

# Floyd Opens '50-'51 Cage Drills As 24 Report; First Game Dec. 1

By GLENN WILLIAMS

Mid-October is here and for basketball players throughout the Southwest Conference that means only one thing—the official beginning of fall practice.

The 1950-51 addition of the Texas Aggies held their first workout yesterday afternoon in DeWane Field House with some 24 candidates reporting to John Floyd, the Aggies' new full-time cage coach who was hired last summer after the resignation of Marty Karow.

Floyd and his charges expect to be very busy during the next 45 days before they open the season Dec. 1 against North Texas State in Denton which will dedicate the Aggies' spacious new field house.

Early season drills will consist of the basic fundamentals—passing, shooting, dribbling and etc., according to the youthful Aggie mentor, and defensive and offensive organization will follow.

Floyd expects it to be January or February before his hoopers will have satisfactorily perfected their team offense and defense, both of which will be somewhat similar to the style of play which Floyd learned under masterful "Hank" Iba at Oklahoma A&M.

The Cadet coach does not plan to play "ball control" as it is often mistakenly thought of by most basketball fans. He admitted that "when we have the opportunity to run, we'll run but when we don't we'll slow down and use a deliberate and organized offense."

A&M's offense for the coming campaign will be a revolving type wherein the customary breakdown of positions into forwards, guards and centers are eliminated and numbers are substituted with a player likely to be in a different position each time the quintet sets up its offense.

Returns from last year's Macon and White cage squad remember the small taste of Oklahoma A&M-styled defense they received early last December. The Sooner Aggie didn't allow the Cadets to score a field goal during the initial 13 minutes of their battle in Stillwater, Okla., which the host five won handily 55-34.

Five Lettermen Return

Included in the two dozen hardwood hopefuls who participated in yesterday's opening session were five returning lettermen, four squadmen and nine sophomores up from the 1949-50 freshman squad. The letter-winners back are Jew-

ell McDowell, an all-conference selection last year who averaged 14 points per game and hails from Amarillo; John DeWitt, two-year letterman from Waco; Walter "Buddy" Davis, 6' 8" pivotman from Nederland who was a regular as a sophomore last season; Marvin Martin, two-time letterman from Houston; and Eddie Houser,

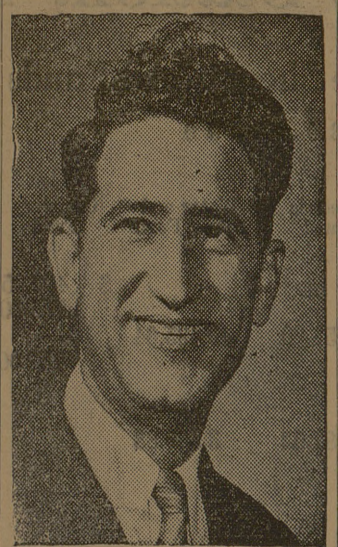
## 1950-51 Varsity Cage Schedule

The complete varsity schedule: Dec. 1—North Texas State at Denton. Dec. 2—Oklahoma City University at Oklahoma City. Dec. 5—Sierra at Albany, N. Y. Dec. 7—Carnisus at Buffalo, N. Y. Dec. 9—Duquesne at Pittsburgh, Pa. Dec. 14—San Marcos Teachers at College Station. Dec. 15—San Marcos Teachers at College Station. Dec. 18—Sam Houston at College Station. Dec. 19—University of Houston at Houston. Dec. 22—Sam Houston State at Huntsville. Dec. 29—Trinity University at San Antonio. Dec. 31—Rice Institute at College Station. Jan. 9—Baylor University at Waco. Jan. 13—TCU at College Station. Jan. 16—SMU at Dallas. Jan. 31—Texas University at College Station. Feb. 3—Arkansas University at College Station. Feb. 6—TCU at Fort Worth. Feb. 9—Baylor University at College Station. Feb. 12—Arkansas University at Fayetteville, Ark. Feb. 17—University of Houston at College Station. Feb. 20—SMU at College Station. Feb. 24—Rice Institute at Houston. Feb. 27—Texas University at Austin.

## Army, SMU, OU Lead in AP Poll

The first 10 gridiron machines have been listed by the Associated Press poll of national sports writers and sportscasters, and Army, for the second consecutive week, grabs the No. 1 spot, but they are being hard pushed by second place Oklahoma and the No. 3 team Southern Methodist.

The first 10 are 1) Army, 2) Oklahoma, 3) SMU, 4) Kentucky, 5) California, 6) Stanford, 7) Texas, 8) Maryland, 9) Ohio State and 10) Washington (Coast).



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Returning squadmen are Bobby Farmer, Amarillo; Raymond Walker, Woodhouse; Glenn Williams, Amarillo; and Ed Sandlin, Nevada. Leroy Miksch, Waelder; Don Garrett, Fort Worth; Don Heft, Palacios; Richard Bess, Beaumont; Bill Carpenter, Deer Park; Jerry Chapman, Waco; Max Montegut, Texas City; Wally Bleyl, Houston and Dale Foshee, Houston, are the sophomores up from last year's potent first-year squad.

## Tennis to Basketball

Other candidates include Fred Sommers, freshman numeral winner in 1947-48, from Houston; Eugene Letson, Galveston all-around athlete who was the No. 1 Aggie freshman tennis player last spring but did not participate in basket-

ball; and two transfers who are ineligible.

Jack Straus of Austin and Don Binford of Wellington, Kans., are the two hoopers in the latter category. Straus came to A&M from TCU last January so he will become eligible for varsity competition at the end of this semester. Binford, who played under Floyd in high school, played freshman ball at Wichita University last year and thus will not be eligible here until the 1951-52 season.

The North Texas battle on Dec. 1 will launch the Aggies' annual road trip which also will include games in Oklahoma City, Albany and Buffalo, N. Y. and Pittsburgh, Pa. Only four of the Cadets' 12 non-conference tilts will be played in DeWane Field House, the first of which will come Dec. 14 against San Marcos Teachers.

# Aggies Dominate SWC Statistics

By Ralph E. Gorman, Jr.

Through both individual and combined efforts the Aggies retain a clear majority of first places this week among the rated statistical totals and averages in the Southwest Conference.

"Bruisin' Bob" Smith continues to lead in total yards gained rushing as well as total points scored, while teammate Glenn Lippman holds on to the No. 1 spot among the punt returners. The combined Aggie team smashes on in first place in the net gain rushing column with a total of 1,136 yards, as compared with their nearest rival TCU with 887.

"Bruisin' Bob" has proven his reliability as a ball carrier and continues to do so in each game. He has logged the pigskin 76 times to be the most worked ball carrier in the conference and shows an individual net gain of 447 yards. Nine of the 76 times that Bob has started from scrimmage he has hit paydirt for a total of 54 points—24 points ahead of SMU's Kyle Rote.

Lippman was not given a chance to run back a VMI punt last week and so retains his lead on his 21.2 yard average of the week before.

Rote places second to Smith among the ten leading ball carriers in SWC play with a net total of 316 yards and an average per carry of 6.7. The Longhorn orkhouse, Byron Townsend, has rolled up 293 yards against teams like Purdue and Oklahoma to run a close third in this division. Arkansas' Ray Parks has come into the limelight as quickly as has his teammates new split-T attack and shows a net gain of 288 yards for 44 carries and an average of 6.5 to rank immediately ahead of Smith in the average column.

Following Parks is fleet Glenn Lippman, one-half of a pair of Aggie wingbacks who have accounted for 534 yards against the opposition. Responsible for 272 of these yards on 40 ground-eating jaunts, Glenn holds an average of 6.8 and a second place in the per carry averages.

Tidwell Has Top Average  
TCU's Gil Bartosh ranks in the No. 6 spot among the leading ball carriers and is just one spot ahead of Billy Tidwell—the other half of the Lippman-Tidwell wing-back combination. Although he did not see action in the VMI game, Tidwell retained his lead of 9.4 yards in the average per carry column and shows a total of 262 yards for the 28 times he has carried.

Rounding out the leading carriers are Baylor's James Jeffrey, Arkansas' Buddy Rogers, and Rice's George Glauser.

Following Smith's lead of 54 points in the scoring division is SMU's Rote who has crossed the double stripe five times for a total of 30 points, just one touchdown and six points ahead of Rice's Billy Burkhalter and Arkansas' William Jurney. Both of these men are tied for third place with four TD's apiece.

Hillhouse, Hooper—18 Points  
Two Aggies are among the eight SWC scoring stars who are tied for fourth place in the points scored column. Andy Hillhouse has snagged seven aeriels during the season's play and three have carried on into paydirt for a total of 18 points. Sophomore quarterback Darrow Hooper has gained prominence in the scoring section with a clear head, keen eye, and an educated toe. In 24 attempted conversions, Hooper has sent the pigskin through the uprights 18 times for his fourth place lead.

Closing out the scoring section are Rice's Glauser, TCU's John Morton, Arkansas' Parks, Texas' Townsend, and SMU teammates "Rusty" Russell and Val Joe Walker.

In the punt returning division and head of the list is Glenn Lippman and Rice's Rex Proctor holds the No. 2 spot behind him. Following in the order named are Arkansas' Dean Pryor, Texas' Bobby Dillon, SMU's Bill Richards, TCU's Dan Wilde, Arkansas' Johnny Cole, and Baylor's James Mott.

Lary, No. 4 Punter  
Yale Lary maintained a 38.3 yard punting average in last Saturday's contest despite being forced to punt out of bounds on several occasions. His overall punting average is now 37.7 yards to rank as the No. 4 punter in the SWC.

Fred Benners has tossed 67 of the 138 SMU aeriels and completed 39 for a total of 554 yards gained through the air to lead the conference in passing.

Sikes Among Top Passers  
A&M's Delmar Sikes places seventh among the leading passers with a completion record of 17 in 43 attempts and two of these ac-

## 'Mural News

By JOE BLANCHETTE

With big Gerald Davis, 6' 5" center, controlling the backboards and tossing in the winning point the cagers of "A" Transportation edged past the basketballers of "A" Ordnance 21-20. With only 50 seconds remaining in the contest, that had been nip and tuck all the way, Davis was fouled by the over anxious men from the Ordnance. The pivotman missed the first shot but sent the second through the middle of the net for the point which broke the 20-20 deadlock. The final 40 seconds of the melee found the losers firing desperately from all corners of the court and missing two gift tosses when Bill Hegmann was fouled.

Tom Colley was high point man of the game with nine points and his brother Ken Colley runnerup with eight. John Wakefield led the Transporters with seven counters. "Doc" Darlek was outstanding on the defense.

"C" Seniors led by Dick Vehon romped over "B" Composite in a complete rout, 22-6. Vehon hooked in eight points for the winners, while "Boone" Gower pushed in five of the Composite's six points.

"Hub" Horton and John Hill dropped in all of "B" Seniors' points as the senior company stopped "A" Composite 16-9. Horton tallied 12 points for the winners and Hill counted the other four. Henry Josey was high point man for the losers with seven tallies.

Jim Froelich was the whole show for the "A" Cavalry as the "Jocks" stopped "A" Engineers 8-4 in a very slow moving contest. Froelich dumped in six points for the winners.

In another thriller, Wayne Topperwinkle of "A" Quartermaster rung the hoop with a long shot in the fading seconds of the game with "L" Air Force to give the supplemen a 17-15 victory. Jewell Raymond of the squadron was high point man for the contest with seven points. Kiebler led the Quartermasters with five points.

"H" Air Force led by Sexton who dumped in 10 points stopped "B" Air Force 23-17 in a fast game. Paine led the "B" Squadron cagers with eight points.

"E" Air Force dropped ASA 24-14. It was the security men's second consecutive defeat. Riley dropped eight points through the net for high point honors, while Bert Gorrod led ASA with four counters.

Dick Brown and Ed Moses led "A" Infantry to a 25-8 win over "C" Cavalry. Bobby Bell and Bud Williams led the Cavalrymen with three points each.

## TENNIS

Robert Long and Ray Reesby won the opening match for "A" Vets as "B" FA defeated the veterans 2-1. Jack Wilder, Lewis Messersmith, Joe Lively, and Joe Mattei won the matches for the artillerymen.

"I" Air Force took three straight sets from "B" Engineers to turn in a convincing net win. The scores were 6-3, 6-3, and 6-0.

"D" Vets stopped the "B" Transporters in three straight sets. Butler and Stotts stopped Beck and Kabanek, 6-2, 7-2, 6-0. Jones and Schrank won their matches 6-0 and 7-1.

# Poliwogs Play Host To Fish Wednesday Night in Cowtown

By FRED WALKER

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When asked if he thought the Fish would take the Wogs in Wednesday night's freshman grid classic, Coach Perron Shoemaker assumed a blasé attitude and confidentially mumbled, "I doubt it."

The rest of Shoemaker's remarks were also alarmingly to the point. He thinks that the outcome of this encounter will be based upon the deciding factor in the Cub-Fish affair—line play. The Fish tried hard enough, but they just ran up against a better ball club (Line, that is.) and were punished for their troubles.

"Baylor isn't 33 points better, though," he went on to say, "We were unfortunate to have four boys put out in a few minutes, and we just didn't recover. We made a few costly mistakes that set up three of their touchdowns. The score should have been about 13 to 0."

"Fish Line Slow, Wogs Fast?" Shoemaker concluded by saying that "Our line is too slow, and the Wog line is pretty fast."

The Fish front a .500 average by stumbling over Allen Academy 33-20 and retreating before the Cubs 33-0. The latter contest turned out to be a wild and woolly battle with three Aggies three Cubs excused from further duty before games-end.

## Cavileer Out

The only Fish to miss the Fort Worth tilt will be Johnny Cavileer who suffered a back injury and facial laceration at Waco. The rest of the squad is intact and the probable starting line will be Petty and Price at end, Burtchall and Copter at tackle, Gibbens and Capt as guards and Billings over the ball. In the backfield will be Salyer, Gibson, Criswell, and

produced good blocking and exceptional speed. TCU's "youngsters" had their noses pressed to the grindstone by Coach Walter Roach who insists that their offense failed to click against Arlington. He wants them to "be ready" for A&M.

It should be a good game between the two clubs as both have been working to improve offensive play. It will take only 60 minutes of football to find out if Coach Shoemaker's "I doubt it" is an expression of impending doom, or a dabbling into amateur psychology.

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