

Roundin' It Up

By CHUCK CABANISS

If running a player's picture on the sports page will result in his turning in a top-notch performance, we hereby dedicate the entire page to pictures of the whole squad every game day. We'll have to admit that we ran Marvin Martin's picture yesterday simply because he was one of the Aggie cagers whom we had not previously printed a likeness of this season.

But the former Jeff Davis star made us appreciate our timing last night as he turned in a stellar game against the TCU Horned Frogs. The red-headed forward displayed against the visitors some of the form that won him all-city honors in Houston in 1947.

Thursday's performance was Martin's best since he put on A&M spangles in the fall of '47. However, the sturdy 6' 3" athlete saw sufficient service last year to earn a varsity letter as a sophomore. He tallied 34 points as a reserve last winter.

If the Maroons' 49-45 victory is any indication, Coach Marty Karow may have turned up his smoothest combination to date with Martin and Long John DeWitt working on the inside and Jewell McDowell, Wally Moon, and either Bill Turnbow or Mike Garcia on the outside.

Although considerable height was lost in the process, the substitution of Martin for 6' 8" Buddy Davis or 6' 7" Ken Sutton appeared to improve the rebound work of the Cadets. Although he probably would have been unable to contest the high jumps of 6' 5 1/2" George McLeod, the Houstonian didn't need to, as he seemed to sense when the rebounds were going to come down and was there waiting for practically every one of the errant shots.

One game is not sufficient criterion to completely compare different players, but last night's floor work by Martin was the best inside ball handling the Cadets have displayed at home this season. The Bayou City product also produced a hook shot that was well-nigh unblockable—something new for him, as he doesn't usually play the pivot post.

Long John Is Coming Back

Not to be overlooked in the past two nights' games is the fine play of Long John DeWitt, one of the best athletes to enter A&M since "the good 'ole days." Johnny was high point man for the Cadets Wednesday with 15 counters and last night he topped the Maroon scoring with 17 tallies. Most of these came in the Aggie surge three quarters of the way through the first period when the local quintet nudged ahead with the count at 19-18.

Fireball Wally Moon, the wild man from the Ozarks—and like DeWitt, a top performer in both basketball and baseball, was charging in hard towards the basket, but

instead of shooting he would fire the sphere across to Long John. With DeWitt's opposing guard apparently sliding over to help cover Wally, John was open for a one-hander and netted several.

Sparklin' Jewell McDowell seemed to have ended his basketless slump in the closing minutes of the tilt as he dropped three midline-to-long shots into the hoop. One of the shots didn't count because of a nullifying traveling call by an official, but with Little Mac hitting again, the Aggies still may surprise their critics by knocking off some of the more favored

'Woodhouse Wonder'



Raymond (Woody) Weller, 5' 7" sophomore cager from Woodhouse is pictured above about to put one of his famous long ones into the hoop. Walker, a 19-year-old cager, is the shortest man on the Aggie squad. He tallied 66 points last season with the Fish team to rank third among Fish leading scorers. After the picture was snapped "Woody" told the photographer that he only shoots one hander.

Tennis, Basketball, Football Near End

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

Intramural events continued to progress in spite of the wet and cold weather which moved in at the beginning of the playoffs of the flag football, tennis, and basketball championships.

Playing in the quarterfinals of the football race are A Infantry, E Infantry, Senior Company, A Quartermaster, B Engineers, and B Infantry. ASA and H Air Force tied in league H and will play off the tie with the winner meeting A Infantry.

A Coast Artillery and G Air Force will meet for the E league title and the winner will take on B Infantry in one of the quarterfinals to determine who is to play in the final match.

In the other quarterfinal events, E Infantry takes on the Senior Company, A QMC and B Engineers will tangle, with these winners meeting in the final match.

Having six straight tennis matches, Percy Bennett's C Infantry racquetballers scored wins over I Air Force and A Engineers to reach the finals of the playoffs. A Infantry is waiting in one of the

quarterfinal matches to play the winner of the league A playoff between A QMC and Senior Company. Running their win column up to six, A Chem Warfare defeated A Signal to reach the semi-finals.

McDowell in Handball Finals In the closing rounds of the open handball tourney held this year in which more than 100 students entered, Jewell McDowell meets Jack Balderas in one of the semi-final matches with Burr Layne and Fred Sommers tangling in the other semi-final match. Layne and McDowell have reached the finals of the open doubles division while Powell Scheumach and Balderas take on Wallace McGrew and Sommers in the final semi-final match.

McDowell, a starter on the varsity basketball team, won the singles championship last year, and teamed with Layne to cop the doubles title. They are expected to pull a repeat performance.

A Infantry, Flag Jinxers

It seems that A Infantry has put a jinx on the 'mural race. They have won the flag since the summer of '44 and have held it up to this time. Bill Beatty, athletic director of the paddlefoot, has led the team to win the football, tennis, and horseshoes championships of their league. The outfit already has a good leg on the trophy having won every game that they have entered this year except for the match that they lost to H Air Force in the quarterfinals of the basketball playoffs. A Infantry won the first championship of the year—the cross country run.

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Hogan's Return To Links Seen By AP Writer

By WILBUR MARTIN

Ben Hogan's coming back. He may never regain the form that made him the nation's top professional golfer, but Fort Worth's Bantam Ben is going to try.

"I don't know whether my legs will stand up for 18 holes a day for four days," Hogan said when he left for California recently and the beginning of his comeback.

He was critically injured in a bus-automobile wreck near Van Horn, Texas, Feb. 2, 1949.

To Try Comeback For almost ten months, Hogan stayed away from a golf course. Then, he started playing, taking it slow and easy. Lately, he's been going the full distance. And his scores were low enough to encourage him to try and get back on top where he left off, pro golf will be getting a break.

There are too few of the familiar "top" players making the circuit now.

Byron Nelson, another Texan, is in semi-retirement. Some of the other stars have quit the long grind and others are making only a few tournaments each year.

Tournament sponsors like to see young golfers develop, but they like to have the old established stars on hand. It is these men that fans pay to see.

To Make Cowtown Tourney Hogan probably won't enter too many tournaments this year. But he'll make the Colonial Invitation in Fort Worth. He may decide to try the Texas Open, granddaddy of the big cash tournaments.

Wherever he goes, Hogan is sure to draw the biggest gallery. People naturally like to watch him play, particularly when he's got a tough shot to make. He seems to have ice water in his veins at times like these.

But it'll be for an added reason now. It will be because Hogan came back.

Think It's Cold

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 6 (AP)—The temperature skidded to 80 degrees below zero yesterday in the village of Alvros.

Fish Basketeers Grab 44-41 Win Over Allen

By FRANK MANITZAS

Beating the Allen Academy Ramblers 44-41, the Texas Aggie Fish basketball team racked up its second win in three starts

last night on the DeWare hardwoods. Scoring early in the first half after 52 seconds of play, the Fish gained a lead which they held throughout the entire game.

Don Garret sank the first basket, with Cole of the Ramblers coming back with two points from the center of the floor. Max Montegut pushed the Fish ahead 4-2 and for a while it looked like a runaway.

Don Heft added another point with a free shot, Montegut sank a pusher, and Jimmy Velvin sank another charity bucket to give the freshmen a five point lead. Barton of Allen sank a bucket which was countered by Velvin who scored a few seconds later. Cole added another basket for the blue and gold which closed the gap to two points.

Then Leroy Miksch, high scorer of the evening with 11 points, caught fire under both baskets capturing the rebounds and together with Velvin and Wally Eley, a hustling forward from Houston, surged the Fish score to 15 points while Ficky Dezaralla, the Ramblers' big threat, and Crosswell jumped the Ramblers score to 14 points in the next three minutes.

With only 16 minutes of the first half gone, Dezaralla fouled out and the Fish seemed to have it easy after that. Allen Academy's height was gone but with Ficky and Villalovas' fast passing and shooting the blue and gold were never a push over.

In the latter part of the first half, Jim Branam entered the game and in quick succession added four points to the Cadet's score. A few

minutes later Miksch pulled his one and only hook shot of the game and connected with the hoop. Branam scored again with only 46 seconds remaining in the first half, but Barton of Allen connected quickly and the half ended with the Fish leading the Ramblers 23-17.

The second half was a repeat of the first half with first Miksch, then Gulledege scoring, and just about everybody scored but the Fish kept their lead and finished the game three points ahead of Allen Academy.

The Fish's next opponent will be the Texas Sharpshooters in Austin on January 14. The game will be a curtain raiser for the varsity tilt between the two schools.

Aggie Fish (44)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Don Heft	0	2	2	2
Max Montegut	2	1	4	5
Jimmy Velvin	1	3	5	5
Leroy Miksch	4	3	3	11
Wally Eley	0	2	2	2
Jim Branam	4	0	1	8
Joe Gulledege	0z	2z	3z	2
Don Garret	4	1	1	9
Totals	15	15	21	44

Allen Academy (41)

	FG	FT	PF	TP
Dezaralla	0	1	5	1
Corswell	1	1	1	3
Bruch	2	1	0	5
Ficky	4	2	4	10
Villalovas	1	2	4	4
Barton	2	1	5	5
Endler	1	1	1	3
Cole	3	0	2	6
Bramlett	2	0	3	4
Totals	16	9	25	41



Bill Turnbow

Former all-stater continues to display his prowess as Cadets regain their winning form by dropping TCU.

AP Carries On . . .

One begins to wonder just how far the Dallas Bureau of the Associated Press will go to give Doak Walker publicity when that august organization sends out the following information:

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 6 (AP)—Doak Walker, Southern Methodist's All-American backfield star, is sad today.

His pet cat, Butch, is dead of old age.

"Butch was ill when he left Monday for the Cotton Bowl Game," Doak's mother said. "He died a little after we returned from the game, around 8 o'clock."

A few weeks ago Butch became ill about the same time that his master had to go to bed with the flu. Doak received gifts of food, medicine and some free medical advice for his pet.

But then we shouldn't forget that the AP has to do all of the Doaker's publicity now—The Dallas Morning News is too busy gloom-greeting Killer Kyle Rote for 1950 All-America honors to devote much space to a "has been" like Walker.



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