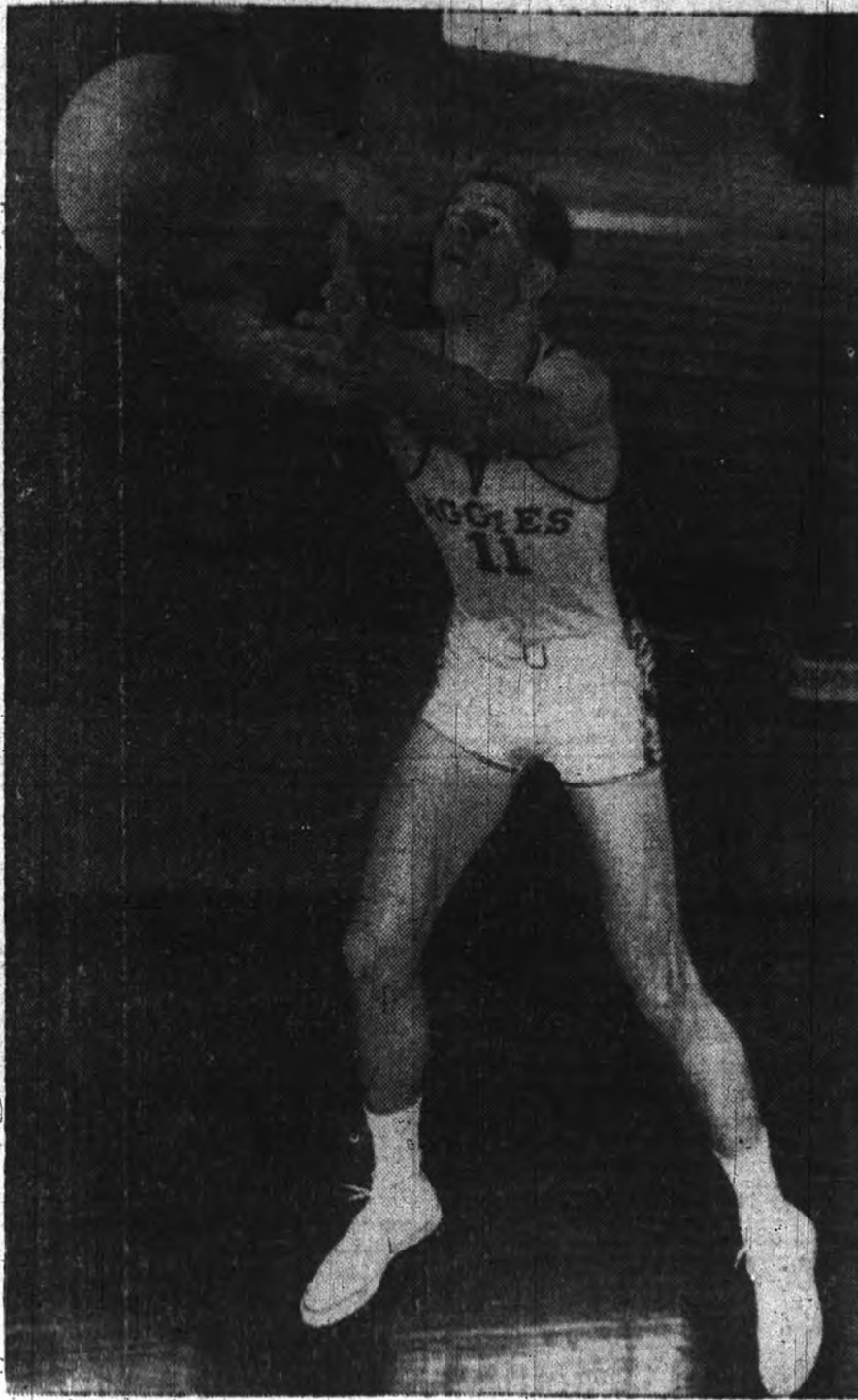


# STAR OF THE WEEK



JOHN DEWITT

## Mitchell, Englehart, Place, Atkins Make Ag Mile Relay Team

Don Mitchell, Bernard Place, Don Englehart, and Robert Atkins have been determined as the four members of the Aggie mile relay team which has been invited to compete in the Sugar Bowl track meet in New Orleans on January 1.

Ray Holbrook, present holder of the 440-yard dash record in the Southwest Conference, will enter the half-mile event but will be running unattached. Last year he was a member of the A&M mile relay team but will be wearing the Maroon and White for the last time at this meet. He will be ineligible to compete in track for A&M next spring.

Bernard Place Monday afternoon copped the fourth berth on the team which will go to New Orleans. Previously, Mitchell, Englehart, and Atkins had already copped places on the team.

The team which coaches Frank Anderson and Ray Putnam take to the Sugar Bowl event this year is a new version. The only man returning from last year's famous team which copped the Sugar Bowl event is Don Mitchell. The speedy little runner will run the anchor lap for A&M this year.

All of the athletes who make the trip to New Orleans will stay over for the Sugar Bowl game between Oklahoma and LSU to be played the next day.

## All Schoolboy Finalists Will Be in Top Shape

"We'll be ready."

That's the sum of comments by the four coaches who have teams in the finals of Texas' Class AA and A high school football races.

The four coaches yesterday took stock of the physical conditions of their squads and found no serious injuries.

New Plays

Austin mentor Johnny Kitchens planned to give his Maroons some new offensive plays to use against Wichita Falls Friday at Fort Worth in the finals of the Class AA race.

Wichita Falls' undefeated, untied Coyotes will go into the game in tip top shape.

J. Fikes and Ty Bain voiced apprehension for their clubs in the Class A title game at Abilene Dec. 28.

Bain said his Mexia Blackcats would have to play "better than we did against Uvalde" to beat the powerful Littlefield Wildcats.

Fikes thinks his once-beaten South Plains eleven will have to play its "best game of the year" to win.

Mexia is undefeated and untied.

The Favorites

Right now, Wichita Falls and Littlefield stack up as favorites to cop titles.

All four clubs are exponents of straight power football. Each team has a capable passer, but the pass has not been one of the biggest factors in putting the teams in the finals.

This is the first time for Austin to reach the finals since it won the state championship in 1942. It is the second time in the school's history.

Wichita Falls is also a former state champion and a consistent performer in the championship playoff.

Class A schools are playing to a state title for only the second time. Last year Monahans defeated New Braunfels at Odessa for the first Class A championship.

John DeWitt has been chosen Star of the Week for his performances on the hardwood courts during the December 12-17 period.

The Battalion sports staff chose DeWitt despite his poor performance against the Arizona Wildcats Saturday night. In fact, it was felt that Long John's having an off night clearly demonstrated the important part he has been playing in the Ag early season contests.

With DeWitt not in top form, the Cadets were unable to stop the Wildcats and lost, 50-56.

In the first of the week tilts with Abilene Christian, the former Waco standout was instrumental in maintaining control of the backboard when ACC was on the attack. The Tuesday night fracas found DeWitt in top form as he gathered in numerous rebounds and parted the net for 16 points; on Monday he had scored 10.

Trinity was bombarded by Buddy Davis for 31 points, but Long John again contributed valuable aid as he bucketed eight points. Saturday the Cadet forward tallied only a single point as the Border champs from Tucson, Arizona, caught the Maroons with only a single player—Jewell McDowell—with his shooting eye "zeroed in."

DeWitt's closest competition for the honor this week came from two of his mates, McDowell and Davis, and Julian Herring. Herring, SWC cross-country champion, lead the Aggie harriers to a one-sided victory in the Gulf AAU. The slender Abilene runner set a new record in capturing the 2.5-mile run in Houston.

A fund has been raised by the business men and merchants of the North Gate area to put in a six foot gravel walk between Varner's Jewelry store and the College Station State Bank.

The walk is to be laid on the property that will eventually be occupied by the Methodist Church. The contract to place the walk has been given to H. E. Burgess. The walk will be laid as soon as the weather will permit, Burgess said.

Walker suffered a bad charley horse and had the leg repaired in the game against Texas Christian. He couldn't play in the SMU-Notre Dame game but had planned to appear in the East-West contest in which Southern Methodist Coach Matty Bell is head coach for the West.

He has been taking treatments but the injury has not responded sufficiently for him to play at San Francisco. If he did he would take a chance of a crippling injury.

"It will require about two weeks for the injury to thoroughly heal," Mrs. E. D. Walker, his mother, says. "A calcium growth or spur has developed in the leg and it must be removed."

The Senior Bowl will be Walker's first appearance as a professional. Players in this game get part of the receipts, thus making them pros. Doak has not yet decided if he will enter organized professional football, however.

The Mexican Loggerhead, about the size of a man's head, was first spotted ambling placidly along the seashore highway several thousand miles from the Gulf of Mexico where he belongs.

Cornishmen named him Theodore, and whisked him off to the Williams Fish Market. The fishermen put Theodore in a bucket of sea water and telephoned the Marine Biological Laboratory here.

"Very rare thing, this," said Dr. D. P. Wilson, the laboratory's aquarium chief.

Wilson said it was quite possible that Theodore crossed over under his own power, helped along by the Gulf Stream.

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Aggie Center Buddy Davis has just tipped in two points for A&M against Trinity U. in their game in Alamo Gym in San Antonio last Friday night. Aggie forward Bill Turnbow (12) has his hand raised to assist while Trinityite Ernie Kakkela (in white) tries helplessly to block the tip in. Aggie guard Wally Moon (15) watches in background.

## Lindy Berry and Eddie Lebaron To Quarterback Western Stars

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Western football stars, with Matty Bell of Southern Methodist directing offensive tactics as head coach, held their first workout Monday for the East-West charity game here, Dec. 31.

Bell, whose SMU team gave mighty Notre Dame its toughest battle of the 1949 season, gave the Western squad basic plays in his version of the single and double wingback formations.

He was assisted by Coaches Leo (Dutch) Meyer of Texas Christian and Jeff Cravath of Southern California.

Eddie Lebaron, clever College of the Pacific quarterback, was assigned to the tailback position in one backfield group. It is the key position in the wingback set-up; calling for most of the ball handling. Lindy Berry of Texas Christian was named tailback in the other quartet.

Teaming with Lebaron in one backfield were Rene Johnson of UCLA at left half; Dick Gray of Oregon State, right half, and Bill Martin of Southern California at fullback.

Berry called signals in a unit that included Ken Carpenter, Oregon State, at left half; Don Paul, Washington State, right half, and Dick McKissack, Southern Methodist, fullback.

Although Lebaron has played the T-formation quarterback position for the last three years, Head Coach Bell predicted the 5-foot 8-inch, 165-pounder would easily fit into the wingback style.

It was Bell's first look at Lebaron. He was so impressed by the 19-year-old youth's passing ability he remarked, "He can play on my team any time."

Johnson to Help

Coach Bell also said that Johnson of UCLA, in addition to running from one of the wing spots, would spell Lebaron and Berry at tailback. Johnson was outstanding for his team at the position this year.

Two sets of lines, described as temporary, were selected by the coaches. One forward wall comprised Ends Harry Kahanua, University of Hawaii, and Ken Rose, Stanford; tackles Don Narrell, Texas Christian, and Carl Kilsgaard, Idaho; Guards Warren Wood, College of Puget Sound, and Jack Halliday, Southern Methodist; and Center Jim Castagnoli, Stanford.

The other line included Ends Rollin Prather, Kansas State, and Vince Cisterna, Arizona State; Flagstaff; Tackles Steve Dotur, Oregon, and Thurman Megraw, Colorado A & M; Guards Tom Desjviva, Oregon State, and George Bayer, Washington, and Center Tom Novak, Nebraska.

The other two members of the squad, Emery Mitchell, Stanford fullback, and John Rodde, College of the Pacific-end, alternated at their positions.

## Injured Ben Hogan Makes Settlement

El Paso, Tex., (AP)—Ben Hogan, golf's mighty mite who was badly injured in a collision between his car and a Greyhound bus last Feb. 2, has made an out-of-court settlement with the bus company.

The settlement, announced today by Hogan's attorney, Joseph G. Bennis, was reached about three weeks ago. Bennis wouldn't disclose terms of the agreement.

The accident occurred near Van Horn, Tex. Hogan was hospitalized here for several weeks before returning to his home in Fort Worth.

The little golfer, at the top of the pro ranks before the wreck, has been working out again on Fort Worth Links recently.

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**The Box Score**

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Texas A&M (74)				
DeWitt, F	4	0	4	8
Turnbow, F	2	4	3	8
M. Martin, F	2	1	1	5
Sutton, C-F	2	2	1	6
Williams, C	0	0	0	0
Davis, C	5	0	3	10
McDowell, G	6	5	2	17
Moon, G	3	0	2	6
Houser, G	0	0	2	0
Garet, G	4	0	3	8
Miller	3	0	0	6
Totals	31	22	21	74

**NTSC (38)**

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Rutherford, F	4	1	5	9
Wise, F	1	0	1	2
Edwards, F	0	0	2	0
Slaughter, F	4	6	2	14
Deardorff, C	4	0	1	0
Cain, C	0	1	2	1
Johnson, C	2	1	4	5
Kelly, G	2	1	4	5
Allison, G	0	0	2	0
Thurmon, G	0	0	1	0
Lutrick, G	0	0	1	0
Totals	10	13	20	33

Free throws missed: (13) DeWitt, Davis 4, Sutton 2, McDowell 2, Moon.  
 Officials: Wallace and Albrecht.  
 NTSC (13): Rutherford 3, Slaughter, Deardorff 5, Cain 2, Wall, Edwards.

## Lots of Passing In North-South Game

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 20 — (AP) — North and South squads continued hard workouts today in preparation for the Shrine all-star football game in the Orange Bowl, Dec. 26.

South coaches Andy Gustafson of Miami and Bob Woodruff of Baylor promised spectators plenty of aerial fireworks with Baylor's Adrian Burk doing the passing.

"Burk is another Sammy Baugh," said Woodruff. "He's the greatest passer I have ever seen."

Burk completed 110 passes this season and Woodruff said he whipped the great SMU team which almost knocked the props from under Notre Dame.

"Burk made one of the touchdown passes against SMU and set up two other touchdowns," Woodruff added.

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