

Plaudits Extended Ag Guard Molberg

By **CHUCK CABANISS**
Sports Editor

Our congratulations are rather belated, but nonetheless well meant, to Carl Molberg, winner of the 1949 Most Valuable Player Award. A matter of having too little space since the spring semester papers have begun to hit the presses has been delaying our plaudits to the Fredericksburg athlete.

Max Greiner, who teams with Molberg at the guard posts, is to be congratulated, too. Max won the Best Blocker Award for the second straight year. The Beaumont high school product will be going after his fourth varsity letter next fall—probably the last such multi-monogram winner at A&M. Molberg received the top award available to a member of the grid team on the basis of his all-around play—offensive and defensive. It is an interesting fact that the three lightest players on last fall's team—guards Molberg and Greiner and end Cedric Copeland—were the only men to stay in the late season games both on the defense and the attack.

Co-captains Bobby Goff and Wray Whittaker, who were presented the pen and pencil sets which go to Cadet team leaders, completed their grid careers the past season, and both maintained their stature as first class performers despite having to make comebacks after '48 injuries.

Smith Rated High
Under a new selection method initiated this year, Molberg gained 45 of a possible 100 points in the balloting for the Most Valuable Player Award. Close behind the sturdy guard was Bruisin' Bob Smith with 36 points. Smith, who was made two of the '49 All-Conference teams, paced the Maroon attack all year.

Support was also given Greiner, Whittaker, and Copeland in the voting for the award. This year all restrictions on the honor were removed—any man, regardless of previous awards, was eligible for it.

For the first time both the coaches and the players themselves participated in the selection; previously only the coaches had voted. The coaching staff had 50 points at its disposal, thus each of the six coaches' vote was worth 8.33 points.

The 49 lettermen had 50 points at their disposal; since only 31 lettermen voted, each man's vote was worth 1.61 points. The total

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Karow Pessimistic Although Ags Lead

By **CHARLES BURTON**
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There they are, the Texas Aggies, right on top of the Southwest Conference basketball standings and Mister Marty Karow hasn't received such acclaim since he made the All-America as fullback for Ohio State's gridgers in 1926.

The Texas Aggie mentor, however, was speaking Monday with a fine mixture of cautiousness and modesty.

"They're just cheering so hard because it's been so long since I was up there," said Karow. "A blind hog will root up an acorn now and then."

Mister Karow has great respect for every team in the league, but at the moment he has more respect for Southern Methodists' Mustangs than anybody he can think of off hand. His Cadets play the Methodists at Joe Perkins Gym Tuesday night, you know.

"They beat us here on our own floor," Mr. Karow reminds you. "Yea, but that was a month ago," counters Mr. Doc Hayes of the Methodists. "And I told my boys after that game that I thought they had beaten a fine ball club."

Mr. Hayes, who is having as hard a time guessing at the eventual winner of the championship as anybody, now warns, "I believe those Aggies are the team to beat. They've improved right along."

The Southern Methodist mentor would like to put his team on stilts for the encounter with the Cadets. However, this procedure is unwise and also probably would bring forth stern frowns from the National Collegiate Association, an organization that frowns very easily.

"That's our problem," states Mr. Hayes. "Their height." And then he goes into statistics: Walter Davis, the center is 6-feet-8; John DeWitt is 6-feet-5, etc.

These skyscrapers make it tough around the backboard.

McDowell Wrecked Bruins
However, you shouldn't be surprised if a 5-foot-9½-inch whirlwind from Amarillo, namely Jewell McDowell, does more damage to the Methodists than the gents with the built-in stepladders.

Mr. Bill Henderson, the Baylor mentor, whose bristling Baylor Bears were rudely brushed aside by the Cadets the other evening, credits McDowell with breaking up the party.

"Bill DeWitt did a good job of guarding him," Mr. Henderson relates, "but he got three field goals in a row there in the second half (See KAROW, Page 4)

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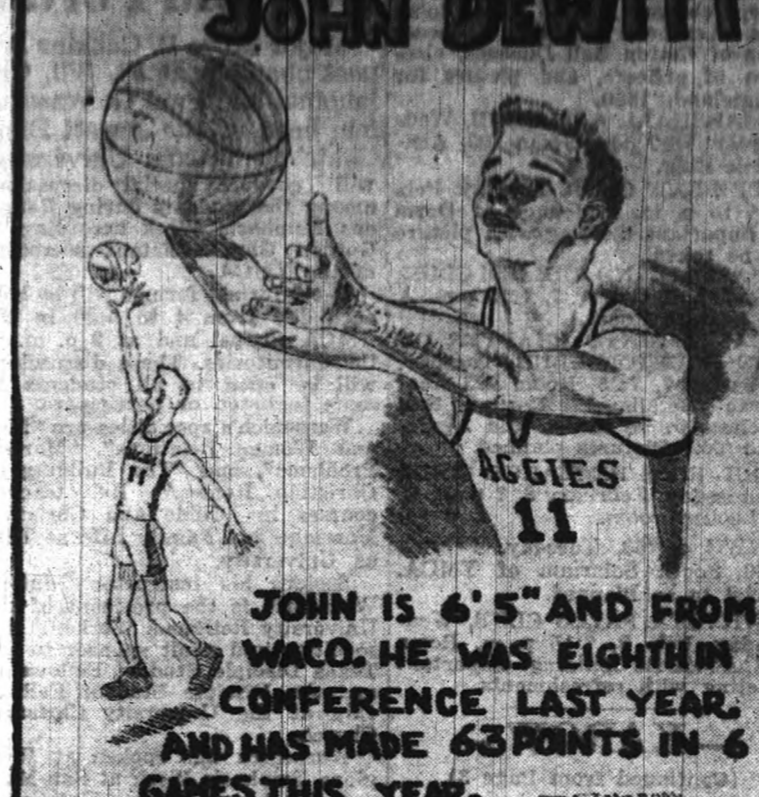
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Star Of The Week JOHN DEWITT



DeWitt Plays Role of Thief In Ags Victory Over Bears

Big John DeWitt of Waco was chosen by the Battalion Sports Staff as the Star of the Week for his brilliant all-around performance in the Baylor-A&M basketball game last Friday night. Although Big John wasn't the high scorer for the Cadets, he contributed 12 points and forty minutes of outstanding play that engineered the Aggies to their first win over the Baylor Bruins in four seasons.

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Darby Tops Aggie Golfers in Playoff

By **NICK MANITZAS**

Eugene Darby, Tom Aitken, Victor Currie, and Robert Dohoney finished with the lowest scores of the medal playoffs for top berths on the 1950 Aggie golf team. These four golfers will represent A&M in the coming tournaments unless they are defeated by fellow members in a series of matches.

Thirteen Aggies turned out to compete in the playoffs for the links team. Gayther Nowell, Bryson Country Club professional golfer and coach of the Aggie golf team, stated that any of the thirteen players could challenge anyone ranked above him and the winner of the best two out of three matches would advance up the list.

This year's Aggie team will be a fresh one, but it will have the same favorable schedule that it had in 1948 when the Aggies won the Southwest Conference golf title. Two of the Cadets hardest matches—Baylor and Texas—will be played here.

Runner-up Last Year
Last year saw the defending champs beaten by Texas, TCU, and tied by the Baylor Bruins, but the Cadets still managed to come in second. The Big four of the Aggie golf team are gone. Bart Halton, Travis Bryan, Jr., John Henry, and Jack Barnett, all of whom were on the '48 championship team, graduated last year.

Eugene Darby shot the lowest score of the present Aggie foursome which was a 139. Aitken and Currie were tied for second with 149 and Dohoney trailed with 150.

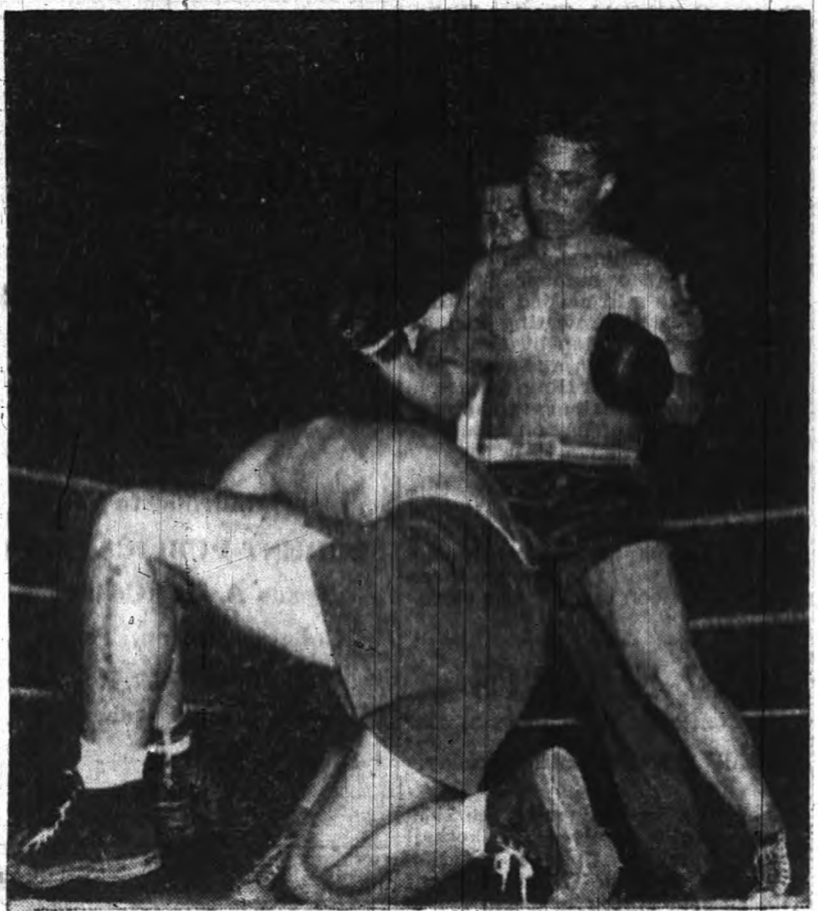
The other nine Aggies competed for the golf team included Glenn Querrera (141), Bobby Beal (153), J. C. Fletcher (155), James Carlton (159), Cecil Huey (159), Richard Dillingham (160), Billy Schauer (167), Sam Hendler (167), and Don Joseph (179).

Matches Scheduled
March 8—San Marcos State, here.
March 28—San Marcos State, there.
March 31—Baylor, here.
April 5—Texas, here.
April 14—Arkansas in Fayetteville.
April 21—SMU in Dallas.
April 27—SMU in Dallas.
May 2—Rice in Houston.

Weather permitting Coach Harry Stiteler will field a squad of about 75 aspiring footballers this Friday afternoon. If the weather is not favorable this week, the beginning of spring practice will be postponed until a Friday that is to the coach's liking.

Work on fundamentals will be stressed by a coaching staff of five coaches and four assistants. Stiteler and "Dog" Dawson will handle the end coaching chores, while Dick Todd and Gilbert Steinko will do the backfield coaching. Bill DuBose will supervise the line coaching.

Bobby Goff and "Hub" Ellis along with Marion Flanagan and Milton Rott will provide able assistance to the senior coaches. A returning fullback from Tyler Junior College, Bernard Lemmons, will help strengthen the backfield. Lemmons will finish up work toward graduation from Tyler this summer.



Sam Moses is down, but not for long. Allen Academy boxer J. Lewis landed a hard right to the jaw of "Big Sam" in the second round of their scheduled bout in last Saturday's Golden Glove competition. Moses recovered from the slight shock though and proceeded to eck out a decision over the 218-pounder.

Aggie Great Hunt Scouring Southwest for Pro Players

By **ROGER COSLETT**

"Pro footballers are faster and have more ability than college players. That is why professional football is a faster and smoother running game. And that is why Texas and Oklahoma, where boys grow big and fast, are the happy hunting grounds of pro grid scouts."

A former Aggie triple threat man, probably the best all-around back to attend this institution—Joel Hunt—made this statement Monday afternoon. And he is a man who knows both Texans and the pro brand of football.

Hunt, who is backfield coach for the Baltimore Colts of the National-American League, was here at A&M checking on senior grid graduates. He serves as a contact man for pro football draft prospects here in the Southwest when not occupied with his coaching duties.

Although Hunt has been in the coaching game since his graduation from A&M in 1928, he would easily pass for a man of 35. At one time during his career he was backfield coach under Matty Bell here at A&M—and coached the little white haired gentleman himself, Harry Stiteler. When these two men stand beside each other today it looks like Stiteler could have coached Hunt instead of Hunt coaching Stiteler.

Hunt was head coach at Georgia in '38 and head coach at Wyoming in '39. LSU played in four bowl games, in '49 '41 '45 and '46, during his tour as backfield coach at Baton Rouge. The intervening year's he spent as a captain in the Air Force.

Otell Stautzenberger, Aggie All-Conference choice in '48, played guard for the team that Hunt helped guide last year. His '49 position as backfield coach with the Buffalo Bills marked Hunt's first season as a pro-mentor.

Football hasn't been the only major sport in Hunt's career. He

played five years of pro baseball under contract to St. Louis Cardinals immediately following his graduation. He spent the between- (See HUNT, Page 4)

Seven sophomore athletes have withdrawn from the school. Among them were two sophomore ends who had been looked to to help plug holes left in the 1949 Southwest Conference championship football team. They are Bill Howton of Plainview and Sonny McCurry of Wharton. Mike Michon, a hard driving back from Kerrville who was ineligible last season, but starred in scrimmage sessions, also has left.

Spring football practice at Texas Christian University will start Friday, a week later than originally scheduled. Coach L. R. (Dutch) Meyer said Monday. Rain and cold weather caused the delay.

Continued bad weather in Austin Monday caused University of Texas football coach Blair Cherry to postpone the opening spring (See AP SHORTS, Page 4)

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