

Winner Uncertain; Ags Have Chance

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A glance at the Southwest Conference cage race still fails to show anything resembling a "sure thing." Only one game this week is between top contenders for the title—the Arkansas-TCU clash at Fayetteville, Friday night—with the others important only if upsets are registered.

From this corner it appears that only SMU is in a position to take an undisputed crown. If the Ponies fail to win the remainder of their tilts, from two to five teams could deadlock for the top. Only Rice and Texas appear to be out of the running already.

A&M could undoubtedly grab a portion of the championship by taking its remaining three games—a difficult assignment in itself. Probably the toughest of the trio will be next Tuesday's Cowtown fracas with TCU, but an upset-minded Rice five could completely up-end the Cadet apple cart if the locals aren't ready Saturday night in Houston.

The Baylor veterans seem to be the best bet to hand the Mustangs their fourth loss when the two aggregations meet in Waco in the final game of the season on Feb. 28. However, the Methodists must also hurdle Texas at Austin and Arkansas at Dallas.

Either Arkansas or TCU must drop from among the teams that have lost only three contests. They have two games remaining with each other. If they split the series—which is probable—both will drop from their presently held rung near the top of the loop.

Loss of DeWitt, Davis Hurts Chance

If the Arkansas tussle Monday night can be used as evidence, the loss of both Long John DeWitt and Walt Davis via the personal foul route means the Aggies are going to lose that night's game.

Repeatedly after the two had been thumbed to that bench, the announcer would say "and Cahcart takes the rebound and moves up court" or "Ambler bats the ball upward for a second attempt at the goal."

During the first minutes of the second half the Cadets had seemed to be completely outplaying the Porkers, but after the big boys were out the Ag point margin became a deficit rapidly. Ken Sutton, 6' 7", and Marvin Martin, 6'

3", were in the contest, but once Davis and DeWitt pick up an overtime when they were shooting at the west end of the court. It would have been quite possible for them to have failed to get the wincingly goal lofted in the instant it took Jewell McDowell to check the distant clock.

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Cadet Free Throw Average Dropped

During the first half and up to the middle of the second stanza, the Fayetteville announcer was amazed at the free throw accuracy of the visiting Texans. I believe the Cadets once have made 11 or 12 and later 14 of 20 but before the final buzzer the Ags had missed 10 of 28 charity tosses.

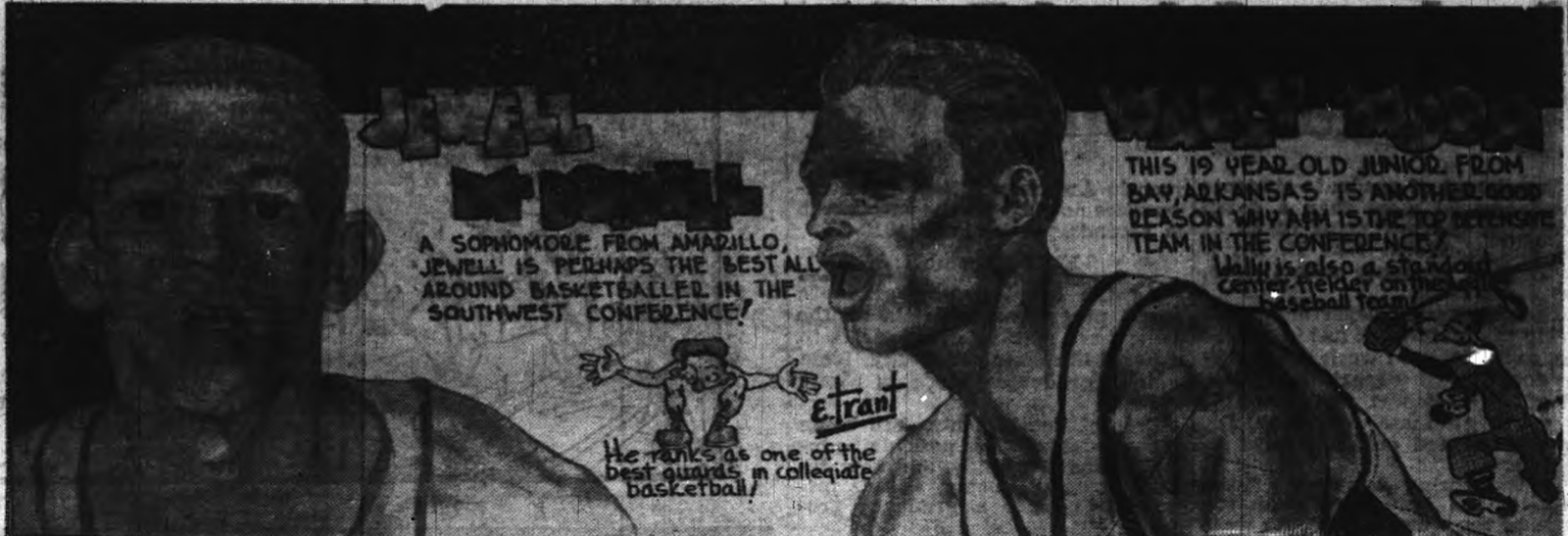
The average of .642 for the whole night wasn't bad, but with three of the 10 failures coming in the final two minutes with the Farmers straining to catch up, that 10 looks mighty big.

Tom Hamilton and his mates set the locals a goal which—if and when they achieve it—would practically assure the Cadets' winning most of their games. Against A&M the leading whoohoo of the Steer five dropped in nine of 10 chances and his teammates tallied on all seven of their opportunities at the free throw line.

The night's percentage for the Steers, 94% on 16 out of 17, was the deciding factor in the score that night and the same would be true almost any other time.

The Maroons, on the other hand, had no clock facing them in the overtime when they were shooting at the west end of the court. It would have been quite possible for them to have failed to get the wincingly goal lofted in the instant it took Jewell McDowell to check the distant clock.

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He ranks as one of the best guards in college basketball.

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JC Tourney Rule Changes Probable

By HAROLD GANN

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Forfeits Hindering Spring Intramurals

By FRANK N. MANIZAS

Last year and years long ago, there was a box in the Battalion known as the Forfeit Doghouse. After only three days of activity in two intramural sports this semester, there have been nine forfeits, so for these missing athletes the Forfeit Doghouse will be started again.

Forfeits acquired this week from the wrestling included B Field Artillery, G Air Force, D Field, Infantry, B Athletics, and A CAC. Defaults in handball were handed out to B Engineers, C Flight, and E Veterans.

Seven 139-pound Flinders In the seven 139-pound division matches held yesterday, Harold Cottle of I Air Force dumped Roger Jensvold of C Field, Kenneth Lewis of W Band defeated R. G. Quist of A CAC, while Pat F. Ranney of A Transportation lost to D. W. Davis of B Air Force.

John Vittrup of W Band mated Bob Lincoln of A Cavalry, Gaylon Jones of A Transportation basted Woody Waldrip of A QMC, Dick Patterson of F Air Force tossed Richard Anderson of D Infantry for a loss, and R. Wescott of I Flight defeated Lewis Cordes of B QMC.

Carlson Wins Again Bobby Carlson of C Infantry, who has won titles in wrestling at A&M for the past three years, advanced a round when he pinned Herman Thompson of K Air Force after a well fought match in the 149-pound class.

In other 149-pound division matches Bill Holl-owell of B Engineers won out over Chester Donlin of the White Band, June Clark of A QMC pinned Bill Nickolson of F Air Force, Johnny Harrison of D Infantry dropped Jim Barry of A Transportation, while D. R. McCoy of D Field lost to Charley Wyatt of the Maroon Band, Herman Thompson of D Artillery battered Jack Morris of I Air Force to the mat, and G. Sears of A Field Artillery dropped H. G. Willford of ASA.

Five other winners of the 149-pound class included Bobby French of Field, who defeated John Caple of E Artillery, John Wallace's win over W. J. Spears of D Air Force for C Battery, F. D. Frasier of K Flight took a default decision over Rip Torn of C Cavalry, F. Thurmond of the A Airmen bounced Bob Chapman of A Signal out of the winners column, and Tommy Spatackone of G Flight defeated Lynn Pittard of B Field Artillery.

The heavier divisions composed of the 179-pound weight and the heavy weights claimed the final three matches. Joe Pate of F Air Force downed Jimmy Reed of B Engineers, and Fred Klatt of the W. Band drubbed Leroy Hoermann of B Transportation in the two 179-pound weight class. In the heavy-weight Charles Jackson of A CAC gained a win over Billy Ditto from A Transportation.

Picked to participate in the state All-Star game his senior year, Turnbow played on the same team as Mustang captain, Harold Salmond, and against Bill DeWitt of Baylor and Bill Huffman of Texas. "We lost that one by one point," said Turnbow.

The hefty West Texan tallied 208 points last season to rank second among leading Aggie scorers. Eighty-seven of those points were made in conference competition.

New Scoring Record Probably his most outstanding feat came on an Eastern tour when the Perrin lad was a soph. Turnbow must have worn his electrical heated jersey in the Baldwin-Wallace game for that night he meshed 27 points, enough to set a new Cleveland Coliseum scoring record.

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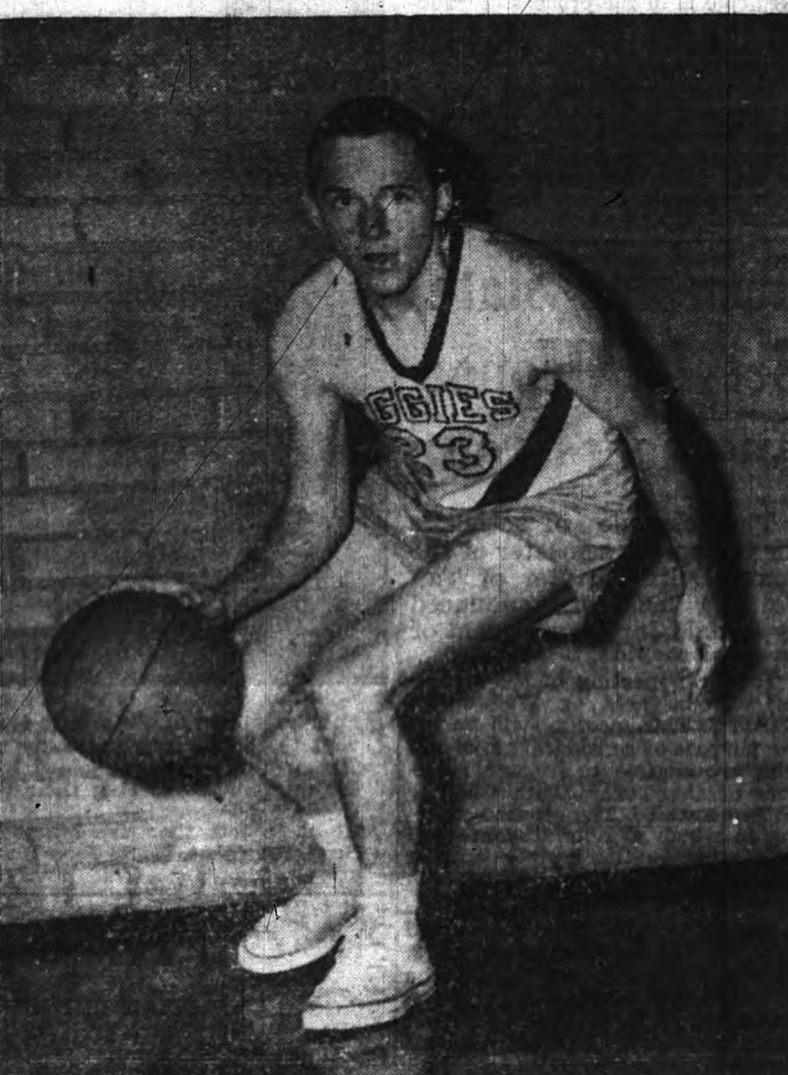
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Don Heft, alert Fish guard from Palacios, has been one of the most consistent performers for the first-year Aggies during the past campaign. The hall-hawking backcourt man can come through with needed tallies at crucial times, and he may be needed for such markers this very Saturday when the Fish face the Rice Slime in Houston.

Turnbow Nears End of Fine Basketball Career at A&M

By SKIP SIMMEN

When Texas University's cagers arrive in DeWane Field House Feb. 28 for their final seasonal session of maplewood maneuvering against the Aggies, they had best beware of A&M's most forward forward, Billy Turnbow. For Mr. Turnbow, one of two graduating senior regulars on Karow's quintet, has played through four years of competing against the Steers without once beating them, and trampling TU has become something of a Turnbow obsession.

The Perrin point-maker will finish his last and final season of SW conference basketball competition with that TU-Aggie game. "We haven't beaten them since I've been playing here," said Turnbow. "Kinda feel this is gonna be it."

Coach Marty Karow has had the 6' 1", three-year letterman in and out of the Farmer starting line up since he entered Aggieland in the fall of '46.

Not only has he played every position on the team, but he has participated in more games than any of the present Ag cagers.

Turnbow lettered his first year as a freshman in the '46-'47 campaign when the war-time rules enabling freshmen to compete on the varsity team were still in effect.

Hails from "Out West" A West Texan from birth, Turnbow plans to leave some where "out west" upon graduation. Although born in Throckmorton in '29, Bill soon moved over to a small town outside of Perrin.

"I've been playing basketball for a long time," said Turnbow. A long time can be more specifically explained to mean as long as he knew what a basketball was.

When asked who he considered the best players, both defensively and offensively, he ever played against, Bill quickly answered, "Alex Groza and Ralph Beard, Kentucky beat us something like 82-18 when I was a Fish. I'll never forget that one."

Entering high school in the fall of '43, Turnbow quickly proceeded creating a name for himself.

All-State Twice He was chosen on the Class-B All State team in '44 and also '46. He and his Perrin teammates were never able to win a state title, although they grabbed the runner-up spot in '46 and slipped into fourth place in the '44 state race.

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'Down, Not Out' Depicts Cadets

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"Down but not out" aptly describes the condition of the 1949-50 Aggie basketball team after plummeting from a lofty first place to an unaccustomed fourth place berth in the unpredictable SWC campaign.

During different stages of this season, the Cadets have maintained possession of first place alone twice, have shared the lead three times and have been lower than their present position only once at the outset while displaying a 1-1 record.

SMU's well-coached Mustangs, the dark horses of the race, are currently hanging on to first position by a scant half game, having won six and dropped three.

Freshly Askew's Arkansas quintet, which nipped A&M Monday after trailing for the first 30 minutes, is resting in second place with TCU. The Frogs slipped Texas in Fort Worth Monday after losing to the Longhorns in Austin the preceding Saturday.

Next come A&M and Baylor with 5-4 records. Texas and Rice also then only teams considered out of the race. Suffering one of its more humiliating seasons, Texas has won three while dropping five.

The Owls, who shared the conference crown last year with Baylor and Arkansas, are providing a dormat for other units this campaign with a 1-8 mark.

All But Rice Have Chance The race is so close that Texas, now next to the bottom, has a good mathematical chance of copying the crown, and A&M and Baylor, in fourth position, are literally breathing down SMU's neck, only one game out of first.

Coach Marty Karow's crew is one full game off the pace, and TCU and Arkansas are only trailing by a half game.

The home-stretch grind definitely favors the Mustangs since they have only three remaining games that shouldn't be too difficult to master, according to the record. SMU invades Austin Monday night to play Texas, a team that they swamped in Dallas last Saturday.

But on the Texas-SMU tilt Coach Marty Karow is basing one of his strongest hopes of winning the crown. Karow said in an interview last week that he couldn't visualize SMU, a team rated sixth before the race started, beating Texas on their own hardwoods.

Home Stretch Rugged The present league-leaders will be hosts to Arkansas, pre-conference favorite, in Joe Perkins Gymnasium February 25. This game could well decide the outcome of the struggle. And the Aggies know how tough the Ponies are on home grounds.

The Cadets have gotten by the "big boys", and if they can brush off fast-improving TCU, they should be sure-shots for first or second, should they win the Rice game in Houston Friday and their finale against Texas here on February 28.

Other games that will play important roles in the outcome of the race are: Baylor at Texas February 21; TCU at Baylor February 25, and Arkansas at TCU February 27.

Bears Nip Rice, 60-59, Ags In Third Place Tie

Houston, Feb. 15 —Baylor blew a 12 point second half lead tonight and then stalled to swing onto a 60 to 59 victory over the Rice Owls in a Southwest Conference basketball game that saw 46 fouls called.

The victory sent Baylor into a tie with Texas A&M for third place in conference standings. It was Rice's eighth defeat in nine league starts.

Baylor had held a 52-40 lead with 12 minutes to play and still was ahead 58-48 seven minutes later. Three quick goals by Rice pulled the advantage down to 58-55.

By that time four players—Don Heathington and Bill DeWitt for Baylor and Warren Switzer and Jim Gerhardt for Rice—had fouled out.

A free throw exchange made it 59-56 before Baylor pulled a two minute stall that left 55 seconds to play.

Howard Hovde added another Baylor point before Charlie Tighe and Joe McDermott scored three points in the final 15 seconds.

It was Center Odell Preston who sparked Baylor spurts in each period. Four straight points broke a 17-17 tie and put Baylor ahead to stay. Prior to that time the score had been tied seven times and changed hands eight.

In the second half seven quick points by Preston were primarily responsible for the 52-40 advantage.

J. D. White led Rice scoring with 18. Preston was one point behind.

Parker Pencil Found

During the recent registration, a Parker 51 pencil was left at the desk of the Dean of Engineering. Any person to whom this pencil may belong is requested to contact Dean Barlow's office in order to properly identify and claim it.

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