

Aggie Tankers To Be Strong Again Despite 1949 Losses

By RALPH GORMAN

For the 1950 swimming season, the Aggies are again expected to field a strong team, despite the fact that six of the regulars from last year's second place team have graduated.

Aggie swimming coach, Art Adamson, stated that Texas, A&M, and SMU would be the top contenders for next year's swimming crown.

Missing from the tile banks of the largest indoor pool in the Southwest will be such stand-outs of last year as Danny Green, the backbone of last year's team, who went the route of the degree winners.

Following Green with a degree in hand are Bernie Syfan, Gene Summer, Jerry Fisher, Ed Kruse, and Scotty Potter.

Three Lettermen
To replace these valuable men, Adamson will depend heavily on

his three returning lettermen; namely George Dieck, Billy Moye, and Jimmy Flowers.

Dieck and Moye are both stand-outs in the breaststroke and showed considerable improvement over the summer. These boys are seniors using their last year of eligibility, and hail from Austin and Nederland, respectively.

Flowers, a senior from Dallas, is another breaststroke man and is expected to shine this season if he isn't held back by his football play.

Returning squaddies are Paul Fleming, who is a good man in both the sprint and the back stroke; Dave Vardaman, a letterman in '48 who is expected to exhibit his excellent form of two years ago; Howell Johnson, who did both diving and swimming in last year's competition; and John Peters, who is a promising swimmer in the distance events. All of these men are seniors.

Coming up from the sophomore ranks to be junior squaddies are John Roy Shepherd, Richard Rouse, Stanley Southworth, Tommy Butler, Ty Davis, and G. C. Kinsey.

The strength of the team, as with the strength of most teams this season, will rest in the sophomores.

Other sophomores who showed up very well in freshman swimming this past year are Bill Hale and John Parnell of College Station, Ralph Ellis of Dallas, Tommy Comstock, W. S. McKinsey, and Ray Hilton, all of Houston.

Emil Mamiliga will assist Adamson in his many coaching duties, when he begins his third year as diving coach.

He will have three very fine sophomores to place under his able wing when he begins his work with Paul Shaffer of Big Spring, Gib Matlock of San Angelo, and John Mitchmore of Houston.

Good Team

Adamson says that he will have a good team for dual meets, but will be lacking depth in the conference meets. He adds that Texas will be the outstanding team in the conference this season, as they will have a veteran bunch back that should take first in most any event. SMU will have a stronger team, but even at that, they should not be too much for the Aggies. Baylor will be about the same at last year.

"We have a nice team coming up, but we will not be too optimistic", Adamson said.

Adamson Outstanding

Outstanding Aggie tankmen in this category are Van Adamson, son of Aggie coach Art Adamson; and Billy Karow, son of Aggie baseball and basketball coach Marty Karow.

Adamson who dates his competitive experience back to the early days of '44, has a showman's record that even P. T. Barnum would be interested in.

His most recent achievements have been in summer swimming, in which he entered and won several honors in the Gulf AAU Meet in Rosenberg and the Junior National Audubon Mile park in New Orleans.

Karow stands out equally as well in his mastery of the water art. His experience does not go back as far as Adamson's, but he has compiled a stronger list of first places and record-setting achievements.

He also entered the Gulf AAU Meet and placed first in four 100 meter events. In his participation in the National Invitational Audubon park in New Orleans, he set a record in the 100 meter breaststroke event.

Ranking very close behind these two boys is Bill Sargent of Fort Worth, who will team with Adamson and Karow to give the Aggies great flexibility, in that each of these boys has the ability to enter any event.

King Is Talent Scout and End Coach for Ags



J. T. KING

To fill the position of varsity end coach and talent scout at the same time is a full-time job.

As a member of the staff of the A&M athletic department, J. T. King is responsible for all of this.

Born in Wilmot, Arkansas, King began his career in Houston, when he played football there for John Reagan High. After graduation from high school, he attended the University of Texas and earned four football numerals, including a freshman numeral.

During his tour of duty as a gridman for the University, he played with the team that tied LSU at Austin to knock the Bengals out of a Rose Bowl invitation.

Upon graduation, he coached for a while at Kenedy (Texas) High school. He then moved to Enid, Oklahoma and was very successful in his coaching there. His team

won three mythical state championships during the six years that he was head mentor.

King was at Tulane three seasons as assistant coach and talent scout before joining the athletic staff of A&M on January 1st, 1949.

King is married and has a young son.



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