

Cubs Hand Fish 1st Shellacking, 47-37

By R. EDWARD GORMAN

It was the Baylor Cubs, sparked by a guard the size of jockey Eddie Arcaro, who snapped the three game winning streak of Aggie Coach John Floyd's Fish quintet in a one-sided contest last night in Waco, 47-37.

The game was hardly 30 seconds old when the bespectacled Tommy Strasburger, energetic little guard from Temple, found the ring and net from about ten feet out and counted his first of eight field goals for the night.

At that point the aggressive Cubs took a two point lead and were never forced to relinquish it, except for narrowing it to one point early in the second half.

Telltale Errors

Errors and miscues were to be found in abundance in this meeting of two freshmen teams, and the Aggie Fish turned in more than their share.

It could hardly be called a game of ball control, teamwork, and adept ball handling for the Fish, when these characteristics, so important to basketball, were displayed by the Cadet first year men only at brief intervals.

That old "click" that has been so prominent in recent wins over Lon Morris, Wharton, and the Rice Owlets was not noticed in the Farmer lineup.

For Coach Bill Henderson's beginning cagers, the 17 year old Strasburger was as cool a star as a coach will ever want. Possessing only mediocre speed, and hardly classed as a standout in ball handling.

First Loss . . .

Player, pos.	Fg	Ft	Pf	Pts
Walker, f	1	1	2	3
Shelton, f	1	2	5	4
Johnson, f	0	1	1	1
Brown, f	1	0	2	2
Dunn, c	2	4	4	8
Strasburger, g	8	4	3	20
Cole, g	2	5	4	9
Totals	15	17	22	47

Player, pos.	Fg	Ft	Pf	Pts
Dwyer, f	5	3	5	13
Gallemore, f	2	0	2	4
Addison, f	1	3	3	5
Darling, f	0	1	2	1
Martin, c	2	0	4	4
McCroly, g	2	1	4	5
Williams, g	1	0	2	2
Baker, g	0	1	2	1
Davis, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	14	9	24	37

ing, the small Temple cage merchant contains within him a magnanimous desire to participate in the nation's most attended sport.

Handicapped by his glasses, Strasburger crushed three pairs in a recent game, but still showed the invincible will to play and win. Eight field goals and four free-throws was the record of this poor-boy's Jackie Robinson, to total 20 points for game scoring honors.

A&M's Ronald Dwyer led his teammates in the scoring division with 13 points, while James Addison and Pat McCroly tied for second with five apiece.

Simpson to Lead Ag Track Team

Jack Simpson, senior letterman pole vaulter, was elected captain of the 1951 Aggie track team by the 15 track lettermen yesterday afternoon on Kyle Field.

Last year Simpson was the SWC leading pole vaulter. His best mark was 13' 10" at the Kansas Relays where he placed second. In the conference meet at Austin, he topped third place in this event with a jump of 13 feet.

Originally from Dallas, Simpson is now living in Grand Junction, Colorado. When in High School he set a new city record in the pole vault in 1945, and later, in the state meet that year, won the broad jump and placed in the high jump and pole vault.

Simpson, class of '49, is a veteran of two years naval duty.

Clash With Aggies Saturday in DeWare



Leading the conference with three straight victories among which were wins over the favorites—Arkansas and SMU—the TCU Horned Frogs will invade DeWare Field House Saturday night, for what may prove to be a crucial game in the SWC race. Among the top Frogs coming include, front row, Bud Campbell, John Ethridge, Harvey Fromme, Johnny Taylor, and Bill Elliott; second row, Jim Knox, Richard Allen, Bryan Kilpatrick, Tommy Taylor, and Johnny Swain; and third row, Kenneth Miller, William Harrison, Coach Buster Brannon, Ted Reynolds, and George McLeod.

Cadet Five Edges Bears In Overtime Tilt, 55-53

By RALPH E. GORMAN

A&M's game-hungry cage quintet looks forward zealously to its Saturday night meeting with TCU, SWC leader, after turning back the highly keyed Baylor Bears 55-53, in an overtime contest that was one of the most breathtaking bouts to be played in a SWC gym for many a day.

Perfect records will be at stake when the Christiansmen from Fort Worth journey to DeWare Field House Saturday to vie with a Cadet quint that is making more than just a bid for the conference title — they're putting up a big fight and what's more, they're getting in most of the punches.

Baylor's Rena Marrs Gymnasium contained a packed house of screaming, yelling, and frenzied partisan fans as the lead changed four times and deadlocked six times in the last half.

Miksch Scores Win

Lean and lanky Leroy Miksch, is duly credited with the victory over Coach Bill Henderson's Bears for his one handed push-shot from the free throw line which set the score at 54-53 for the Aggies with only 32 seconds remaining in the overtime period.

All-conference guard Jewell McDowell added the 55th point on a charity shot as the clock ran out.

Miksch wasn't the only Cadet who can be lauded for pulling the Baylor game out of the fire, for it was John DeWitt who meshed the net with a beauty from the corner to tie the game at 46 all and send the contest into a five minute overtime period.

Bill Harris' bucket and gift toss and Gordon Carrington's charity shot sent the Bears zooming out in front 50-46 as the overtime started and then 6'8" Buddy Davis dropped in three quickies to establish another Cadet margin 52-50.

Bears Open Fast

Only a few minutes after the opening whistle sounded the Bears found the range on their home court and led the Floydmen 8-2 to finish the first half holding the same scoring lead 26-20.

The Aggie cage mentor apparently spoke "softly and carried a big stick" during the halftime period, for it was in the fast and furious second half the renaissance occurred.

Bobby Farmer's free throw narrowed the Bear margin to five points and Bruin scoring ace Ralph Johnson and Harris retaliated swiftly to garner a nine point lead, 33-24, their longest of the game.

Although they trailed by two points four more times before the game ended, the Farmers continued to show that they were the team-of-the-hour, as they cleaned both backboards and moved with the speed of a Sabrejet—not allowing the Bears time to set up the defense that they had displayed in the early minutes of the game.

Teams Shoot Accurately

Accurate shooting can be credited to both teams, as the Cadets meshed 19 of 51 field goal attempts and garnered 17 of 22 from the free throw line. Baylor made good on 18 of 49 field goal attempts and cashed in 17 of their 20 charity tosses.

Davis Virtual Star

Without a doubt, Aggie center Buddy Davis was the commander of the court as he turned in a terrific night, counting 22 points and claiming ownership of the backboards, garnering 17 rebounds from either end of the court. Davis led both teams in scoring and rebounds.

Baylor's Harris earned scoring honors for the Bruins with 17 points, while Johnson got 12. McDowell and DeWitt followed teammate Davis in the scoring division with 14 and 13 points respectively.

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Consolidated Stomps Buckholts

By CHUCK NEIGHBORS

A&M Consolidated in a game sparked by the shooting of Joe Motheral, Billy Blakely and Bobby Williams, ran over a tired Buckholts team last night in the Tiger gym by a huge 68-28 score.

The inspired Tiger team ran their number of games won in conference play to four and in doing so scored twice as many points as they had so far against any other team.

Blakely was high man for the Consolidated cagers with seven tallies to his credit for a total of 14 points; Motheral was second with one less point than Blakely at 13; Bobby Williams was third highest scoring a total of 12 points.

Sharp comes to College Station next Friday night to meet the Consolidated team in their sixth conference tilt. The go against Sharp will be the mid-point in the Tiger's conference season.

TCU Cagers Romp on Owls For 3rd Win

By JIMMY ASHLOCK

Fort Worth, Jan. 10—(AP)—TCU broke one record, tied another and took first place in the Southwest Conference basketball race last night by swamping the Rice Owls, 87-66.

It was a new one-game scoring record for the Frogs, breaking the mark of 81 set earlier this season against Abilene Christian College. The 153 points scored by the Frogs and the Owls tied the Southwest Conference record set by University of Texas and Arkansas in 1946.

Harvey Fromme and George McLeod paced Coach Byron (Buster) Brannon's winners with 24 and 17 points, respectively. Center Joe McDermott was high for Rice with 19.

It was the Frog's third straight conference triumph and was the third consecutive loss for coach Don Suman's club.

The Purple meets the Aggies Saturday at College Station in what should prove to be one of the best conference tilts of the year.

Texas Christian has defeated two of the top three teams who were supposed to lead the conference this season. They blasted Southern Methodist, 57-46, and Arkansas, the pre-season favorite, 42-31.

Coach John Floyd's Aggies were ranked to finish in second but the Horned Frogs seem determined to stretch their SWC record to four straight. A&M has downed Rice, 51-39, and last night edged Baylor, 55-53, in overtime.

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Leads Fish Scorers . . .

Dwyer—Fish Quintet Star Has Musical Talent; Plus

By JIMMY ASHLOCK

Dwyer came to A&M from Wellington, Kan., where he was active in sports throughout his high school career. Although the six foot three inch, eighteen year old has received his chief recognition in basketball while attending college, rumors say that while in high school he was much more outstanding at the fullback position on Wellington High's grid team, excelling running, passing, and kicking.

He was voted honorable mention on the all-state football team, and was named to the 2nd team of all-Arkansas Valley selections.

However, while serving on the Wellington basketball team, he was under the direction of John Floyd, the present Aggie cage mentor. Dwyer was also placed on the All-Arkansas Valley quintet. This no doubt accounts for his coming to A&M and his familiarity with Floyd's style of play.

Dwyer holds a starting berth at guard on the Aggie fish team, and is an unusually good ball handler and dribbler for a freshman. His best shot seems to be a jump shot from the free throw circle area.

He obtains a great deal of spring in his legs which renders him valuable also in rebounding. In Fish games up to this time he has scored 21 field goals and 8 free throws for a total of 50 points, making him high point man for the season.

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Fair Catch Liked By College Coaches

Dallas, Jan. 10—(AP)—College football coaches are generally agreed that television has hurt attendance and that the fair catch rule should be restored to the game.

Incomplete results of a questionnaire circulated by Lou Little of Columbia, chairman of the Coaches Rules Committee, showed strong sentiments on these two points. On almost all other questions, opinion was divided.

Replies show that there has been little change in the elapsed time of games due to liberal substitutions and the "platoon" system and indicate no definite trend toward either tightening or further liberalizing the substitution rule.

Most successful of the recent rules changes was barring the use of the rough forearm block by offensive players.

Another rules proposal which received considerable support was to have a uniform way of starting the time clock after every play "if it can be arrived at."

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