

# Basketball Roundup Points To Cadets as Up and Down Quintet

By CHUCK CABANISS  
A&M's 1949-50 basketball season was one of the best a local quintet has had in years, yet it was still disappointing.

## Memorial Race At Indianapolis Gets 33 Entries

Indianapolis, Ind., May 30—(AP)—The fastest field in history will roar away in the world famous 500 mile automobile race at the Indianapolis speedway today.

The 33 driving drivers will be wowed to a flying start at 10 a.m. central standard time, before a monstrous shirt-sleeve crowd of 175,000, annually the biggest attendance of any sporting event in America.

An estimated \$182,000 in prize money will be at stake. The winner will bag close to \$60,000. Besides the \$75,000 speedway purse, which will be increased if attendance warrants, there will be \$20,000 in lap prizes, \$13,200 in entry fees, and nearly \$40,000 in accessory prizes.

Starting from the coveted pole position will be Walter Faulkner, a pinched-faced 128 pound mite from North Long Beach, Calif., who jumped from the Pacific Coast dirt tracks to the No. 1 spot in the line-up in one scorching assault.

Faulkner scored the bricks of the 2 1/2 mile speedway at the amazing speed of 134.343 miles an hour, an all-time record.

Next to Faulkner will be Freddie Agashashian of Albany, Calif., who qualified at 132.792.

Rose Aims at Fourth  
Third in the first row will be the veteran Mauri Rose of South Bend, Ind., eager to become the speedway's first four-time winner.

Next to Rose will be the 1947 and 1948 Rose and Holland will be the only two former winners to drive. This time they will not be teammates, as in the past three years.

Rose, at 44, is the dean of the field. He has raced 5,162 miles in 13 previous Indianapolis events and knows all the bumps and short cuts of the track.

The starting field is a blend of 23 experienced speedway drivers and 10 rookies, fresh from the dirt or midget tracks. Three of the cars will be front drives with the remaining 30 conventional rear drives.

material in the conference, but the local team could do no better than tie for fourth place when the campaign ended.

The season was not without its bright spots, however. League co-champions were Baylor and Arkansas—and Coach Marty Karow's Aggies took three of four games from the titlists. The Bears almost upset Bradley in the Western NCAA final before losing, 66-68, yet the Maroons swept their two-game series with the Baptists by 55-64 and 66-45 scores.

A&M upset the Razorbacks, 43-36, on the local court early in the flag race. Then in the second meeting between the two teams, the Cadets led the Porkers till the clock showed only six minutes and ten seconds remained—but the Ozark five forged ahead for a 52-46 victory that toppled A&M from the top of the conference roost.

Wins, Losses All Even  
The Maroons took both games from Baylor and TCU but in turn were up-ended twice by Texas and SMU. Series were divided with Arkansas and Rice.

A lot of the hands of cellar-dwelling Rice and a single-point defeat by Texas, both in the final two weeks of the race, kept the Aggies from finishing in a tie for first place.

Little Jewell McDowell was top individual performer for the strong Cadet combination. A former all-stater (47) from Amarillo, McDowell earned all-conference and all-District Six (NCAA) honors on every selection named.

Turnbow Captains Five  
Captain of the team was four-year letterman Bill Turnbow of Ferris, also an all-stater as a school-boy in '46. At the end of the year McDowell, the floor-man and top scorer of the quintet, was named the most valuable player.

Time at one guard position was split by baseball star Wally Moon, the fiery little hustler from Bay, Arkansaw, and Mike Garcia, tricky dribbling artist from San Antonio's Thomas Jefferson. Garcia earned his third letter; he and Turnbow both completed their eligibility, as did former letterman Jackie Miller.

At the center spot was 6'8" Buddy Davis, the soph wonder from Nederland. Still not as smooth a player as he should become with more experience under his belt, big Walt might cut a deep niche for himself in the Aggie hall of fame in the next two seasons.

DeWitt Changed Posts  
Long John DeWitt, 6' 4 1/2" forward from Waco, lost some of the luster he gained as a soph center but often turned in excellent performances—particularly in the first Baylor tilt. Capable replacements included 6' 7" Ken Sutton, Marvin Martin, and Eddie Houser.

Final standings in the conference showed:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Baylor	8	4	.667
Arkansas	8	4	.667
SMU	7	5	.583
A&M	6	6	.500
Texas	6	6	.500
TCU	5	7	.417
Rice	2	10	.167

In non-conference games A&M won four, lost eight. Not as bad a record as it sounds, since several of the teams were among the strongest in the nation. Victors over the Maroons were LIU (66-52), Niagara (53-50), St. Louis (55-51), Okla. A&M (58-34), Arizona (56-50 and 59-46), California (59-47), and Stanford (58-49).

Four one-sided triumphs against smaller Texas schools were recorded by the Cadets. ACC was trounced twice, 66-46 and 73-38; Trinity was topped 67-49, and North Texas was beaten, 74-33—best score in several years for a Maroon quint.

Individual scoring showed McDowell leading the way with 156 points in conference play for a 12-point average and 331 points over the full season for a 13.8 point average. Next came Davis with 108 points in the conference and 235 for the season and DeWitt with 103 and 217. Both men won honorable mention on most of the all-conference selections named at the end of the season.

Returning for the 1950-51 season will be two-year lettermen McDowell, Moon, and DeWitt. Others to be back are Davis, Sutton, Martin, and Houser, all lettermen. Returning squadmen will include Tex Farmer, Woody Walker, and Glenn Williams.

Fish Will Help  
Prospects up from the Fish team include Dick Bean, Wallace Broyl, Dale Foshee, William Carpenter, Jerry Chapman, Malcolm Douglas, Joe Gallegos, Don Heft, Max Montegut, Claude Staggs, Jimmy Velvin and Leray Miksch.

Miksch, Waelder all-stater in '49, scored 128 points in 12 contests for a 12.8 point average. A 6' 5" court man, he should prove the most valuable of the current prospects, although several of the other players should see a great deal of service in the future.

The '49-'50 Fish finished the season with a 7-5 record, splitting with SWC rivals Baylor, Rice, and Texas, as well as Texas JC Conference and state tournament victor Lon Morris JC and Texas Conference South Zone champ Allen Academy.

Two victories were tallied over Wharton, South Texas JC Conference titlist. Gene Schrickel and Les Peden coached the Fish during the last and first halves of the season, respectively.

Manager Zack Taylor used five pitchers in an attempt to stop the Windy City outfit which posted its third victory in four starts under its new manager, Johnny Corriden.

Phil Mani tripled with the bases loaded in the first inning to send the visitors on their way to victory. The Browns later rallied to tie the score, aided by a two-run homer by Don Lenhardt in the fifth, but the home team put the game on ice with a four-run blast in the eighth.

Mani singled home two runs in this frame to break the tie. Gus Zernial banged out four singles to help the Chicago cause, which was also aided by nine walks given up by Browns hurlers.



Jim Calvert

Calvert, one of the mainstays of A&M baseball for the past several seasons, will be one of the hardest men to replace on next year's nine. Although he is well-liked by Al Ogletree and Martin Hamilton, both lack the experience of Calvert. The pair of sophomores are promising, however, and it'll be a hard choice for Coach Marty Karow to make for his starting man-behind-the-plate.

## Today's Pitchers in Majors

AMERICAN  
Boston at New York (2) + Farrell (5-2) and Kinder (3-4) vs. Byrne (4-1) and Lopat (5-2).  
Washington at Philadelphia (2) Marrero (2-0) and Weik (1-2) vs. Shantz (4-2) and Hooper (3-3).  
Chicago at St. Louis (3) - Kuzava (4-3) and Holcombe (4-1) vs. Garver (2-3) and Farnum (1-2).  
Cleveland at Detroit (2) Lemon (5-2) and Bearden (1-0) vs. Houtteman (5-3) and Newhouser (2-1).  
NATIONAL  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn (2) - Roberts (6-2) and Meyer (0-4) vs. Roe (4-2) and Hatten (1-2) or Barney (1-0).  
New York at Boston (2) Kennedy (2-2) and Jansen (2-4) vs. Sain (6-3) and Roy (2-1).  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh (2) - Munger (2-1) and Boyer (2-1) vs. MacDonald (1-0) and Chambers (1-4).  
Cincinnati at Chicago (2) Raffensberger (2-5) and Blackwell (2-5) vs. Vander Meer (1-0) and Volz (0-3).

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# Baseball Chances Lookin' Up For Aggies as TU Weakens

By HAROLD GANN  
Texas University's loss of three key players and next year's fielding of a strong, well-balanced Aggie crew, not suffering from the loss of graduating seniors, may indicate a change of positions in the Southwest Conference baseball campaign.

In annexing their 29th crown in 35 seasons, the Longhorns finished with 14 victories and one defeat, losing to third-place Baylor. In range of the leading position until the final two games, A&M compared nine wins with five setbacks to finish in the runner-up spot.

TU Loses Pitchers  
Mound mainstays Murrey Wall and Charley Gorin, and stalwart centerfielder Bob Brock have completed their eligibility for Texas. Wall, a unanimous all-conference choice, was the workhorse of the league, head and shoulders above opponents in strikeouts and innings pitched.

The tall righthander hurled 75 and one-third innings and whiffed 54 while winning seven and losing one. Gorin is the best percentage slinger with four victories against no defeats. Brock, while batting at a .315 pace, tied with Baylor's Adrian Burk for the runs-batted-in crown with 15.

Considering that the loss of the above three will be Texas' downfall, and considering that A&M will be strong in every department, it is only logical to assume that the Cadets will have their best season since 1943.

Despite the bawling out of the Longhorn ace hurlers, the Bovine mound staff will be far from weak, with Frank Womack and Jim Ehrler leading the way.

All-conference men Ben Thompkins and Kal Segrist, along with a sturdy line of veterans and replacements, make Texas a strong contender.

With a wealth of freshman talent bolstering Baylor, the Bears are Siam 'Fifth Column'

Siamese police carried out a probe following publication in Siamese language newspapers of reports that American "fifth columnists" had set up a network in Siam "under the supervision of General MacArthur."

Major General Phao Sriyanond, deputy director-general of the Police Department, announced after the investigation that special agents questioned Siamese editors and reporters attached to the news papers concerned. They extracted confessions that the reports were based on hearsay and imagination. "Stupid and ridiculous," police branded the stories.

expected to finish in the number three slot, despite the loss of star pitcher Fred Copeland, first baseman Adrian Burk, and all-conference catcher Hogo Pearson.

How They Rate  
Here's how the Aggies will rate according to positions: Juniors Al Ogletree and Martin Hamilton will have to flip a coin to decide which starts at the catching position, since both are of almost equal value to the team. Ogletree for his ability to slap the long ball consistently, Hamilton for his wise handling of pitchers and light but dependable stickwork.

Both catchers were understudies of graduating Jim Calvert, probably not because of Calvert's superior technique, but because of his three years of varsity experience.

Fish Hurlers Up  
The pitching staff should be fortified by Jack Brinkley and Bill Stirling, members of this year's freshman team.

During two years of high school and American Legion ball at Austin, Brinkley maintained a mark of 40 wins and three defeats.

The little righthander was selected on the all-state high school nine in '48 and was named the most valuable player throughout Texas Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas in Legion play.

The freshman team's chief hurler, Brinkley won three and lost two, including a victory over the Shorthorns. Stirling, a tall right hander from Beaumont, won two and lost one during the season.

With Gorin and Wall out of the way, Pat Hubert, the Ag's mound ace this season with a 5-1 mark, should reign over SWC hurlers, since he held the number three spot behind the pace-setting Steer pitchers.

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