

Playoffs Reached in Winter Sports as Semester Closes

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

A Infantry defeated A Chem Warfare, 2-0, to gain the finals of the intramural tennis championship playoffs against C Infantry. Art Gorman, Jack Prince, Ed Moses, and Bob Selleck formed the winning Infantry tennis team.

Semi-final brackets in the intramural horseshoe playoffs became complete, when E Field Artillery defeated F Air Force, 2-1. W. B. Godwin, Willie Scripp, Tiger Matush, Bill Dickena, and Fish Hoover formed the winning E Field horseshoe team.

Playoffs Reach Final Week
In the upper bracket of the horseshoe playoffs are B Engineers and E Field Artillery, while in the lower bracket A Infantry meets B Veterans. Thursday afternoon the Waco-McLennan Club meets the Business and Finance Club for the Club football championship. All of the intramural events including the football championship playoff between A Infantry and A Quartermaster will be completed this week.

Last week, Mitchell Hall won the non-military flag football championship when they slaughtered the college view team, 16-0. Sammy Boswell, Dick Procter, and Deke Patterson scored the touchdowns for the Mitchell team. One thing could be said for the College View team, they were the first football team to bring along a feminine pro squad, cute, too.

Handball Team to Houston
The A&M handball team made a trip to Houston last weekend and split the ten matches played. Composing the Aggie handball team were Burr Layne, Don Grant, Powell Scheumack, Jack Wood, and Barney Welch. In the matches won Layne and Grant dropped Fraser and Coale of the Houston YMCA, 15-21, 21-19, and 21-9; Welch and Scheumack routed Petrite and Bostick, 21-17 and 21-19; and in the singles matches, Welch dropped Bostick, 21-4; Grant bested Coale, 14-21, 21-17, and 21-19; and Layne sneaked past Bostick, 21-20.

The matches won by the Houston YMCA were John Lomax's victory over Wood, 21-16 and 21-2; Fraser erased Layne, 21-3; Lomax ran over Scheumack 21-5 and 21-8; Mike Gomez bopped Welch, 21-19; and in the final match Bostick thumped Wood 21-13 and 21-4. Lomax is the best handball player in Houston having won the open title at the YMCA for the last two years. The rest of the Houston team were good, but they were not the best players in the club.

The Aggies won all of the doubles matches, but they could not play singles as well in the large courts of the YMCA. Compared to

the courts in the little gym, the Houston courts are 40 x 20 x 20 feet while the Little gym's courts are approximately only 30 x 18 x 18 feet.

Quoting one of the best handball

NCAA Planning Tough Methods

New York, Jan. 16 (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association, rebuffed in its first efforts to get tough, sought new methods today for cracking down on recalcitrants.

Prof. Hugh C. Willett of Southern California, the NCAA's incoming president, announced violators of the sanity code still be sought out and punished. He didn't say how.

"It is evident expulsion is felt to be too severe a penalty for such infractions," he said.

"However, we have a peculiar problem. We have these members who admit they are breaking the rules, who have been found guilty by the compliance committee and who have been convicted by a majority vote of the convention."

He said it's possible other NCAA members would choose to boycott them.

The NCAA executive referred to seven institutions who won a battle against expulsion Saturday. Virginia, Virginia Tech, VMI, The Citadel and Maryland stood up and said out loud they were not complying with the code and didn't intend to. It is "unworkable and impractical," they argued.

Boston College and Villanova, also charged with violations, said they were singled out through misunderstanding and are now complying.

The Citadel quit the NCAA in a huff and Col. D. S. McAlister, director of student activities, declared, "I doubt if we'll ever come back."

The convention, using a single ballot, voted 111 to 93 to expel the seven schools. This was 25 short of the two-thirds majority necessary.

Crusaders Top Unbeaten Fives

New York, Jan. 17 (AP)—Powerful Holy Cross has just Duquesne left for company today in the undefeated class among the country's top basketball teams.

The Crusaders, fifth last week's Associated Press poll, kept knocking off the strong ones at home and on the road. Their latest and 13th victim is Georgetown which fell, 77-51, Saturday night.

Only the night before, the D. C. five lost by just one point, 67-66, to St. John's, rated first in the poll. This shot Holy Cross atop up.

Duquesne defeated Loyola of Chicago for its 12th victory Saturday, 62-54. The Dukies are eighth in the poll.

Last week's most startling upset was Tennessee's Saturday trouncing of Kentucky, 66-53. The Wildcats rank second in the poll.

It's the first time since 1945 that a Southeastern Conference five has whipped Kentucky. Sectional leaders as of today are Holy Cross, Kentucky, Bradley, Colorado, Arizona and UCLA, with a number of fives in each area right on their heels.

players at AggieLand, Barney Welch, who said: "It's a shame that a school like A&M doesn't have the facilities to sponsor such a popular sport (handball) at A&M, when there is so much demand for it. With all the interest in this game, and if the facilities could be obtained, the best handball players in the state could be produced from here."

"Although we do have some handball courts, they are not enough. The interest in the game can be shown by the number of participants (238) in the last open tourney. Anyone interested in playing on the Aggie Handball Club, and Team is open to all who want to play. Other matches to be played this year will be against the University of Texas, Houston YMCA, and others," Welch concluded.

Nelson Trophy To Walker For Sportsmanship

Boston, Jan. 17 (AP)—Doak Walker, Southern Methodist's three-time All-America football star, was awarded the Swede Nelson trophy for outstanding sportsmanship during the 1948 season at the Gridiron Club's annual dinner Saturday.

Two years ago Walker was voted the Maxwell trophy and last year he was the recipient of the Heisman Award for outstanding gridiron performances.

The winner of the Nelson trophy, dedicated to the former Harvard star player and coach, was decided by a nation-wide vote in which 95 coaches, sports writers and sportscasters participated.

Walker was named by 49 of the selections committee and his closest rival was Kyle Rote, his teammate, who scored 20 points against Notre Dame.

Walker shared the limelight with Matty Bell, the SMU coach, and Bud Wilkinson of undefeated Oklahoma, who was named "Coach of the Year" by his colleagues.

After naming his choice for the Nelson Award, each committeeman cited an outstanding act of sportsmanship. Bell's tribute to Walker was:

"After being knocked out by the Rice team, Walker visited the Rice dressing room and congratulated their team on winning the game. In four years of college football I believe this boy has been the greatest sportsman I have ever known. This was the first conference game SMU had lost since November 1946. Along with the Heisman Award and the Maxwell Award and All-American for three years, he remained the same modest, sportsmanlike boy."

Award to Hart As Male Athlete

New York, Jan. 17 (AP)—Leon Hart, Notre Dame's huge and brilliant All-America end, Saturday was named male athlete-of-the-year for 1949 by an overwhelming margin in the Associated Press year-end poll.

Of 98 sportswriters and sportscasters who cast ballots in the 19th annual competition, 37 chose the great co-captain of the undefeated Irish in the entire field of sports, amateur or professional.

Far behind Hart, Jackie Robinson, famed Negro second-baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, placed second by a narrow margin over Sammy Sneed, the year's outstanding golfer, with Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox fourth and Joe Page, star relief pitcher of the New York Yankees, fifth.

Then came George Mikan, towering star of the Minneapolis Lakers of the National Basketball Association, sixth with 24 points, and Jack Kramer, giant of the professional tennis game, seventh with 16. Mathias, who gave Lou Boudreau a grapple for the '48 crown, was next with 13 points.



Jackie Miller, diminutive Cadet guard from Houston, is one of six letter winners who have returned for the 1950 Southwest Conference campaign. Although only a spot player, Jackie possesses a nifty one-hand push shot that is usually good for some points when he is in a contest. Miller is completing his final year of play for the Aggies.

Southern Methodist Takes League Lead

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It's Southern Methodist in the lead in the Southwest Conference basketball race.

The Mustangs came out on top in a standings shuffle last week, but their first foe this week is potent, Arkansas, currently in second place.

Baylor, which fell from the lead Saturday night by bowing to Southern Methodist, 50-47, meets Texas Christian Wednesday and Texas A&M takes on Rice.

The only other game this week matches Rice and Baylor at Waco Saturday. Texas beat Texas A&M out of a share of the lead when Joe Ed Falk dumped in a field goal at the game's end Saturday night to give the Longhorns a 48-46 victory.

Everyone Has A Chance

Last week's results show just how wacky the conference race is this year—and why everybody still has a chance at the championship.

Texas Christian beat Southern Methodist, 62-50; Texas beat Rice, 55-52; A&M thumped Arkansas, 43-35, and Arkansas beat Rice, 60-56.

That left Texas A&M tied for third, with Baylor fifth, Texas Christian sixth and Rice in the cellar.

Joe McDermott of Rice held his scoring leadership for season play and went into the lead in conference competition. He has 244 points for the season and 66 in

J. B. Steen Named President 4-H Club

Jim Bob Steen, junior AH major from Goldthwaite, was elected president of the newly formed Collegiate 4-H Club at a meeting last week.

Earl Edwards and Joe Bennet, both seniors, were elected vice-president and treasurer. H. E. Reyes was elected treasurer at a previous meeting. The club is made up of former 4-H club members who are still interested in 4-H work and would like to see it furthered throughout the state, Steen said. Plans are being made to broadcast news sent in by 4-H club president throughout the state over the local station. The first program in this series will be given Friday morning.

Six Cross-Countrymen Win Letters After Top Season

By DEAN REED

Last week's announcement of varsity letter awards to six members of the 1949 A&M cross-country team brings to mind the fine record of the conference champs.

The letters were won by Jerry Bonnen, College Station; John Garmann, Richmond; Julian Herring, Abilene; Howard Jones, Robstown; James McMahon, Kenedy; and Alexander Ortiz, Brady.

Starting the season with a loss to Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, the local harrers finished the remainder of the season with a clean slate in the loss column. High altitude of "them Oklahoma hills" probably got the boys.

The Okie Aggies, after defeating the Cadets 17-30, went on to prove the truth of the pre-season prognosticators by becoming one of the strongest teams in the South. Julian Herring, who was later to become the outstanding individual star of the conference, finished fourth, the first Texan to cross the line.

Another Oklahoma team came to College Station to face the Aggies, on October 22. The Oklahoma University Sooners returned to their native state with a one-point loss to show for their efforts. In defeating the Sooners, 27-28, the Cadets were again paced by Herring, who finished second with 9.92.

The North Texas Eagles were the next victims of the winning Aggie harrers, 15-44, on November 3. McMahon and Herring finished in a dead-heat tie for first spot, followed by Jones, Alexander, and Ortiz, respectively.

With two successive victories tucked securely away, the Cadets prepared to meet the arch-rivals Longhorns of Texas University here November 11. Herring came even closer to nabbing an undputed first place, but was edged out, though the Farmers won, 2.6 mile course was 13:05, one second behind the Steers' Tom Rodgers. McMahon, Garmann, Jones, Ortiz, and Bonnen finished fourth through eighth in that order.

Hogan's dramatic comeback in the Los Angeles open last week, when he tied for first place with Sam Sneed, was still fresh in the minds of the onlookers who saw him trudging soggy fairways here. Hogan will meet Sneed in the play-off Wednesday in Los Angeles. But he was only an also ran in the classic Bing Crosby scramble.

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cross-countrymen returned from Austin with their third consecutive conference title on November 22. Again it was Herring who paced the victors, but this time the man paced the entire conference, winning first spot with a sizzling 11:53.1 over the 2.6 mile terrain.

Five other Aggies finished the Austin meet within the first ten. The Cadets tallied only 30 points, the runner-up Arkansas Razorbacks 46, and the Teasaps 53. Fourth was SMU, with 110.

Longhorn Tom Rodgers was on the short end of the one-second margin this time, finishing just behind Herring.

Herring again hit top form a few weeks later in the Gulf Coast AAU meet in Houston, establishing a Gulf Coast record of 12:16. A young high school lad, Eddie Davis of John Reagan, Houston, pressed Herring and turned in the second-place performance. Davis was running in the junior division.

Now that the season is over, most of the top cross-country runners will be in uniform again for the coming track seasons. These men will probably be the nucleus of the long-distance relay teams, according to reports from track observers.

New Rice Stadium Not Open to Pros

Houston, Tex., Jan. 17 (AP)—Oilman Glenn McCarthy says he can't obtain Rice Institute's new stadium for use if he lands a National-American League pro football franchise for Houston.

"I believe we would be a cinch to land a franchise if we had the stadium," he said Friday. "All this leaves us now to offer is the public school stadium or the possibility of our building our own stadium."

The public school stadium seats less than 25,000. The new Rice stadium will seat 70,000.

McCarthy's application for a franchise is to be considered by the league at a meeting Jan. 19 in Philadelphia.

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