

Fish Top Wharton Five, Meet Allen Tonight

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

Jumping to the lead in the early seconds of the game, the A&M Fish Basketball team went on to rout the Wharton Junior College Pioneers 43-37 in the first Fish game on the DeWare hardwoods this season.

Paced by Jimmy Velvin, 5' 11" forward from Longview, who scored ten points in last night's fray; Max Montegut from Texas City and Leroy Miksch, from Weider, each of whom scored eight points; the Fish kept their lead throughout the entire contest.

Tonight the Fish will tangle with the blue and gold of Allen Academy with starting time at 8:15 as an opener for the varsity game.

The Fish to watch tonight will be the above named and Joe Gullidge of San Marcos and Richard Bess, 6' 1" all-state player from French High in Beaumont. Both played a bang up defensive game last night, and Gullidge connected with three free shots together with two field goals in the important moments of the game.

Last night the Pioneers took their second licking of the season. The first was at the hands of the Ada Oil Company. Their victims for the year have been the Rice Frosh, Alvin Junior College, the Houston Silents, and the University of St. Thomas.

The Fish entered the second half with a seven-point margin over the Pioneers. John Powell of Wharton struck first in the second half with a field goal and a free shot to boost the Pioneer score to 18. Don Hef, right forward for the Fish, clicked quickly as the Fish began to roll again.

Miksch Off Backboards

The Fish continued to control both backboards with the majority of the hustling coming from Leroy Miksch. But Gerald Cecil

of Wharton, who was high point man of the night with 12 points, and John Powell, left guard for the Pioneers, were not to be denied as they spurted fourth with nine points which closed the Fish's lead to only two points.

Then Montegut began to click with his weaving in and out of the junior collegians' defenses to break up their shots. Before the second half was nine minutes old the Freshmen had gained a five point lead which remained unchallenged the rest of the evening.

Shooting wildly at times, nine Fish connected with 16 field goals in 42 attempts and taking eleven of the 22 offered charity shots. Out of 44 attempted eight Pioneers chalked up 15 baskets, but connected with only 7 of the 14 offered free shots from the Fish.

Velvin, Fish high point man, dropped five of his six attempted field goals through the basket.

Box Score:				
A&M FISH (43)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Don Hef	1	0	1	2
Max Montegut	3	2	0	8
Jimmy Velvin	5	0	1	10
Richard Bess	1	0	0	2
Wallace Bleyl	1	1	1	3
Leroy Miksch	2	4	1	8
Jim Branam	0	1	3	1
Joe Gullidge	2	3	0	7
Don Garret	1	0	4	2
TOTALS	16	11	11	43

Wharton Junior College (37)				
FG	FT	PF	TP	
Dave Gilder	3	0	5	6
Bill Brown	0	0	1	0
Joe Ewert	1	1	2	1
Tom Burnett	3	2	1	8
Tom Irvin	1	0	2	2
Gerald Cecil	5	2	1	12
John Powell	2	1	1	5
Neel Kelsey	1	1	0	3
TOTALS	15	7	13	37

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Rote Named As Southwesterner

Dallas, Jan. 5—(AP)—Kyle Rote, Southern Methodist's smashing halfback, was named "Southwesterner of the Year" Monday by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Rote, who led the Southwest Conference in rushing, punting and number of touchdowns scored, was picked for his great showing against Notre Dame and for the prestige he brought to the Southwest.

In the Notre Dame game, Rote scored three of his 12 touchdowns. For the season, he gained 777 yards and had a punting average of 44.4 yards.

The association also selected "Coach of the Year" for seven other athletic divisions.

Jess Neely, football coach at Rice, was named Southwest Conference coach of the year, nosing out Bob Woodruff, football coach at Baylor.

Wilford Moore, football coach at McMurry, beat out Ray Morrison, football coach at Austin College, for Texas conference coach of the year.

Houstonian Aids Aggies



Marvin Martin, 6' 3" forward from Houston, has proven one of the top Cadet performers this season. The former all-city star from Jeff Davis lettered last year and is slated to see a great deal of service as the Maroons enter conference competition.

Maroon Cagers Meet Frogs Tonight in SWC Contest

A&M's erratic cagers have a second opportunity to crack into the win column in conference play tonight when they face TCU on the DeWare Field House court at 8 following a tilt between the Fish and Allen Academy. The Freshman game will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Tonight's clash will pit losers in the initial league games last night. A&M was downed by SMU, 48-53, and TCU fell before Rice in Houston, 61-80. Arkansas, the pre-season favorite for the loop diadem, defeated Texas in the only other conference contest, 61-50, at Fayetteville.

The Maroon loss gave the local quintet a record of four wins, nine losses; TCU's record now shows seven wins, five losses.

Ag Aquatic Hopes Rest in Soph Hands

BY FRANK N. MANITZAS

A&M's 1950 varsity swimming team will be composed largely of sophomores with Bill Sergeant, Van Adamson, Billy Karow, and Ralph Ellis forming the top four on whom Coach Art Adamson is pinning the Aggie hopes for the Southwest Conference swimming championship.

Van Adamson, son of the coach, has won 18 races in the last five years, ranging from a 50-yard free-style event to a 300-yard individual medley, and he has set records in 12 of these events. Last season in the Southwest AAU indoor meet, Van set a new record for the 300-yard individual medley and repeated the same feat at the '49 South Texas AAU. Van also won the Junior National Mile at Audubon Park, New Orleans last year.

Billy Karow has an equally impressive record, having won 33 races since the '47 season. He was high point man last year at the TAAF meet held in Tyler, and in the National Invitational at New Orleans. Karow set a record in the 100-meter breast stroke as well as winning the 50-yard free-style.

Other sophomores who showed up well in their Fish season are Billy Male, John Parnell, Tommy Comstock, Ray Hiltor, Joe Blondell, Gibb Matlock, and Paul Shafer, the latter two helping form the diving team.

The Aggies, under the leadership of Coach Adamson since 1934, have won two Southwest Conference swimming crowns and have never placed lower than second in the conference. In his fourteen years as coach of the team, Adamson has won 53 meets, tied one, and lost 31.

Mermen Open in Dallas

This season the Cadets open at Dallas where they will participate in the Southwest Conference Relay Carnival on January 14. This program will include a 400-yard freestyle, a 400-yard breaststroke, and a 400-yard backstroke relay. Another event will be a free style medley relay in which one man will swim a 100-yard lap, the second will swim a 220-yard lap, and the third man will finish the race with a 440-yard lap.

There will also be a diving division in which three men will compete from each school. Each performer will have a required dive and two optional dives.

The final event in the meet will consist of a 600-yard medley relay race with six men competing. This (See AQUATIC, Page 4)

Labeled "Brannon's Brats" "Brannon's Brats"—the Cowtowners have been labeled—boast four sophomores and a single senior on the starting team. The "Brats" label arose from the fact that the Purple squad is almost exclusively made up of sophomores.

Last year as freshmen, the Horned Froggies gave TCU its first undefeated basketball season in 20 years, rolling up 11 wins and averaging 60.4 points per game.

Captain of the Horned Frog varsity crew this season is the sole starting senior, Gene Schmidt. Schmidt, an Evansville, Ind., cager who was second high scorer for the Froggies last campaign; is seeking his fifth letter—a wartime incurred phenomena.

Four Sophs Start

Joining Schmidt at the forward posts will be Harvey Fromme; at center will be highly touted George McLeod, a 6' 5" pivot man. McLeod tallied 131 points last season as number two scorer for the Wogs last season.

Guards on the Purple five will be John "Bud" Campbell and Tommy Taylor. Taylor was the top point-maker for the '49 Wogs on the basis of his 150 tallies.

Working behind this starting group are forwards Carl Knox and Ted Reynolds; fifth and seventh ranking scorers for last year's freshman team; center Allan Brookshire, number three point-maker for the Wogs; guard Bruce Craig, the only previous letter man besides Schmidt; and guard Bob Lee, a senior; squadman.

Porkers Chosen As Loop Title Favorite

BY HAROLD V. RATLIFF Associated Press Writer

Dallas.—The Arkansas Razorbacks, who tied for the Southwest Conference basketball championship last season and won a play-off to represent the area in the NCAA, are general favorites to cop the 1949-50 title.

They have a new coach, Presley Askew, who keeps talking about Texas, Baylor, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist, but his fellow mentors point awesome height of the Razorbacks and say "those are the boys."

Baylor comes up with six lettermen, including All-Conference Don Heathington—all are seniors—and there are strong signs of a resurgence from Texas A. and M. and Texas Christian.

Ags Map Campaign

The Aggies mapped a strenuous inter-sectional schedule, playing such biggies as Long Island, Oklahoma A. and M. and St. Louis on tours to the east and to the west coast. There are six lettermen at Aggie land and a couple of newcomers. Walt Davis, 6 feet-8, and Ken Sutton 6 feet-7, make A. and M. prospects the brightest in a long time.

Arkansas also met Oklahoma A. and M. and Kentucky, national finalists last season.

Arkansas has five lettermen including Bob Ambler, 6 feet-7; Jim Cathart, 6 feet-4, and Norman Price, 6 feet-3. On the entire squad there is only one man under six feet. Arkansas also has some transfer players who are counted upon to give the punch lost with the departure of Ken Kenris, all-conference, and Cliff Horton and Johnny Campbell.

TCU Has Youngsters

Texas Christian has only two lettermen but Buster Brannon has a bright array from last season's undefeated freshmen. Veteran of the team is Gene Schmidt, who is seeking his fifth varsity letter.

Rice has a new coach and five lettermen with better than average height. The Owls, however, lost Bill Tom, giant center and one of the finest players in the country through graduation.

Warren Switzer is the top veteran. He is after his fourth varsity numeral. Rice also has some good men up from the freshmen and J. D. White, a junior college transfer who was held out of action last year. Coach is Don Suman, a former Rice star, who succeeds Joe Davis.

Bears Boast Veterans

Baylor lost James Owens, all-conference forward, to the pros but returning are Heathington, Bill DeWitt, Odell Preston, Bill Strack, Bill Hickman and Gerald Cobb. These fellows all played on

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