

Williamson System Picks Irish No. One

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Ending his predictions and ratings for the '49 grid season, Paul B. Williamson for the fourth straight week places Notre Dame in the number one spot followed, by Oklahoma, California, Army, and Rice.

This week, it's Michigan U. in the sixth spot in the poll followed by LSU, Villanova, Minnesota and Ohio State. This marks the first appearance of Villanova, Minnesota and Ohio State.

Baylor, last week's seventh place team dropped to sixteenth, despite a creditable performance against Rice. Santa Clara, ranked last week in the eleventh, spot and Ohio State, ranked tenth last week, exchanged places.

The Buckeyes, headed for Pasadena, with a Rose Bowl invitation, will meet California, ranked third by Williamson, in the famed classic January second.

SMU Dropped Out

It doesn't seem to make any difference to Williamson when the nation's top football aggregation is almost upset by a fifth-place Southwest Conference team. SMU, ranked sixteenth last week has dropped out of the first twenty five. You tell us what happened?

Eddie LeBaron and his College of the Pacific teammates will definitely meet Baylor, second ranked team in SW Conference in a post season contest in San Francisco. Baylor is ranked sixteenth nationally while the surprisingly strong COP lads rang in the 30's.

Tulane still maintained its twelfth place rating followed by UCLA, which took a jump from its fifteenth spot of last week.

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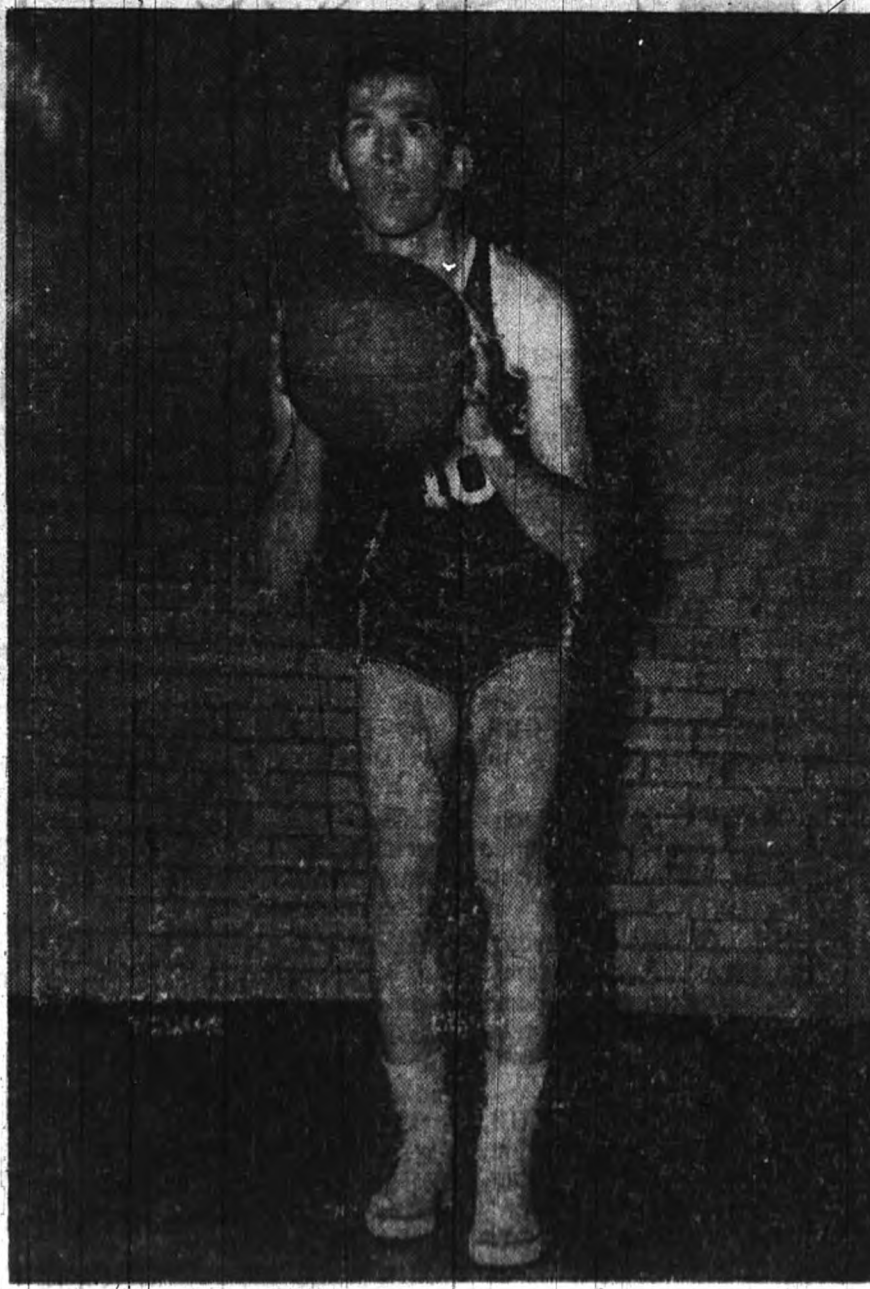
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Jewell McDowell

Watch-charm Guard McDowell To Be Serious Contender for SW Honors

(Editors' note: Jewell McDowell, starting guard on the Aggies basketball team, has been selected as The Battalion sports staff's second star of the week for his superb play against two top-flight eastern teams last week, Long Island University and Niagara University.)

That sizzling sophomore you're going to hear more and more about as the basketball season progresses is little Jewell McDowell of the Aggies.

McDowell's pre-season notices said he'd be a serious contender for all-Southwest Conference honors, and he's he's going to be just that.

The five-foot eight-inch Amarillo product is the "court quarterback", top scorer and number one defensive hand for the Cadets.

An early indication of his prowess came last winter when McDowell engaged the University of Texas' brilliant Slater Martin in an individual duel that was something to see. Martin had been making 15 and 20 points the game, but McDowell's leech-like guarding held the Steer star to eight points. Martin, meanwhile, was guarding McDowell who also roped eight points. Martin was winding up a great college cage career; McDowell was just getting started.

Jewell became eligible for varsity competition last mid-term, and the quality of the team's play immediately perked up. This is not to say he will be good enough to help the Aggies push Arkansas, Baylor and TCU for the 1950 title. But with McDowell at the helm, the Aggies expect to knock off some of the favorites.

In their Madison Square Garden opener, most of Mac's teammates suffered from the big city jitters that get most visiting teams in

Ag Cagers Beaten By Billikens, 55-51; Play Okla. A&M Tonight

By MOUSE WILLIAMS
Special Midwestern Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6—The Texas Aggie basketball team dropped their third straight game of their four-tilt Eastern road swing here Tuesday night by a 55-51 count to the St. Louis University Billikens.

Coach Marty Karow's hoopsters were in the battle all the way, but enjoyed the lead at only one period and that came in the first four minutes of play.

The winners launched the scoring with a field goal but then Bill Turnbow canned a free shot and after three Billiken charity flips, big Walter "Buddy" Davis pumped in a one-hander and a crisp shot to even the score at 5-5 with just over two minutes gone.

Out in Front

At this stage, the tall Texans forged out in front. John DeWitt threw in a two-pointer from the corner, Davis added a free toss, and Turnbow tallied on a fast-break. Thus the Cadets led 10-5 with 4:05 gone in the fray but two minutes later the Bills had knotted it at 10-10 with a pair of fielders and a free pitch.

St. Louis never relinquished the advantage after then. They boasted the largest margin just before the halftime intermission when they were ahead 31-18. Coach Eddie Hickey's boys led 31-24 at the half.

One pointer by Wallace Moon, DeWitt, Turnbow and Davis combined with three field goals by Davis and a pair by DeWitt pulled the Aggies up to 39-38 with 8½ minutes gone in the second half. Two minutes later Davis left the game via the five foul route and the visitors suffered after that setback.

Point-makers

Davis and DeWitt shared the point-making honors with 13 points apiece. The Ags' 6' 8" pivotman canned five field goals and three free throws while DeWitt had six two-pointers and one free toss.

Joe Ossola and Edward Scott each had 12 markers for the Billikens, trailed by L. Lehman with 11.

Texas A&M had a shooting percentage that normally would win most ball games but only took a little over one-half the total number shots taken by St. Louis.

The Texas quintet made good on 18 of their 50 field goal tries and 15 of 23 free throw chances, while the Bills collected on 21 of their 81 two-point attempts and

There's Mixup About 1950 TU Grid Game Date

The annual Thanksgiving Day battle between A&M and Texas may not be played on Thanksgiving Day in 1950.

Congress recently declared that the fourth Thursday in November would be Thanksgiving Day. That day is the 23rd.

Nov. 30, the last Thursday, has been set as the date for the annual grid game between the two schools, according to both schools' football schedules for 1950.

Contacted yesterday about this matter, Head Coach Harry Stiteler said, "this comes as a shock to me. I hadn't even thought about the matter. However, it looks as if the game will have to stand as scheduled. We certainly couldn't play the game on the 23rd because that's not enough time for either team to get ready after having played on the 18th. I guess that they'll just have to declare Nov. 30th as a school holiday if the holidays for next Thanksgiving have already been set for the 23rd."

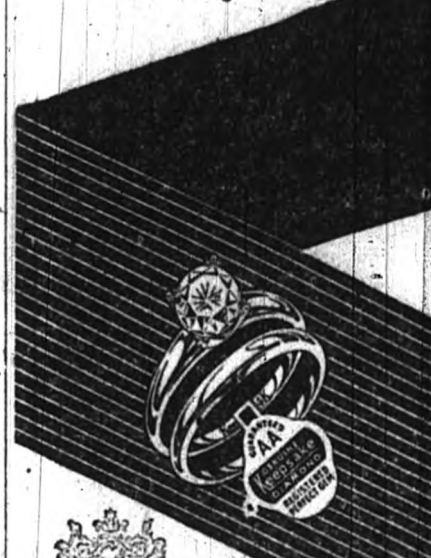
Bennie Zinn, Assistant Dean of Men, stated that the school holidays had been tentatively set for the week of the 23rd but that there was no sign that they couldn't be changed.

Barlow "Bones" Irvin, athletic director, was out of town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

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