



## Roundin' It Up

BY CHUCK CABANISS

Boy, is he in for a surprise (it says here in maroon ink, bold type, etc.) The ambitious "let" in this case could be either Harold V. Ratliff of the AP or Ed Fite of the UP.

To lift from your worried minds the cause of all the obscure statements above, let me quote from Fite's Tuesday release:

"Texas A&M and Texas Christian were doped at the start of the (basketball) season to be also-rans, and the Aggies are living up to form. TCU is confounding the experts with a burst of early-season speed but still has to be proved against a series of major opponents."

Fite apparently was basing his observations on the Cadets' 0-won, 4-loss record as of Monday afternoon. At that time the Froggies boasted of an exactly opposite record—but as the UP writer mentioned, Brannon's Brats hadn't faced anyone stronger than Abilene Christian in any of their starts.

### Ratliff Points to Ags

Ratliff made similar disparaging remarks in an early-week round-up which largely attributed the SWC's poor inter-sectional record to A&M without bothering to explain who the teams were that had been defeating the Ags. The AP writer, too, tossed in some kind words for the Cowtown cagers.

Well, several gallons of water have flowed under the bridge since Fite and Ratliff made their sage comments. TCU's Brats are undefeated no longer—Missouri dropped the Cowtowners Tuesday, 54-45. The Tigers had been edged by TCU the night before, 35-37.

Meanwhile A&M had booted ACC twice, 66-45 and 73-38. As we mentioned in the remarks about the Froggies' not-too-tough opponents, Abilene isn't exactly a pow-

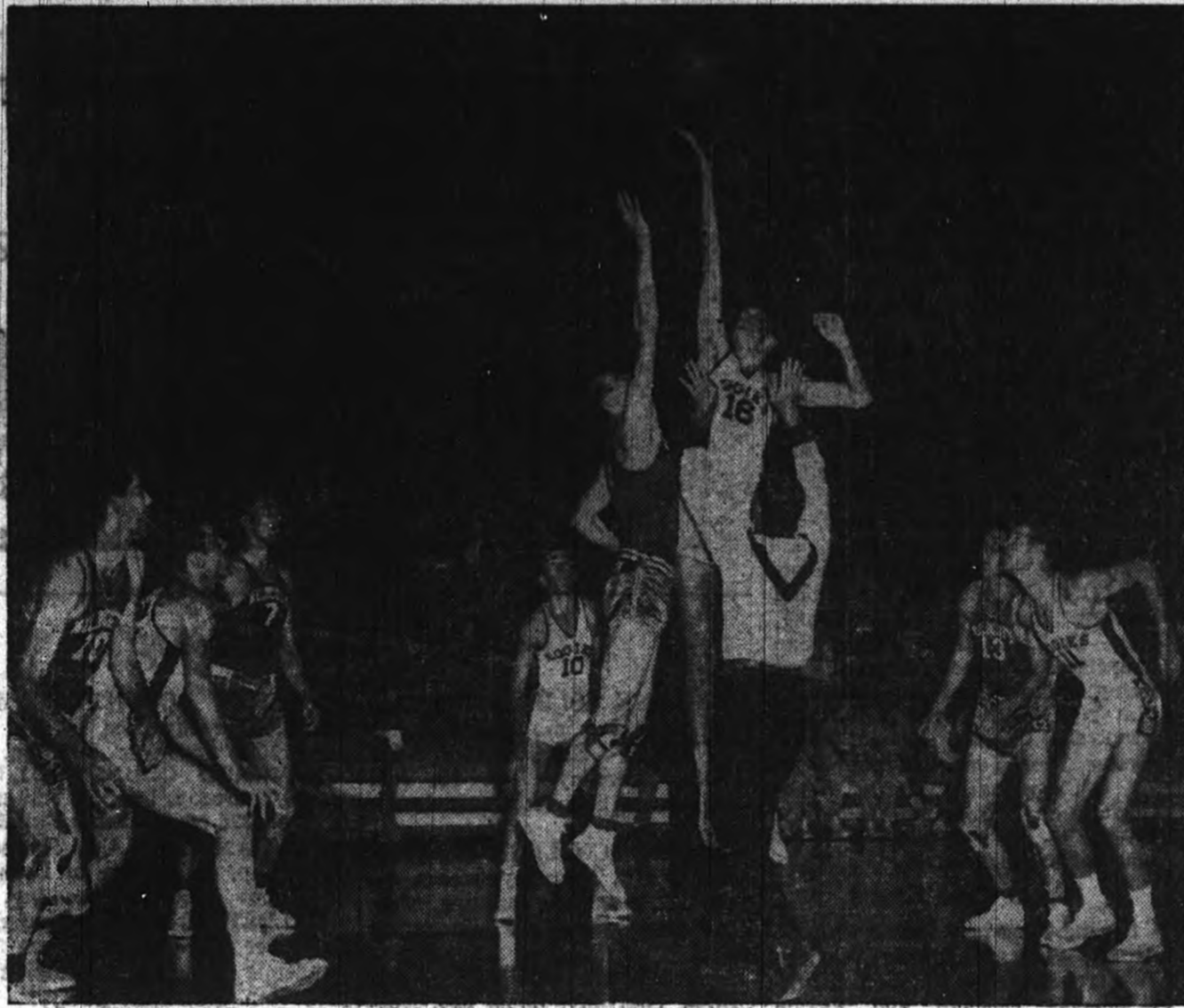
erhouse. The important thing about the two wins was the margin edge which the Cadets held in each game.

The Ags had an average margin of 28 points over the Wildcats. TCU beat the ACC quintet twice, too, 52-35 and 65-57. This means the Horned Texans averaged defeating the West Texans by only 12½ points.

Actually the difference in the margins might not mean a thing, but it does mean just as much as the information the syndicated writers were using as the basis for their comparisons—the won-lost records of the two teams against competition of entirely different caliber.

When the Froggies make a better showing than the Cadets did against LIU, Niagara, and St. Louis, then and only then will the "authorities" have any reason for considering TCU the better team.

As for ourselves, we'll wait until January 5 and February 21 have come and gone before we say the Ags are undoubtedly the better. But until then we'll keep right on believing that the contests on these two dates will prove A&M to be the better club.



Walt "Buddy" Davis, 6' 8" of basketball player, leaps high for the opening jump-ball in Monday night's Aggie victory over the ACC Wildcats. Abilene center Anstin Webb (9) jumps futilely for the sphere as forward Billy Turnbow of the

Cadets starts in from the left to aid guard Jewell McDowell (10) and forward John DeWitt (11) set a play in motion. ACC star Dee Nutt (10) and teammate Oscar Dorsey (7) and Bill Teel (13) await the outcome of the tip.

## Woodruff and Wolf Both Retained in New Set-Up

Waco, Texas, Dec. 14, (AP)—Bob Woodruff returned as head football coach of Baylor University today in a settlement of his controversy with Athletic Director Ralph Wolf.

Woodruff resigned last Friday night as the result of friction with Wolf over operation of the Athletic Department.

Under a plan worked out today by the Athletic committee of the University and ratified by the board of trustees, Wolf becomes vice-president and general manager of the Baylor Stadium Corporation.

The Athletic Director's job will be filled as soon as the duties and requirements of the office are outlined.

Woodruff and Wolf differed over policies of the athletic department, the former wanting to operate on a larger scale than the latter. The scheduling of football games and other related matters caused the break between the two men.

The committee had been meeting all week in an effort to work out a solution.

### Bears Want Both

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, said the joint meeting of the athletic committee and a special committee from the board of trustees decided it would be better to retain both Woodruff and Wolf in the service of Baylor.

Wolf's new position means that he will conduct the affairs of the \$1,500,000 stadium to be erected here. The stadium will seat 40,000 persons.

Wolf and Woodruff both accepted the plan before the meeting of the trustees.

The statement that an agreement had been reached and that Woodruff, who has been coach at Baylor for three years, and Wolf, who has been at Baylor 28 years as athlete, coach and athletic director, would return, was given out by Dr. White which immediately thereafter left for Houston.

### No Comments

Woodruff and Wolf had no comment to make.

"The local board of trustees unanimously adopted the recommendation of this special committee," Dr. White said. "The committee found an excellent attitude on the part of both Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Wolf toward a successful solution of this problem. The situation was faced frankly and thoroughly with both of these gentlemen. Naturally, each had to take time to reflect on the matter after it had been presented. Both came to a conclusion most satisfactory to the committee."

Dr. White added that Coach Bob Woodruff has demonstrated himself to be one of the outstanding football coaches of the country. He voluntarily came to me several days ago and rectified in a most mannerly way the going out of his premature resignation to the press of his resignation (Dr. White had said Woodruff had agreed to a joint statement but went ahead and made the release on his own).

### Wolf Is Old Timer

"Athletic Director Ralph Wolf has been with Baylor University some 28 years. He worked at great sacrifice to himself during the darkest years of Baylor's economic life. He has left behind a record of tremendous service to the life of the University. We predict that both he and Coach Woodruff will perform in the future still greater service in Baylor's total life in their respective fields."

Woodruff came to Baylor in 1947 from Georgia Tech. Baylor had

## Battalion SPORTS

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# Shamrock Bowl Marks Final AAC Competition

BASED ON AP REPORT

Glenn McCarthy's Shamrock Charity Bowl will be the grand finale for the All-America Conference as the championship Cleveland Browns pit their prowess against the combined talents of top players from the other six league teams Saturday in Houston.

The contest will be played in Rice Stadium and the cast for the all-star contingent will include a number of former Texas collegians. Martin Ruby (A&M), Pete Layden (Texas), Jack Russell (Baylor), Tom Landry (Texas), and Bruce Alford (TCU) are members of the New York-Brooklyn Yankees club who will see duty with the all-stars.

A number of other top A-A loop stars will be seen in action. Among the better known performers will be Frankie Albert, T-master of the San Francisco 49ers; flashy runner Buddy Young, another Yankee star, and Barney Neale, powerful end from the New York team.

Texasans Featured by Browns  
The Paul Brown-coached champions will present two SWC graduates for the appraisal of the

sectators. Weldon Humble (Rice) and Derrell Palmer (TCU) are among Brown's line stalwarts. Some idea of the talent to be found on the Cleveland squad can be gained by checking the roster of the All-America Conference All-Star team (not the same as the all-star group which will oppose the Browns Saturday).

A pre-game program will feature Jack Benny, Phil Harris, Dinah Shore, George Montgomery, and Freddy Martin and his orchestra. Walter Winchell and Jimmie Fidler will be present to accept a share of the gate receipts for the charities which they sponsor. Bill Stern will broadcast the contest.

Profits from the game will be divided between the Shrine Crippled Children's Fund, the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and other charities. Winchell, who is treasurer of the Runyon fund, has announced that the money received by his organization will be turned over to the MD Anderson Hospital for Cancer Research, a part of the University of Texas.

Tickets can be obtained by writing the Shamrock Charity Bowl, Shamrock Hotel, Houston, and enclosing \$15.00 per ticket.

The Houston skirmish will be the last official game of the All-America Conference since that league announced last weekend its merger into the National Football League effective on December 19. The merger was apparently a victory for the older NFL, which has fought for four years to drive the AAC out of business.

Thirteen clubs will make up the new loop—the National American Football League. All of the NFL's 10 clubs will be included and three from the younger AAC: the San Francisco 49ers, the Cleveland Browns, and the Baltimore Colts.

The Chicago Hornets of the AAC are to be broken up completely, while the Los Angeles Dome will merge with the NFL Rams, the New York Yankees with the NFL Bulldogs, and the Buffalo Bills with the AAC Browns.

The league is to be split into the National and American divisions with the division winners meeting in a world football championship game. Division matchups have not been announced.

### AAC Stars Picked

United Press selections for the All-Star team of the AAC—a my- (See AAC, Page 4)

## MURAL NEWS

Schedules For Friday

FOOTBALL, Military			
A ENG	A CWS	1	5:10
D FA	C TC	2	"
A CA	C AF	3	"
HORSESHOES, Military			
A CA	B QMC	1,2,3	5:10
E VET	A ORD	4,5,6	"
A TC	C FA	10,11,12	"
A ASA	B AF	13,14,15	"
K AF	C VET	16,17,18	"
TENNIS, Military			
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I AF	C INF	4,5,6	"

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