yard freestyle race. Two of the swimmers were

breaststroke men and the other two were distance men. Jim Flowers and Bernie Syfan have alternated at dashes this season, but not often. The Mustangs took the event, but had to fight all the way for it, and their last seven points to give them a total of 29.

RESULTS

300 medley relay—A&M (Kruse Flowers, McKenzie); time: 2:56.3. 220 freestyle—Syfan, A&M; Vardaman, A&M; D. Conner, SMU; time: 2:24.2.

50 freestyle—Muckleroy, SMU; Green, A&M; Fisher, A&M; time: 0:21.8. (new pool record)

Diving—Potter, A&M; Johnson A&M; Richards, SMU; points: 233.6.

100 freestyle—Green, A&M; Muckleroy, SMU; Mortimore, SMU; time: 0:53.3.

150 backstroke—Kruse, A&M; Fleming, A&M; King, SMU; time: 1:50.3.

200 breaststroke—Dwire, SMU; Dieck, A&M; Moye, A&M; time: 5:39.2.

400 freestyle—D. Conner, SMU; Peters, A&M; McKenzie, A&M; time: 5:39.2.

400 freestyle relay—SMU (Conner, Willard, Mortimore, Muckleroy); time: 3:33.7.



Wallace Moon Selected 'Star of Week'

As Star of the Week for the week ending last Saturday, February 26th, the Batt Sports Staff has selected Wallace Moon, Aggie basketball player.

The selection by the Sports staff had to come from only two events last week. Thursday night, the Aggie tankers swam against the Bears in Waco and then on Saturday night, the Aggie cage squad took on the Bear cagers there.

Moon was selected for the award because of his hustling play against Baylor Saturday night. He was the thief of the court as he frequently stole the ball from the Bear guards and dribbled in for crisp shots.

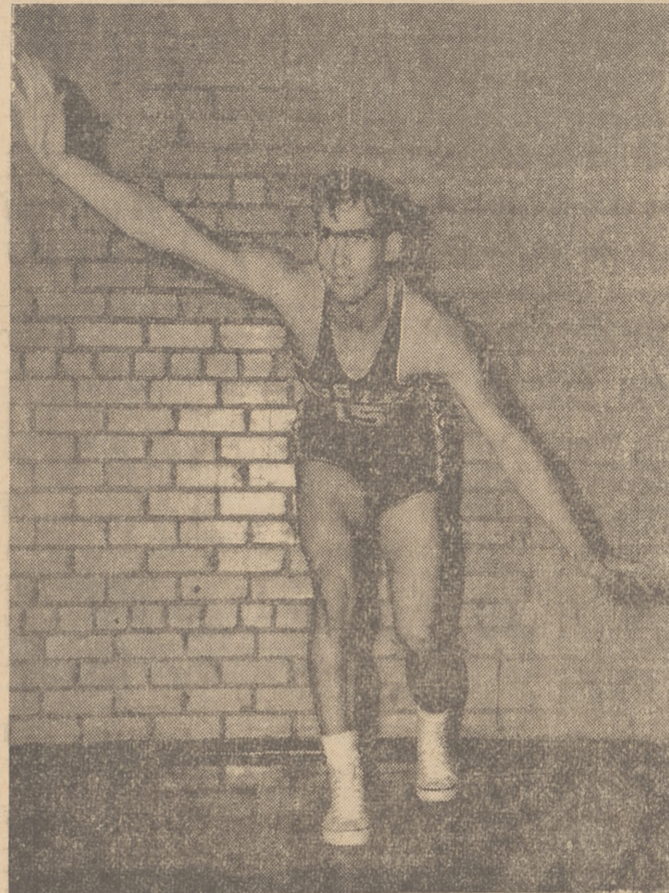
The little sophomore from Bay, Arkansas, was also one of the chief reasons why the Bears didn't make any more points against the Aggies than they did. He earned a starting on the team only last week.

Moon was the second highest scorer for the Aggies. He roped in a total of seven points in the Bear tilt, only three less than DeWitt, leading scorer for the Aggies that night.

Moon has two years of eligibility remaining. A week's free pass to the Campus Theater is waiting for Moon now because of his nomination for this award.

This week, the Sports Staff will have two basketball games and a swimming meet from which to pick the next Star of the Week.

(Editor's note: Because of limited space last Thursday and Friday, this feature was held over until today. Another will be run on Thursday of this week.)



Buddy Shaeffer scored the other Maroon touchdown from the one foot line in the last moment of the first half. Shaeffer kicked the extra points for the dark jerseyed teams too.

Aggie Saxe of Beaumont scored one of the White's tallies, when he scurried around left end from the Maroon 12. End Charley Hodge of Dallas added both points after touchdowns for the white team although he was wearing a red jersey.

Quarterback Delmer Sikes, a standout passer for the day, hit Cedric Copeland for the final score of the day in the last quarter. Sikes was one of the outstanding passers on the ineligible squad last fall, along with Dick Gardenal who was on the Red team Saturday.

Jimmy Cashion bulls-eyed on the first nine passes that he let fly with in the scrimmage session. Passing and pass protection were

both improved from the earlier, intrasquad game. Sikes was having trouble finding time to spot his receivers at the start of the game but this was corrected in the second half. Gardenal, Cashion, Sikes, and Don Nicholas were doing the chunking, with Lippman fading and throwing one.

Potter Announces Physics Meeting

The Physics Department will put on a program in connection with the All College Day Open House, Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the Physics Department, has announced.

All students interested in participating in this program are invited to attend an organizational meeting Tuesday at 5 in Room 39 of the Physics Building, Potter

Season Ends With Farmers In Sixth Spot in SW Conference

By BILL POTTS

A&M's Aggie cagers dropped their last basketball game of the season Friday night to the Rice Owls in DeWare Field House, 53 to 39. This loss confirmed the Aggies' spot as sixth in the conference standings.

It was a game marked by the difference of play by the Aggies in the first and second halves. During the first, the Aggies played the Owls on even terms all the way and led at five different times. The score was all tied up at seven different times during that half.

The Aggies were leading the Owls with 15 seconds to play but Joe McDermott sank a crisp shot for the Owls and the half ended, 22 to 21 in favor of the feathered flock. Most outstanding was the way the Aggies drove in and around the Owls to sink crisp shots. They were vicious and good.

When the teams took the court for the final 20 minutes, it looked like a different ball game. In the first four minutes, the Owls garnered six points while the Aggies were able to make one, that at the hands of Jewell McDowell on a free shot. Two minutes later, the Aggies' score had climbed to 27 and the Owls had made only one field goal but that was as high as the score was that second half. From then on, the Owls practically had the court to themselves.

When John DeWitt, Aggie center that held big Bill Tom to six points in the first Aggie-Owl game, fouled out with seven minutes to go, the roof practically fell in.

Up to that point, DeWitt had done a good job of guarding the tall Owl, but Tom had still managed to gather ten points to his credit.

One of the reasons that the Owls had less trouble with the Aggies Friday night than they did the first time the teams played was because Tom played farther out from the basket. Because of this, DeWitt could not play in front of him so much. When this happened the ball was fed to Joe McDermott more and consequently, he

proved to be as much of a threat as Tom. He and Tom ended the game tied for scoring honors with 15 each.

Bill Turnbow played one of his best games of the season for the Aggies Friday night. Always a jumper, it was Turnbow who pulled a lot of rebounds off the boards when he was not expected to. Also surprising was the number of gratis shots that he sank. Turnbow missed one and hooped in six.

Three Aggies, forwards Gene Schrickel, Bill Batey, and Jim Kirkland played their last game for the maroon and white Friday night. They are graduating before another cage season rolls around.

LAST GAME				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Aggies	2	6	2	10
Turnbow, f	2	6	1	0
Batey, f	0	0	1	0
Martin, f	0	0	1	0
Hrachovy, f	0	0	1	0
Kirkland, f	0	0	1	0
DeWitt, c	3	5	5	11
McDowell, g	1	1	0	3
Miller, g	0	0	0	0
Schrickel, g	2	1	4	5
Mobley, g	2	0	1	4
Moon, g	2	1	2	5
Totals	12	15	17	39
Rice	12	13	16	53
McDermott, f	6	3	2	15
Switzer, f	1	2	4	4
Gerhardt, f	1	1	0	3
Tom, c	7	1	5	15
Tighe, g	0	0	0	0
Vahldiek, g	0	0	1	0
Cook, g	4	5	2	13
Foley, g	1	1	2	3
Totals	20	13	16	53

Free throws missed. Turnbow, DeWitt, Schrickel, 3, Moon, Mobley, McDermott 3, Gerhardt 3, Cook 2, Foley.

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Fish Take Owlets In Final Cage Tilt Of Season, 63-51

By ANDY MATULA

A&M's Freshman Basketball team closed out it's 48-49 season with a 63 to 51 win over the Rice Slimes. The game preceded the Varsity tilt of Friday night.

Though the Aggies were winners by a 12 point lead they had no easy time disposing of the blue and grey freshmen. While not a tall group, the Rice quintet fielded a fast and tricky aggregation that continually tried to break up the Aggie fast breaks. Had they started sooner in the game, they might have won.

Both teams started eager with neither side able to gain headway in the opening five minutes. The Fish lead then, 10 to 7 as the Slimes hindered the fast breaking maroon and white team but opened their defense for work-ins and set ups.

Within the next five minutes, the hard charging freshmen from Aggie land made their margin of victory. Attempting to take the initiative, the Owls floundered on their passes and

fumbled their set-ups. This, plus an alert confusing Aggie offense, pushed the score to 21-12 by the end of the first quarter.

The Freshmen Owls re-adjusted themselves and kept the pace down throughout the remainder of the half. Ralph Grawunder, blue and grey forward proved to be a thorn in the flanks of his opponents. He was continually outjumping Bud Davis under the basket and managed to add eight points to the score before he fouled out early in the second half.

Then the A&M crew had to put up with Sonny McCurry, Slime center who dropped in 19 points before he left the contest with the maximum number of fouls. He was the game's high point man and could have been Rice's decisive player if he had remained.

The second half was poorly played in comparison with the earlier part. Still trying to stop the Aggie fast break, the Slimes deployed down court most of the time. This soon led to race horse basketball with both teams over eager. A modified zone defense put up by the maroon and white team kept Rice inert the early part of the third quarter. (See FISH, Page 4)

Reds Blitz White Gridders, 21 to 14

Coach Harry Stiteler's maroon clad squad took its second victory of the spring training session over his white jerseyed team Saturday on Kyle Field, 21 to 14. This game showed definite improvement over the first in defensive play and general briskness.

Sophomores-to-be supplied almost the whole show for the afternoon, scoring four of the five TD's and a sophomore passing to a junior for the other. Gallopin' Glenn Lippman scored twice for the Maroons with a 39 yard dash and a one yard plunge through the center.

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