

# Cadet Cagers Left Monday for Clash

By HAROLD GANN  
A group of 10 Cadet cagers left yesterday afternoon for Fort Worth where they will tangle with TCU's sophomore-studded Horned Frogs in Will Rogers Coliseum tonight at 8 p. m.

The Aggies went through a light workout yesterday in an effort to whip back into top form. The talent still was in the boys, but that "burning yearning" for a conference crown was lacking.

The cellar-dwelling Rice unit played an important role in defeating the Ag's hopes with a 62-52 victory in Houston Saturday. Besides handing A&M its worse conference defeat, Rice also ruined the Cadets' chances of a first place berth, forcing them into fifth position.

A&M 1, TCU 0

Texas University joined Rice in upsetting the dope bucket by edging SMU, 47-46, in an overtime tilt in Austin. Other games last week which shaped this week's standing were: Arkansas 52, Texas A&M 46; SMU 55, Rice 48; TCU 51, Texas 38; Baylor 60, Rice 59; and Arkansas 52, TCU 43.

A&M downed the Frogs, 49-45, in DeWare Field House January 6 in both teams' second game of the season. TCU was very stubborn in this contest, and the Farmers didn't have the game on ice till the last three minutes. The lead exchanged hands 11 times.

By downing the Frogs, A&M picked up its fifth victory of the entire campaign; this total equaled the number the Ags won throughout the entire '48-'49 season.

DeWitt Paced Ags

John DeWitt, who led his team with 15 against SMU the night before, again claimed Ag high point honors with 17 counters. George McLeod, 6'5" Purple center, slugged in 19, to reign, at that time, over SWC scorers. Currently, he is tied for fifth position with Lowell McDowell. The two court-titans have 126 points each.

An A&M victory over TCU would shove them into third place if Texas takes the measure of Baylor in Austin. Arkansas, the original favorite, plays host to Rice in Fayetteville, completing tonight's card of SWC play. A TCU win would move the Frogs into a deadlock with idle SMU for second position.

Frogs Undeclared at Home

Coach Buster Brannon's Frogs haven't dropped a single game on home-grounds, this campaign. In Fort Worth they have beaten SMU, Baylor, Rice, and Texas.

Guard Harvey Fromme, 6' 7" sophomore, paces TCU point-shooters with 214 points in season play. McLeod, a 6'5" pivot man, has 205. In loop play, Fromme is in 10th position with 96.

Tommy Taylor, six-foot sopho-

more, will be at the remaining guard post; at the forward slots will be 6' 1" Ted Reynolds, another sophomore, and 6' 4" Gene Schmidt, a senior who is the only veteran on the team.

Commenting on the Aggies' fateful flop Saturday night, Marty Karow said, "Davis and DeWitt made only eight points between them and when this happens we couldn't beat any team."

## TCU's Sophs, Next Ag Foes, Still Red Hot

Fort Worth, Feb. 21 (Sp.)—Call 'em "homers" if you like, for that's exactly what TCU's sophomore cagers are. Boasting the best full season record (13-7) in the conference, Coach Byron ("Buster") Brannon's basketekers have been world beaters at home.

Official statistics of the Frogs' 20 games to date, including eight conference games, reveal they haven't been defeated in nine Fort Worth appearances. Add to this victories over SMU in Dallas, ACC in Abilene and East Texas State in Commerce and you'll find the youthful Frogs haven't been defeated within a 200-mile radius of Fort Worth.

In nine home appearances the Frogs have averaged 57.3 points per game to only 40.0 for the opposition. They've connected on 49.6 per cent of their field goals in these Fort Worth showings, and even committed less personal fouls, averaging only 14.1 per game to 17.3 for the other teams.

Playing out the "homer" string. (See TCU SOPHS, Page 4)

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## Real Thief Needed To Rob Ag Garcia

By SKIP SIMMEN

"Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious gangster of the thirties, robbed more than fifteen Federal Reserve member banks in his career as a bandit and bank pilferer. This late public enemy number one would probably have been the only human capable of stealing the hall from A&M's top ball handler, senior Mike Garcia.

Garcia, marked for his ball-handling ability since taking up the sport in early childhood, was one of the Aggie cagers to be placed on an all-district high school team three consecutive seasons.

The 25-year-old physical education major led the Thomas Jefferson basketballers in San Antonio to a district championship three straight years. His last year in schoolboy competition, the Latin American lad scored over 20 points in a regional championship game against San Marcos, although his team lost the close battle.

Combat Engineer in War

Garcia has been picked on all-tournament teams in the YMCA state meet in Houston and the '45 Latin American tourney.

Graduating from high school in '42 while the United States was involved in World War II, Garcia



Completing the follow through on his two-handed backhand is R. G. DeBerry of San Angelo, number one singles player for A&M. DeBerry is one of several top-flight sophomores who are strengthening the Cadet tennis team this year.

## Soph-laden Tennis Team Faces Okies

A&M's sophomore-studded varsity tennis team will play their first match of the 1950 net campaign against Southeastern State of Durant, Oklahoma on the clay courts opposite the P. L. Downs Natatorium this afternoon. Matchtime has been set at 2 p. m. by W. M. Dowell, Aggie tennis coach.

The top three seeded Aggies are sophomores, and should considerably raise A&M's fifth ranking in the SWC last year.

The team is paced by R. G. DeBerry from San Angelo who ranked 21st in the nation among the juniors during his last high school year.

DeBerry Paces Team

The 5' 9" court whirlwind generates an effective all-around game, and draws much comment from tennis fans with his unorthodox, two-handed backhand shot. DeBerry will start at the number one singles post and may provide one-half of the first string doubles team if Coach Dowell needs him later.

Playing in the second singles slot is Bobby Duncan, 5' 8" sophomore from Corpus Christi. Duncan's court game consists mainly of stubborn defensive play, patterned similar to Bobby Riggs' style.

Tate Powders Pill

Five-foot-eleven-inch Royce Tate, also from Corpus Christi, will hold down the number three position. Tate likes to powder the pill with driving backhand and forehand smashes, using a lot of topspin.

Dowell hadn't announced his doubles combinations at press time. He said, "My choice will depend on Southeastern State's strength."

Dowell will pick two of the following men to complete his starting alignment: Dick Hardin of Amarillo, Allan Aaronson of Cotulla, and Aaron Cohen of San Antonio.

volunteered his services and received training as a combat engineer.

Overseas the likeable San Antonio served in General Clark's Fifth Army in Africa and later took part in the invasion of Salerno and Anzio.

During his three years in the army Garcia participated in four major European battles, serving in Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, France and Germany.

His lone comment about his



Mike Garcia

many war memories was "People would really appreciate America if they could see the way people exist in Europe."

Discharged in the spring of '46, Garcia entered A&M the following fall.

It was that year that Garcia rose to the greatest heights of his long career. Although the Aggies finished one notch from the cellar, Garcia raked in medals and recognition the state over.

As a freshman participating under the war-time rules, Garcia won the Lipscomb Most Valuable Player Award and was chosen on the SW Conference All-Star team that (See GARCIA, Page 4)

## Intramural Wrestling Continues Fast Action

When today's matches are completed, the quarter-final brackets in the intramural wrestling will be complete. Bouts will be featured in the 129, 149, 159, 169, and 179-pound divisions.

The heavyweights saw the most action yesterday with eight grapplers coming through to gain positions in the quarter-final slots. Charles Smalling of C Field Artillery won his third straight match when he pinned Don Nowlin of E Air Force.

Bobby Bland of H Air Force pinned Danny Waddle of A Cavalry, Henry Vornkahl of A Chem Warfare lost to Jack Kanowski of D Vet, while Charley Jackson of A Coast matted Dick Hightower of G Flight, and Don Grubbs of E Infantry defeated Madison of B Transportation.

Heavies Compete

Other heavyweight winners included J. W. Wilhelm of D Field who downed Guy Jackson of C Cavalry, Kelly Anderson of C Infantry who dropped E. C. Urban of A Engineers, and B Cavalry's Ken Rogers, who outpointed Leon Scott of the Maroon Band.

Descending the ladder of weights to the 179-pound class, three winners were advanced yesterday to the round of eight. R. C. Geiske of B Transportation defeated Fred Placke of the Maroon Band. A In-

fantry's Pat Holmes pinned L. W. Henshaw of B Flight, and Howard Kruse of B QMC outpointed Billy Rand of K Air Force.

Golla Tops Brandt

Pete Golla of A Field continued his winning ways with a victory over Chris Brandt of the A Almen in the 169-pound division. Other results in the same weight included Charles Winter of A Infantry downing Bill Adair of A Air Force and Ralph Gay of A Ordnance dropping Leroy Bacica of the Chem Warfare.

Joe Villereal of D Vet lost to Kenneth Baker of A Transportation, and Dick Vehon of A Cavalry defeated J. H. Middleton of B Flight. Bob Schubert of A QMC (See INTRAMURAL, Page 4)

# Freshman Quintet Geared For Bearcat Contest Here Tonight

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

At 8 tonight in the DeWare Field House the Fish basketball team will be out to square matters with the Lon Morris Bearcats for the 57-49 drubbing acquired at the first of the season at Jacksonville.

Although the Fish scored the same number of field goals as the Bearcats, the extra points that made the difference came about when the Fish committed 23 fouls to 14 for the opposition.

Leroy Miksch, who leads the freshmen scorers with 111 points, fouled out early in this affair but Max Montegut and Jimmy Velvin pushed the Aggies. High

point honors in that game went to Buster Alford of the JC five, who had previously registered at A&M.

The Lon Morris basketball team is keeping up a terrific record with a 24-5 mark at the last count. The main reason for this is Auerillo Ramirez who has sunk 151 field goals and 60 charity shots for a total of 362 points. Ramirez was one of highest scorers in the last junior college tournament held at A&M and it is expected that he will be the only member of last year's all-tournament team to return this year when Lon Morris takes to the court next month in DeWare Field House.

Bearcats Favored

Since the Bearcats have played more and probably stronger opponents than the Fish throughout the season, they might easily be the favorites but the Fish will be up to par and according to coach Gene Schrickel, they are in the best of shape for the game.

Among some of Coach O. P. Adams victories for the season are wins over last year's National Junior College Champions—Tyler Junior College, Lamar Junior College, Kilgore, University of Houston, B Team, Cameron Aggies of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Paris. The first four mentioned teams defeated the Bearcats in return tilts, and only the Baylor freshmen have defeated the Lon Morris quintet without feeling the claws of the Bearcats.

The Fish have split games with



Bobby Duncan, number two singles performer for the Aggies, returns a drive to his opponent during practice in DeWare Field House. Duncan hails from Corpus Christi and boasts a tight defensive style game which encourages mistakes by his court foes.

## Competition Under Special Rules Set

By CHUCK CABANISS

Nationwide attention may be focused on College Station, March 1, 2, and 3, as the top 16 junior college quintets in the state compete for the Texas title under a special set of personal foul rules.

A penalty system similar to that used in hockey is to be employed during the 23 games scheduled for the DeWare Field House court in the three-day session. Details of the system have been worked out by Marty Karow, tournament director and Aggie cage tutor.

When news of the special rules

was sent to Wilbur Martin of AP and Ed Fite of UP, the two sports writers expressed opinions that the whole country would be interested in developments as the rules underwent game competition tests. All the coaches who have been questioned were in favor of the special regulations.

Karow explained that the results of the tourney play under the rules will be sent to the NCAA rules committee for its consideration. In the '48 JC meet players were allowed to talk with their coaches on the side of the court during timeouts, and the next winter this same rule became a standard procedure. Perhaps the local tournament can score another first this year.

Rules Explained

Here's the way the special rules will work. During the first half if a player commits his fifth personal foul he will be banned from play for three minutes. After serving the required time on the sideline, he will be allowed to re-enter the contest.

For each foul above five in the first 20-minute period the same penalty will be applied. If a player commits his fifth, sixth, etc., foul with less than three minutes remaining in the first half, the remainder of the unserved penalty time on the side line will not be carried over to the second half.

During the first 15 minutes of the second half when a player is charged with his fifth or higher personal foul he will be banished to the sidelines for two minutes. For the final five minutes of each contest a cager committing his fifth (See SPECIAL RULES, Page 4)

## Scott Dropped In Semi-Finals

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 21—(UP)—Tom Adams, 186, Abilene, three-time light-heavyweight champion, clubbed James Hoff, 190, Houston, to a bloody pulp in picking up the 1949 Golden Gloves heavyweight crown.

Earlier in the evening defending champion Hoff took a wild slugfest from Dick Scott, 197-pound Aggie football guard, to go into the finals. Adams took a TKO over Andy Eagleton, 184, Fort Worth, in 16 seconds of the third round in the other semi-finals.

Alfred Flores, 126, of Bryan was the third champion crowned on the program, winning the featherweight crown with a one-sided win over Lloyd Denaman, 126, Waco. Flores topped Billy Dickerson, 127, Brownwood, by a decision in the next-to-the-last round.

Campbell Woodman, 176, the third Bryan fighter to gain the semi-finals, lost a badly needed decision to Michael Woolsey, 172½, of Fort Worth as the Cowntowner advanced to the finals.

## Notices Issued For Soccer, Baseball

All students interested in playing on the soccer team are to meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the YMCA lounge, R. V. Mendoza had announced.

Mendoza said that a team captain will be elected and the group will decide definite days for practice.

Freshman baseball players are to report to DeWare Field House by 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, to pick up their equipment, a member of the athletic department has announced.

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