

# Aggie Basketball Team Set For ACC Invasion Monday

BY HAROLD GANN

A&M's hardwood-haunters, who returned from a nine-day tour yesterday, will begin preparations today for their first home game of the 1949-50 season against Abilene Christian College in DeWitt Fieldhouse Monday night.

ACC will invade Aggie land to raise the college basketball curtain for fans of the Bryan-College Station area.

The Wildcats, featuring the great jump-shot of Dee Nutt, will face A&M again on Tuesday night. Game-time for both contests is set for 8 p. m.

The Aggie hoopsters will play three home games before Christmas, four in January, and two in February. Next week will be a busy one for them; after playing ACC here Monday and Tuesday, they will travel to San Antonio to face Arizona University Friday night and Trinity Saturday night.

ACC will serve as a means of comparison for SWC hoop fans, since TCU's sophomore quintet has downed the Wildcats on two occasions.

## Eastern Trip Helped

Although the Cadets did not register a victory in their four starts on foreign courts during the Eastern trip, they are four times the better ball club when experience and away-from-home playing on strange courts are taken into consideration.

Coach Marty Karow's basketballers

opened their season against LIU's Blackbirds, one of the East's more powerful teams, in Madison Square Garden December 2 and were defeated, 66-52, before some 14,000 spectators, possibly the greatest crowd ever to see an Aggie round-ball team in action.

After throwing off the "jitters" (which generally accompany a team that plays in the Garden for the first time), the Aggies battled the Blackbirds on even terms during the last 13 minutes of play to chop a 27 point deficit down to 14.

**Davis, McDowell Score**  
Sharing high point honors for the Cadets in the LIU encounter were John Davis, 6'8" sophomore from Nederland, and Jewell McDowell, hotshot second-year-man from Amarillo; each chalked up 14 points.

Two nights later A&M bowed to Niagara University, 59-50, in Buffalo's spacious Municipal Auditorium.

The Cadets were ahead of the eventual victors until a NU player sank a free shot to knot the issue with only one minute and thirty seconds remaining.

McDowell was high-point man of the game with 18 counters. Davis collected 11 and John DeWitt, leading Aggie scorer last year with 248 points, grabbed 10.

**Aggs Faced Blizzards**  
Immediately after the Niagara tussle, A&M hopped a train for the Midwest and St. Louis where they tangled with St. Louis University, the second team in the nation last year, and lost by the narrow margin of 51-55.

Sharing high-point honors for the Aggies were DeWitt and Davis with 14 points each. Missing the services of All-America "Easy Ed" McCauley, St. Louis pulled into the lead seven minutes after the fray had gotten underway and never relinquished it.

# Fish Open Against Lon Morris Monday

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Newly appointed freshman cage mentor Leslie Peden and his Fish squad will journey to Jacksonville Monday night to open the 1949-50 Freshman schedule against a strong five from Lon Morris Junior College.

Lon Morris has already demonstrated its prowess by splitting a two game series with the strong Tyler JC Apaches, 1949 national junior college champions.

Peden, catcher last season for the Des Moines baseball club in the Western League, succeeds Taylor Wilkins as the new freshman basketball mentor.

Starring for A&M in this school's greatest athletic era, Peden played four years of baseball and basketball for the Maroon and White starting in '39. He was voted the most valuable player on the Des Moines squad last year and has been sold to the Chicago Cub franchise in the Pacific Coast League.

## Miksch Stands Out

Leading the parade of freshman standouts is Leroy Miksch, 6'5" center from Waelder. Miksch, a

business major, played in the North-South All-Star game last August.

Jim Brannon, another Panhandle prospect, joins the ranks of Aggie basketballers and at present is holding down the right guard post on the Fish team. At the other guard slot is Don Heft, 19-year-old cager from Palacios.

At the forward positions are a pair of fast, shifty cagers, each just an inch short of six feet. Jimmy Velvin of Longview holds one forward post down while Don Garrett, Ft. Worth product, is stationed at the other.

Bess, Montegut Available  
Richard Bess, 6'1" all-ster from French High in Beaumont, and Max Montegut, starter on last year's Texas City state championship team head Coach Peden's list of able reserves.

At present the squad is composed of twenty-five men, four footballers included in the group. Coach Peden expects to cut his squad down to four full teams sometime in the near future.

## The Fish schedule.

- Dec. 12—Lon Morris at Jacksonville.
- Jan. 4—Wharton JC at College Station.
- Jan. 5—Allen Academy at College Station.
- Jan. 11—Baylor Cubs at Rosebud.
- Jan. 14—Texas Shorthorns in Austin.
- Jan. 18—Rice Owlets at College Station.
- Feb. 3—Baylor Cubs at Waco.
- Feb. 4—Wharton JC at Wharton.
- Feb. 10—Baylor Cubs at College Station.
- Feb. 18—Rice Owlets in Houston.
- Feb. 21—Lon Morris at College Station.
- Feb. 28—Texas Shorthorns at College Station.

# Aggie 1950 Football Schedule Reported

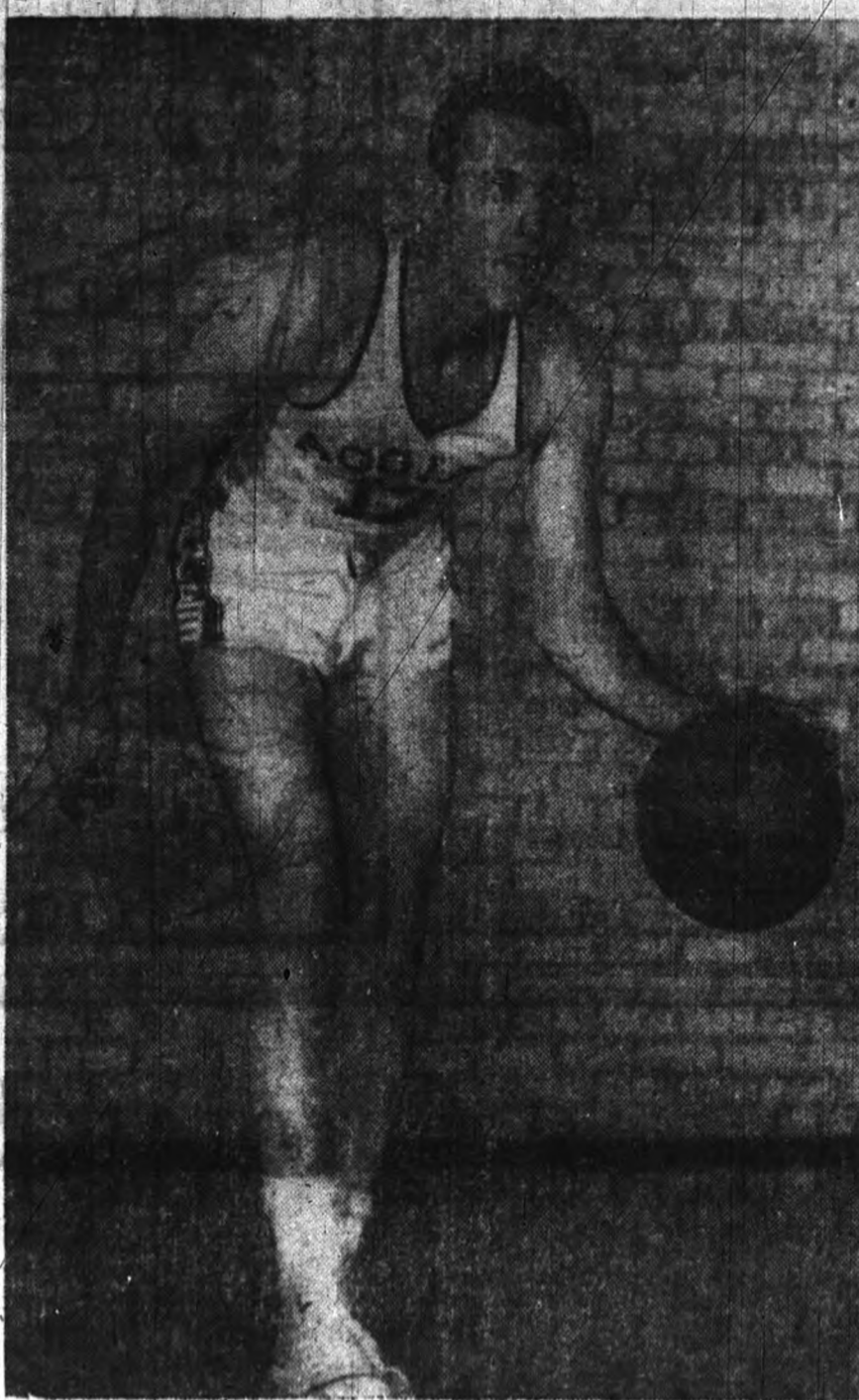
VMI, a newcomer on the Aggie schedule, and Arkansas will meet the Cadets in night games on Kyle Field in 1950. Athletic Director Barlow Irvin has announced. The Nevada opener at Sacramento, Calif. on Sept. 23 and the annual San Antonio game with Texas Tech on Sept. 30 are night affairs, giving the 1950 Aggies four games under the lights.

## The 1950 schedule:

- Sept. 23—Nevada U. at Sacramento, Calif.
- Sept. 30—Texas Tech in San Antonio.
- Oct. 7—Oklahoma Univ. in Norman, Okla.
- Oct. 14—Virginia Military Institute at College Station.
- Oct. 21—TCU at College Station.
- Oct. 28—Baylor at Waco.
- Nov. 4—Arkansas at College Station.
- Nov. 11—SMU in Dallas.
- Nov. 18—Rice at College Station.
- Nov. 30—Texas at Austin.

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# Veteran Ag Forward



Bill Turnbow, 6'1" forward, is the most experienced player on the '49-'50 Aggie cage squad. Turnbow was an all-state performer for Perrin high school in 1946 and has earned three letters since coming to A&M. In '48 he was the team's number two scorer and was hailed for his spirited play. The 180-pounder also ranked second in scoring in the Maroons last winter, despite a slow start. He set the individual single game scoring record for the Cleveland municipal arena (27 points) in a game with Baldwin-Wallace in December, 1947.

# Ag Water Polo Squad Defeats Baylor, 4-0

BY FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Despite the opposing efforts of Baylor goalie Tom "Plug" Ware, the Aggie water polo team "submerged victorious" by a 4 to 0 score in sinking the Baylor team at the Waco pool last night.

The Farmer aqua team racked up its first victory of the season in outpointing the hard fighting Bears. Making three points in the first half and one in the last the Ags were never threatened. Aggie goalie Tom Comstock only handled the ball three times during the hot contest.

Farmer distant man Van Adamson led his teammates by scoring two points, one in the first half and the remaining tally with only three minutes to play. Adamson shot nine times, overthrowing only once, finding it difficult, as did his teammates, to get past the strong arms of Bear goalie Ware.

Another Ag Soph. "Tiger" Sargent, in twelve attempted shots was able to slip across only one, but the Aggie defensive setup kept the Baylorites bottled up the whole game. Gilbert McKenzie added the fourth Aggie counter.

Sargent slipped across the first tally on a right hand roll shot after faking right guard B. Scarborough out of position.

In the clear and coming in from the left side of the pool Van Adamson took a long pass from Karow at half court, and after faking two Baylor swimmers out of position dribbled in for the score.

It wasn't all as easy as it sounded though as Baylor goalie Ware jumped up in front of the goal almost covering the whole net, making it almost impossible for Adamson to push the ball through the basket. After his third try at pushing half his body and the ball into the basket, Adamson finally made it.

Gilbert McKenzie made the next pointer for the Ags on a front roll shot after taking a short pass from right guard Ralph Ellis. Adamson made his second tally for the night and the last for the Cadets in the second half.

Billy Karow and senior Paul Fleming, two capable swimmers, played outstanding defensive ball for the Ags. Both boys stole the ball a number of times and together set up two Aggie scores.

# Battalion SPORTS

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# Griffin Cracks Mark in Second Harrier Win

Doyle Griffin, Longview junior in C Air Force, won the intamural cross country meet for the second consecutive time Thursday afternoon. Griffin set a new record for the event, 8:06, breaking the mark of 8:08 he established in winning last year.

Trailing Griffin by some 27 seconds was the second runner, Trey Edwards, junior from Monahans running for B Infantry. Third place was won by an A Infantry man, Jack Turncott of Kingsville.

The order of finish for the remaining runners listed in the top ten places was as follows: (4) R. H. Gay, A Ordnance, Nacogdoches; (5) Richard Scott, B Athletics, Murchison; (6) Russel Derril, B QMC; (7) Richard Wright, A QMC, Floresville; (8) G. P. Staterwhite, A ASA, Port Arthur; (9) M. C. Whitener, A Infantry, Carthage, and (10) Layton Dieskiel, C Infantry.

A Infantry won the team title by a large margin with A QMC second and A ASA close behind in the third spot.

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