

# Increase In Sports Coverage Planned

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With the start of what should be a great year in sports, The Battalion Sports Staff is going to attempt to ring to Aggie followers, and fans of the local A&M Consolidated school, better and more coverage, pictorial and otherwise.



Although the staff will not be the largest the Sports department has ever had, we believe, that with the addition of approximately ten more men, our department will be better because the quality of our men will make up for the lack of quantity. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, who are interested in sports and who would like to work in connection with A&M athletics are invited to throw in their lot with us.

At the present time the staff is composed of Harold Gann, Ralph Gorman, Gus Mistrot, R. G. DeBerry, Jimmy Curtis, Dick Peyton, John Gottlob, Ray Holbrook, Dale Dowell, Pat LeBlanc, and Joe Blanchette.

Along with the regular coverage, the sports department will give the A&M Consolidated school more and better publicity than it has in the past, and the same can be said for intramural sports and wire coverage of the Associated Press.

During the football season, the Williamson, Associated Press and the Intercollegiate Sport Writers polls will be carried. Pro football will also receive more coverage than it has in the past.

With the increase in the size of The Battalion, there will be an increase in sports pages twice a week, Wednesday's and Friday's editions.

## Christensen Always Had It Rough

When it was announced the other day by the coaching staff that Left Halfback John L. Christensen wouldn't be able to play in the Nevada game because of a shoulder injury, it reminded us of the

hand which Lady Luck has seemed to have always dealt the Galveston scaback.

It might have all begun in high school when he sat out the last two football games because of injuries. His first football year at A&M started and finished in about one week as his uniform was "re-called," mainly because of the uniform shortage.

In Spring training of '48, Christensen was raring to go, and go he did for a week and a half, then he really went: he left the practice field one afternoon—minus three teeth.

That fall he worked his way up from the "B" squad and he played his first varsity ball on defense against TCU. He did so well that he started in the Baylor game, but the number "13" jersey which he wore seemed to really be hard luck as he was carried from the field with two cracked vertebrae.

It wasn't till next season that Mr. Hard Luck was toted the ball again, and after going through spring training without a mishap, John L. seemed at last to be on his way.

He started the '49 season playing defensive halfback against Villinova, and did quite well. Well enough to play in every following game and the LSU game. The jinx struck again as John suffered a knocked-down shoulder.

It might have well been called a double jinx, his jersey number was "26". Now with the season not yet underway, John has again begun to walk the field, watching and waiting, but we think before the year is out, he will be playing again, and without the jinx.

## Goodman Leads In AL Batting Race

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Boston's Billy Goodman with a .358 mark yesterday held a 17-point lead in the American League batting race.

Goodman dropped three points from last week, but runner-up George Kell of Detroit slumped four points to .341.

Detroit's Hoot Evers, who had zoomed 22 points the previous week, collected only three blows in 18 trips to skid six points to .334. That was good for third, a point ahead of Cleveland's Larry Doby.

Other leaders through Sunday included Don Di Maggio, and Al Zarilla, both of Boston, .330; Hank Bauer, New York, .327; Walt Dropp, Boston, .325; Phil Rizzuto, New York, .325; and Yogi Berra, New York, .316.

## Intramural Manager Meeting Scheduled

A meeting of all Athletic Officers and Intramural Managers will be held in Room 301 of Goodwin Hall, Thursday Sept. 21 at 5 p. m.

Any sophomore interested in becoming Intramural Manager is invited to attend the meeting.



Russ Hudek

Right defensive tackle Hudek, who is one of the largest men on the Aggie eleven at 6' 5" and 240 pounds, will be flying as shown above through the Nevada line come Saturday. Russ has shown the kind of hustle that with his size could very easily land him into an All-Conference berth.

## Not Quite All There . . .

# Ewell Blackwell Chosen As Top Pitcher By Scribe

By WHITNEY MARTIN

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—If we were a major league manager facing a game we just had to win, and we had our choice of pitchers, we'd pick a long, gangly, loose-limbed guy who isn't all there.

Not meaning Ewell Blackwell isn't there mentally. He's shy a kidney, that's all, and that very fact makes the performance of the Cincinnati star most sensational.

Blackie's won and lost record this year is just so-so. He's won 15 and lost 15, a performance that wouldn't automatically make him a candidate for the hall of fame.

In his last 35 1/3 innings, including four full games, he has allowed a total of only 11 hits!

Ironically enough, he lost two of those four complete games, one of

them a one-hitter which he generously gave away himself with a wild peg to a base. The other defeat was a five-hitter which he lost to Pittsburgh, 3 to 2.

No Hitter to Credit

He had another one-hitter, beating the Cubs, 5 to 1. Phil Cavaretta's hit in the ninth inning ruined his bid for a no-hitter that time. He already has one on his record, but that was back in 1947.

Anyway, the word is going around the National League now to "keep your eye on Blackwell," and opposing batsmen are stumbling back to the bench muttering to themselves.

Blackie's mental attitude is healthy, and he can take heart-breaking setbacks, such as a sixth-place club gives any good pitcher, in stride.

After he had thrown away his one-hitter to Brooklyn, 3 to 1, he hurled his glove on the bench in righteous chagrin, and club officials were worried for fear he would be "down," and mope around.

They appointed Bob Usher, his roommate to boost Blackie's morale. Bob reported back with a grin.

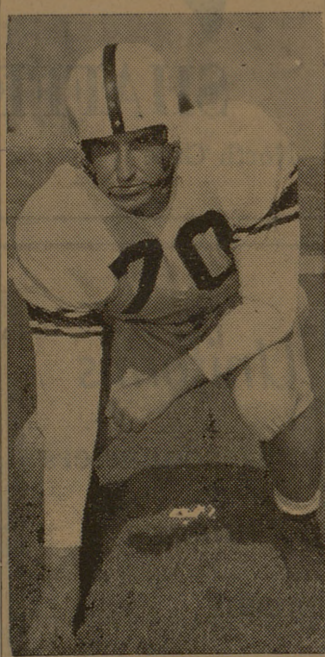
"He doesn't need anything," he said. "He just said 'I don't feel too badly about it. I'm glad I'm still able to pitch after what I've been through.'"

## Stan Musial Drops; Keeps NL Hit Lead

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal swat-smith, lost seven points during last week's National League batting race but he still is the odds-on choice for the loop's batting title.

Musial sunk from .359 to .352 and his injured rival, Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn, climbed two points. Robinson's figures moved up from .331 to .333.

Following Musial and Robinson in the race for batting honors are Walker Cooper of Boston with .317; Sid Gordon, also of the Braves, .315; Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati, .313; Duke Snider, Brooklyn, 3-2; Andy Pafko, Chicago, .311.



Dwayne Tucker

With two varsity letters to his credit already, senior tackle Tucker continues to hold down his spot and will probably start against Nevada.

## Hiller Blanks Phillies

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Hank Sauer's 30th home run and two hit pitching by Frank Hillier gave the Chicago Cubs a 1 to 0 victory over the league leading Philadelphia Phillies last night and thwarted Robin Roberts effort to become the first 20 game winner for the Phils since 1917.

## Cain Stops Yanks, 4-3

Chicago, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Nelson Fox's two-run triple in the seventh inning sliced New York's American League lead to two percentage points or a half game last night as Chicago's Bob Cain stopped the Yanks, 4-3.

## Improving Offense . . .

# Tigers May Hold Edge On Navasota

By RALPH GORMAN

Coach Othel Chafin's A&M Consolidated Tigers will be pitted against another Class A team this Friday night when they meet Navasota at Tiger Stadium.

The Class B Tigers, who battled the Madisonville Mustangs to a 0-0 deadlock last Friday, should be about equal in weight and field experience, but may hold a slight edge over their Navasota opponents by virtue of their strong showing of a week ago.

A&M Consolidated, favorite of District 32-B, will be slightly better this week than last week and will field about the same team. Minor changes may occur later in the week, according to Coach Chafin.

## Offense Should Improve

The Tiger offense should improve according to recent practice sessions. Coach Chafin doesn't ask for much improvement on the defense after their rugged showing against Madisonville.

The Tiger mentor will call on Bobby Williams and George John-

son to lead the backfield and will depend on End Jimmy Richards and Tackle Eddie Guthrie as mainstays in the forward wall.

A recent addition to the Tiger eleven is 6' 3", 180 pound Paul Harris, who comes to Coach Chafin from Uvalde. Another member of the team on whom Chafin will be depending is two year letterman returnee Gayle Kipple.

The Navasota eleven lost in last week's contest to a much stronger Huntsville team to the tune of 27-0.

Included on the starting line-up for the Tigers will be Jerry Leighton, Roland Jones, Williams, and Johnston in the backfield. While Jack Burchard Royce Rodgers, Chester Smith, Melvin Free, Dan Williams, Richards, and Guthrie will compose the line.

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# Burnett Won't Sell Ball Club

Dallas, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Owner Dick Burnett of the Dallas ball club, said yesterday he was withdrawing the offer to sell his holdings and would continue to operate the Texas League franchise.

He declared he had decided to do so because of "a malicious rumor" that minor league President George Trautman had suggested that he sell following an incident at the Dallas ball park for which Burnett was fined \$500.

He said today two prospective buyers who could swing the deal had come up but that he had decided not to sell and would "do everything possible to produce a winner in Dallas."

Burnett has owned the Dallas club for three years but never has managed to get a team in the Texas League play-offs. He did, however, set a Texas League attendance record of 404,000 in 1949 and this year led the league in attendance.

The incident for which Burnett was fined came during the last days of the 1950 league race when the Dallas owner berated umpire Frank Secory and also one of his players from the stands.

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# Nevada Looking for Big One With Aggies, Claims Steinke

"Nevada gave the appearance of a team that was taking the game too lightly while looking for the big one with us," Gilbert Steinke assistant coach, and Backfield Coach Dick Todd of the Aggies said yesterday.

So goes the feeling as the Cadets go into the final two days of workout before their opener against the Nevada Wolfpack Saturday. The last opening game won by the Farmers was in '47 against the Southwestern Pirates. A&M over ran the Pirates, 48-0, and in the same year, the Aggies gained their last SWC win, defeating Baylor, 24-0.

The Wolfpack lost last weekend to Utah State, 6-7, in what was considered by most experts an upset. Although Nevada isn't a weak team, they are greatly hampered because of lack of reserves, which may prove to be the deciding factor Saturday night.

Secret practice was held yesterday, and the same will be held today, according to official sources.

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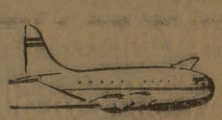
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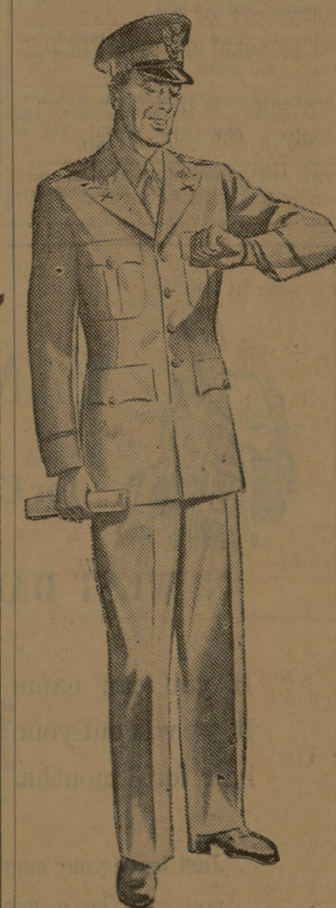
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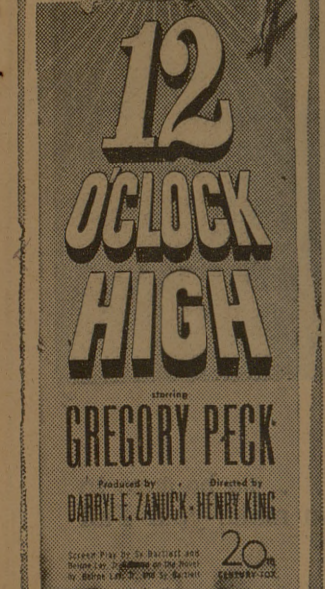
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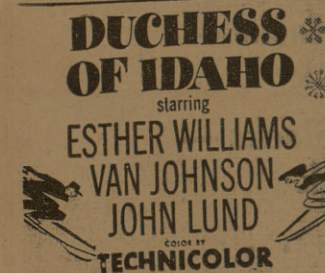
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