

SWC Reprimands Porkers, Barnhill

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 Dallas, Dec 11—(AP)—Declaring that "the coaches must assume responsibility for preventing dirty play," the Southwest Conference faculty committee Saturday leveled censure at coaches and players of the University of Arkansas for what occurred in the Arkansas-Texas Christian football game last fall.

Upholding the protest of Coach Leo (Dutch) Meyer of Texas Christian, who charged Arkansas used illegal tactics and that his players were "butchered" in the 27-7 defeat, the governing body of the conference said it was "convinced that the charges are just and warranted" and that the contention of Coach John Barnhill of Arkansas that provocation was involved "does not justify the action of the players."

The faculty committee said "it is hoped that the censure will go far to curb the evil not only as it concerns the University of Arkansas but also where the evil may tend to occur in the future." Then it issued this warning: "If not, more drastic action will have to be taken."

"Gag Rule"

The conference fathers also instituted a "gag rule" against the coaches to prevent public statements concerning the officiating and took steps to remove objections raised by the Football Officials Association that a "blackball" was voted last spring by the coaches.

The coaches, in a secret meeting, decided that no officials failing of unanimous vote from them could work conference football games. This brought strong criticism from the officials who pointed out that a number of well known men in the profession were excluded from officiating in conference games although they may have received only one negative vote.

The faculty committee decided that in the future one vote by the coaches would not exclude an official from working a conference game provided that vote was not from the coach whose team was playing in the game.

Supervisor of Officials

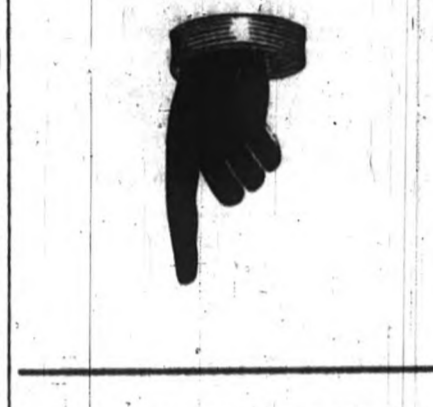
It also was voted to create the position of "supervisor of officials" with conference executive Secretary James H. Stewart to obtain the man for the job. Speculation immediately arose that Abb Curtis, former Southwestern official now supervisor of officials in the Pacific Coast Conference, would be sought to fill the position here. The supervisor of officials will serve as an assistant to Stewart in addition to naming officials.

Stewart had no comment regarding Curtis. "I haven't had time to think about it yet," he said.

The coaches and athletic directors of the conference, in a meeting Friday, voted to meet with a committee from the Officials Association to discuss recommendations from that group.

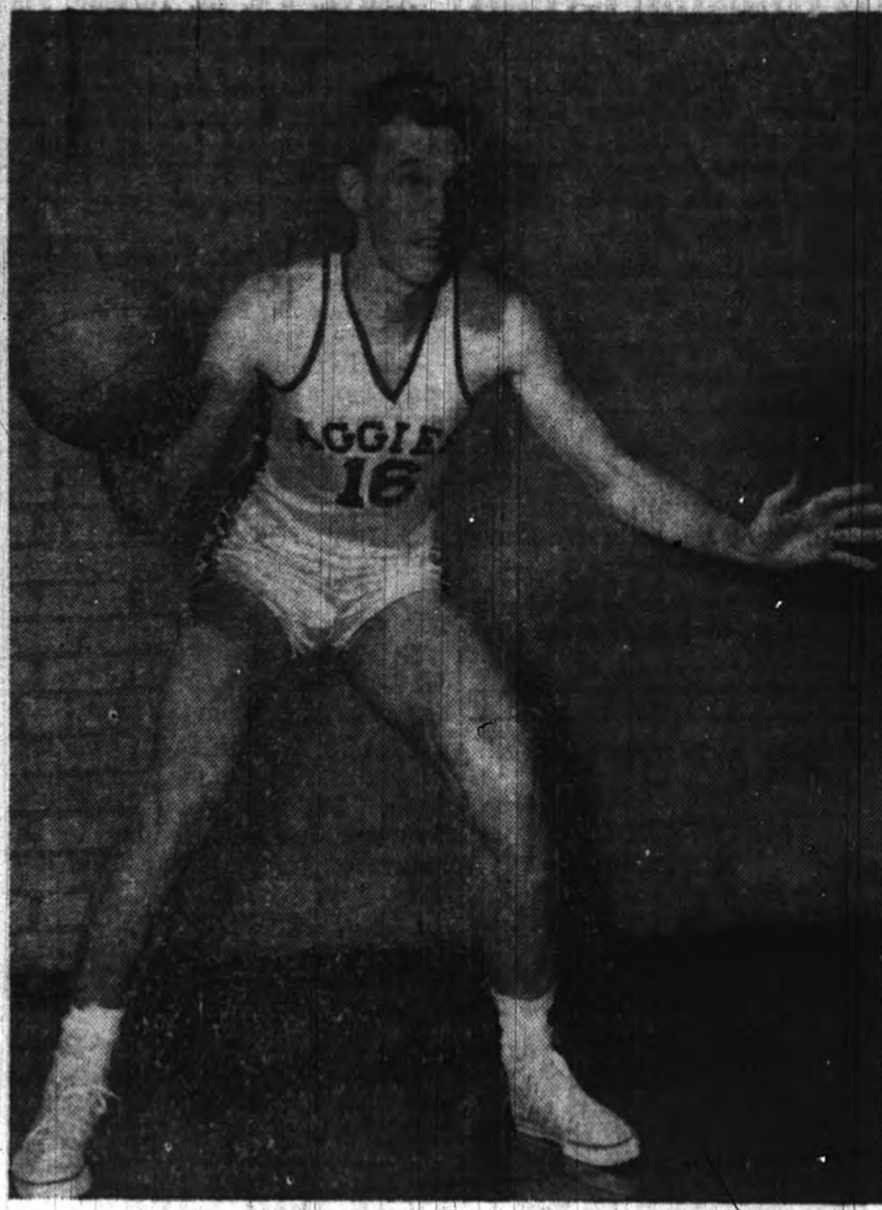
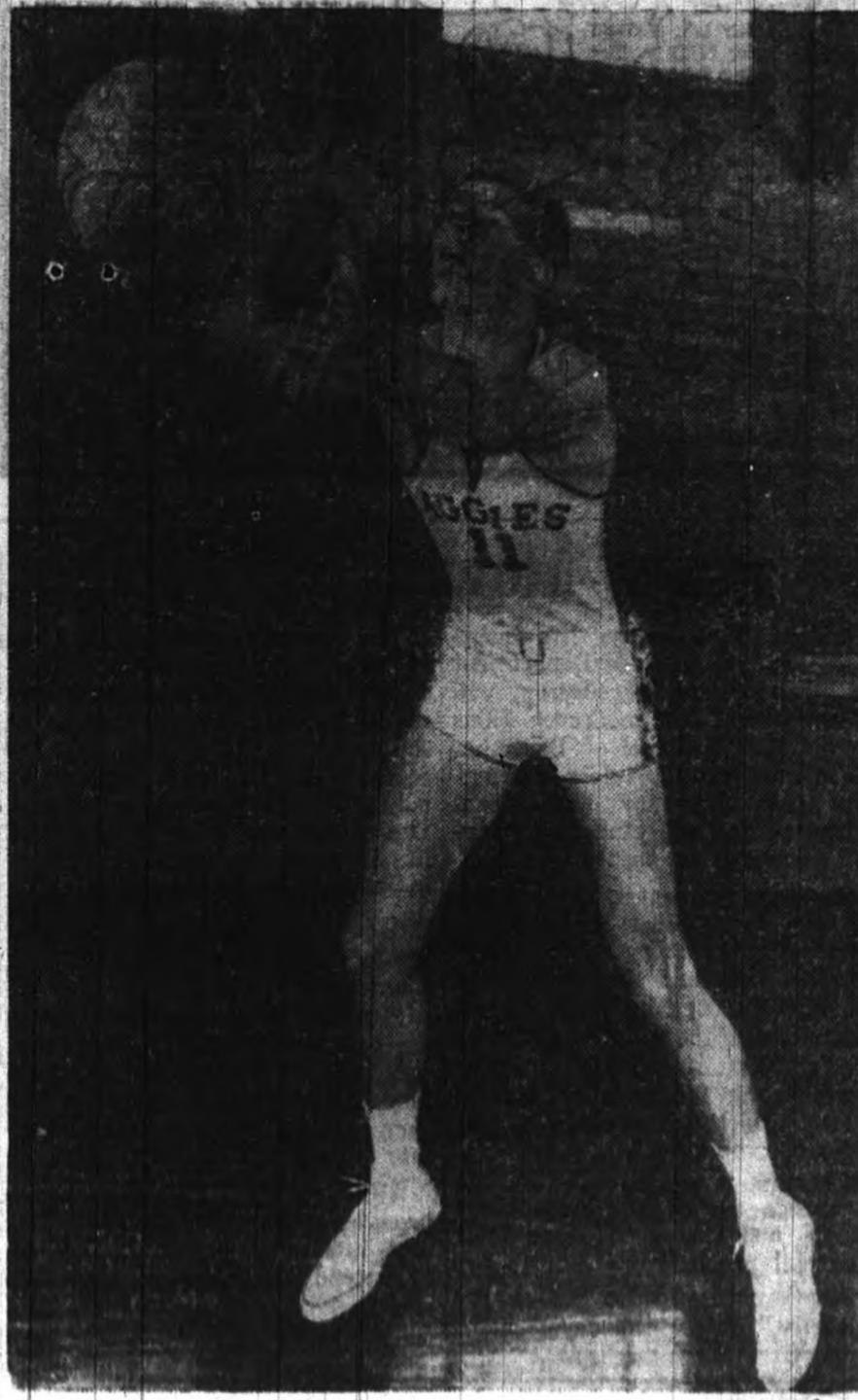
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Towering Cadet Cagers Control Backboards



John DeWitt (left), outstanding junior forward, and Buddy Davis (above), fine sophomore center prospect, will be among the outstanding players who will represent A&M tonight when the Cadets face ACC in DeWare Fieldhouse.

Resignations Given As Dispute Flares

Waco, Tex., Dec. 12 (AP)—Ralph Wolfe resigned Saturday as Baylor University athletic director—only a day after Bob Woodruff resigned at head football coach.

It climaxed three days of turmoil at the Baptist school, during which the Athletic Committee held a meeting to define "more clearly the duties" of Woodruff and Wolfe and ended up by continuing Wolfe as athletic director but with the designation of stadium director when he accepted that job.

Woodruff Resigns Friday Night

Woodruff resigned Friday night as the result of friction with Wolfe over conduct of the Athletic Department. He said the situation was intolerable. He intimated he might go to the University of Arkansas where Athletic Director and Coach John Barnhill has announced he will make some changes in the athletic department.

Woodruff said he was going to Dallas Saturday to attend the Southwest Conference meeting and a conference there with Barnhill was anticipated. Woodruff, however, never arrived.

Wolfe served more than a quarter century connection with Baylor by announcing he was quitting effective next June 1 "to clear the atmosphere for Dr. White and the board of trustees to reorganize the athletic department."

Dr. W. R. White is president of the Southwest Conference school. He was out of town today—it was not learned where—and this unavailable for comment.

Most Magnanimous Thing

However, Wolfe told reporters that Dr. White had told him his resignation was "a most magnanimous thing" to do.

In apparent reference to reported friction between himself and Woodruff, Wolfe said:

"It is regrettable that imagined difficulties have been intimated at such a critical time for Baylor University and Waco, when the stadium drive should have the concerted backing of Baylor ex-students and friends. Controversies do not make for team play and success."

(Wolfe referred to a new stadium to seat 40,000 that it being built by the University).

"I am sure all Baylor's friends will continue to support the new stadium drive to its successful conclusion, and assist those responsible for its completion," Wolfe said.

Dr. White, who is expected back in Waco Monday, has not called another meeting of the trustees.

Basketball Rule Alterations Aid Offense, Require Orange Rims

Basketball's rule makers instituted several changes at a meeting in Seattle last spring.

From now on each foul committed in the final 120 seconds will be charged to the offending player as a technical foul. The ball will be dead after the free throw attempt and the offending team then will take it out of bounds at center court.

This was the main rule change adopted by 18 of the 19 voting members of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada.

Previously the team fouled had the option of taking the ball out of bounds or shooting the free throw.

Orange Rims Required

Four more rule changes were adopted. These include:

No substitute will be allowed to replace a jumper after a held ball has been called. The jumper may be replaced after the jump.

Color of rim and ring braces of basket will be painted bright orange and the rectangular target and the three inch border of the target shall be white.

Effective in 1950-51, a moulded ball without laces or seams will replace the model being used now. The rule will not become effective until 1950 to allow colleges to use up lace balls.

Class backboards are made mandatory for collegiate games.

Neither players nor spectators will be notified when the technical foul rule becomes effective. The official will be expected to watch the timer for a signal as to whether the two-minute period is underway when a foul is committed.

Charity Tosses Remain

Two charity tosses still will be given if a player is fouled in the act of shooting, but not for intentional fouling—as at present—unless unnecessary roughness is involved.

To provide compensation for the team trailing, the committee voted to rewrite the rule governing withholding of the ball from play to make it a little easier to tie up the ball.

Fish Open Tonight In Lon Morris Tilt

Coach Leslie Peden's Fish basketball squad departed from DeWare Fieldhouse at 1 p. m. this afternoon for Jacksonville where they will tangle with Lon Morris Junior College tonight.

Peden, who is coaching the freshman team this year for the first time, reports that Lon Morris will field a fast, aggressive quintet that has already proved to be a strong team. Lon Morris has played the Tyler Junior College Apaches, last year's 1949 national junior college champions, twice this year, winning once.

Succeeding Taylor Wilkins as the freshman cage mentor, Peden will floor some of the best talent that has been assembled at A&M as first year men.

Probable Starters Named

The starting lineup for the Fish will be composed of Leroy Miksch at the pivot position, James Branom and Don Heft at the guard slots, and Jimmy Velvin and Don Garrett as the starting forwards.

Waelder's contribution to basketball at A&M is LeRoy Miksch, who was a standout in the North-South All-Star game last August. Miksch is 6' 5" in height and should develop into an aggressive rebound-maker while collecting more than his share of points.

A pair of fast, shifty forwards is found in Jimmy Velvin of Longview and Don Garrett of Fort Worth; each is 6'1".

Guards Show Promise

Panhandle playmaker Jim Branom of Amarillo and Palmetto prospect Don Heft compose a sturdy defensive unit.

A cager who will see lots of action in the Lon Morris tilt is Richard Bass, 6'1" all-stater from French High School in Beaumont.

Coach Peden's list of able reserves also includes Max Montegut, a member of last year's Texas City Class A state championship team.

Aggies will not have an opportunity to see the freshman players perform in DeWare Fieldhouse until after the holidays when the Fish play their second game of the season with Wharton Junior College on January 4. The Fish will play a second home game the next night against the Allen Academy Ramblers.

The 1949 American League flag won by the New York Yankees was the 16th captured by the team.

TCU's Brats—Bramon's Brats being the term coined by the Froggie supporters to describe the sophomore-paced cage team from Cowtown—continued undefeated through the second week of the Southwest Conference's still young hardwood season.

Baylor, which did not open play until last Monday, was the only other unbeaten quintet among the SWC teams. A&M was yet to win, but was the only five that has faced exclusively top flight competition.

The Horned Frogs added victories number three and four to their string as they downed Howard Payne, 61-31, in a Monday night game in Fort Worth and thumped Abilene Christian, 65-57, on the Abilene school's court.

Baylor Starts Fast

Baylor's defending tri-champions took North Texas into camp by a 69-37 score Monday night at Waco. Thursday night, again on the Baptists' home court, the Bruins beat Texas Tech, 58-37.

Stephen F. Austin's Lumberjacks were the third Bear victims as they fell, 45-57, to the all-victorious Baylorites in Longview Saturday.

League favorite Arkansas succumbed to LSU, apparently a SEC power despite its lack of preseason publicity as such, by a 46-62 score in a game Friday at Baton Rouge. Saturday the Porkers upset the highly touted Tulane "Yankees" in a 42-41 thriller in New Orleans.

CCNY, regarded as the best of the metropolitan New York fives, drubbed SMU, 67-53, in a Madison Square Garden tilt Thursday. Niagara's still undefeated quintet took the Methodist's measure again when the Ponies lost, 47-55, in a game in Buffalo.

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