

Ags-TU Share Lead: Who Will Fall First

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Three conference basketball games have come and gone and A&M is not only undefeated but is tied with Texas for the SWC lead.

The big question running through most minds is: "Can the Aggie finish in that No. 1 spot?"

There has been quite a basketball drought at this school for a good many years. Not since the season of 1922-23 has A&M been able to cop a championship. Now, with a new coach, dynamic and intense, will that drought give way to a harvest?

From the season of 1919-20 to the years '22-23, "Rule Britannia" was replaced by "Rule Aggies." Those were the golden years for A&M which produced four unchallenged champions. Those were "the good old days." In 1919-20, the Maroon and White won 19 games and lost none, and through that four year period, the overall record was 70 wins and only 12 defeats.

For an all-time record, though, A&M has a tally of 381 wins and 357 losses. It might not be the best of records, but let's be philosophical; after all, it could have been the other way around.

There is an air of optimism about the campus and among most Aggie supporters. But, have we a right to that feeling? For 28 years this institution hasn't put a champion quintet into the field. Just this fall John Floyd was called from Little Rock Junior College where he had been head basketball coach and assistant football coach. With him came an entirely different system of basketball.

Floyd and the Aggies were strangers. The only two "familiarities" were the coach and the system—ball control. The first two are known to each other; the last is becoming known. So there we have it, a circle of friends and an acquaintance—one with whom all the friends would like to be inseparable.

This chumminess cannot possibly become effective overnight.

No Sentimentality

We watched Floyd work with his men before the season started, and if any man can bring Aggie basketball back to the fore, he can. John Floyd is tough and only a tough man can survive coaching these days. He has the philosophy that sentimentality and basketball don't mix.

"When you get on that court, you hate that man," he told his men. "I don't care if you played basketball with him in high school or not; you don't talk to him; you hate him."

The gentle may shudder, but without grounds. Mark Twain put it correctly: "To the unconsciously indelicate all things are delicate; but tis not the word that is the sin, it is the meaning behind the word."

One At A Time

As a coach, Floyd expresses a roach's philosophy—play this game now and let the next one take care of itself. We made the mistake of calling the TCU-A&M contest a "big-game." Floyd made it short and sweet.

"It's just another game." Being a mere human and not a coach (and this is said reverently) the top man always appears a little bigger to you. Stop to think about it and you realize that Floyd looks at it right; cope with the present; the future will come quickly enough. (In basketball, that is.)

It will be difficult to beat a man like John Floyd, but he is a man and has to lose sometime. About this campus it is a bright, sun-shiny day for all but the people who know. Many are beginning to think in terms of championships, not immediate games. Some actually think that the Aggies are a shoo-in. "Throw your tennis shoes on the court boys and the other SWC teams will hide in terror" is getting to be the popular thought.

Dean Penberthy said yesterday that he had been waiting 23 years for a basketball champion. He also expressed the hope that there wouldn't be too much back-slapping before the season was finished. That's a good thing to observe. So far the Aggies stack up pretty good, but if they were to win the conference title it would be sort of being a miracle. Give

In other words, Floyd wants a winning team and the only way you can have that team is to have the men who want to win. He wants his boys to "get there fastest with the mostest." There won't be any time for a chat-chat or a cup of tea if you play to win.

Floyd is about the most intense man that we have ever seen. Whether it be practice or a regular game, he never stops talking. "Pass the ball Marvin. Move in Jewell. Back out with it Buddy."

That goes on and on and almost never stops. If there is such a thing as reincarnation, John Floyd was a basketball many years ago. He eats, sleeps, thinks and even blows his nose basketball. If he sneezes, watch for a new play to materialize.

Floyd some time. Quite a while ago he mentioned something about "in a few years." There was no mention of anything obligating, but there was a mighty big gleam in his eye.

Floyd, Iba and Gray There have been some doubts as to how the SWC, and especially A&M, would receive Floyd's Iba modification. Saturday night the score was low but the pace blistering. The fans loved it then, the Aggies won, but will A&M supporters have the grace to cheer as loudly when the home team loses—which every team must do sometime?

Jack Gray of Texas has stoutly denounced the "ball control" way of playing basketball. We would like to know, Mr. Gray, if your Longhorns couldn't hit the basket when you played SMU and Arkansas (Texas won both, 42-39 and 50-42) or could you have found the control system a little to your advantage? (Pass the tea bag slooow-ly, Mirandy.)

Aggie fans left the game happy Saturday and most were talking as (See BASKETBALL, Page 4)

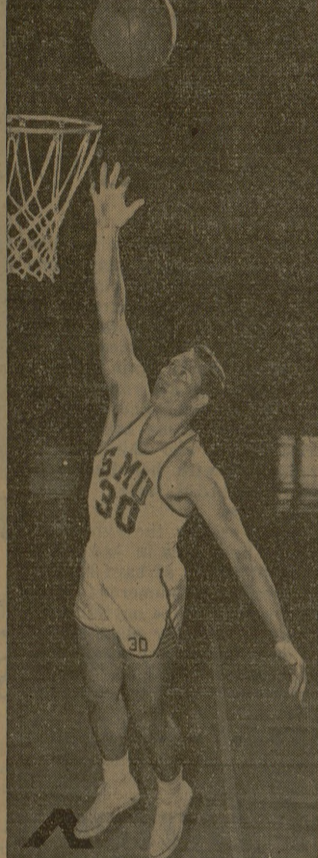
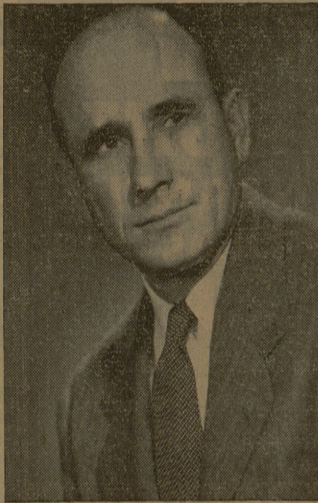
Tigers Look For 6th Win

Still feeling pesky after their fourth consecutive district win, Coach Othel Chaffin's A&M Consolidated Tigers took the road to Rockdale today to make it number six. Consolidated had its own way against Sharp last Friday night as they plastered that quintet 57-27. Bobby Williams led the victors with 22 points.

With only one letterman to lead the way, the Tigers have done very well in conference play. Their lone loss has been at the hands of Milano, a team which Consolidated beat in the zone play-offs last year. Milano has not been defeated in ten games and has retained its last year's team.

Conference victories for the Tigers were from Snook, Somerville, Thorndale, Buckholtz and Sharp. —Beat SMU—

Two Arms and One Brain



"Doc" Hayes, SMU's fine basketball coach, is flanked by his two best players. Brown, who has been the Mustangs big gun for the past three years, has been receiving top notch support from Freeman, who as a soph this year, is coming through like a veteran. Both will start tonight against the Cadets. Brown is currently No. 3 leader for points scored in total season games with 182, while Freeman is the second best point man in the conference games. He has scored 51 points.

Iba's Ags First In AP Poll; A&M 41st

New York, Jan. 1—(AP)—The top ten underwent a brisk shake up as a result of last week's tumultuous activities, which saw the major unbeaten ranks reduced from 12 to four. Columbia and St. Bonaventure share perfect records with Oklahoma A&M and LIU.

The Aggies and Kentucky each went up a notch. St. Louis, beaten by LIU, fell from fifth to eighth. N. C. State dropped two rungs from last week's No. 7 niche. Columbia went up a peg and Kansas State dropped a peg.

The Kentucky Wildcats, who have bounced back strong from their Sugar Bowl loss to St. Louis, drew 21 first place votes and 1,061 points. Bradley, winner of last year's final poll, received only 11 firsts but was represented solidly on every ballot for 1,006 points.

Then came Long Island with 994 to complete the sport's current "big four."

Okie Ags Menaced

The Oklahoma Aggies get a major test Wednesday when they play host to St. Louis at Stillwater, Okla. LIU's unbeaten string is menaced in a Tuesday game at Madison Square Garden with Duquesne, owner of a fancy 11-1 mark.

Bradley will follow up tonight's Detroit game with a trip to Wichita Saturday. Kentucky will meet Tennessee Saturday. St. John's

School-Bound Parents Must Use Forethought

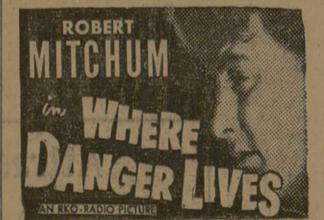
If you drive your youngster to school, the Texas Safety Association offers some suggestions for their safety:

Make sure all doors are securely closed before you start; see that your child is sitting—a sudden start may throw a standing child off balance; and when you leave your child at school or pick him up after school, always use the right side of the car so that the child steps directly from the car to the curb, and not in the path of approaching traffic.

A little forethought may save a tragic afterthought.



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Cotton Bowl Is Unaffected By NCAA Rulings

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 15—(AP)—The Cotton Bowl—New Year's Day football game won't be affected to any great degree by the new NCAA rule governing bowl games.

The new regulations provide primarily that the participating teams shall share 75 per cent of the gross receipts and that the NCAA shall be represented in the management of the game.

Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the Southwest Conference and a director of the Cotton Bowl, said the Cotton Bowl is already under direct control of the Southwest Conference.

Teams Well Treated

Teams already receive 85 per cent of the gross receipts. Expenses of the game are paid by television and radio fees and by concessions. The 15 per cent deducted from the gross goes for rental of the stadium from the State Fair of Texas.

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QMC To Finals; Co. 11 Cops Freshman Crown

By JOE BLANCHETTE
Intramural Editor

A QMC advanced into the finals of the Intramural Football Leagues by edging E Infantry on penetrations after their thrilling contest had ended in a 7-7 deadlock. The suppliers will face the winner of the F A-F Infantry battle which will be reeled off later this week.

The QMC eleven drew first blood in the bitter grudge battle late in the first half. The infantrymen had driven to the Quartermaster 33 yard line before they were held on a fourth down try for a first. At this point the suppliers' ground attack went to work under the direction of June Clark, their talented signal caller. Trahan smacked over guard for a seven yard pickup.

Yeager bulleted off tackle for five and the infantry was penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness. Bud Yeager took another reverse and drove over tackle to the Infantry 20. Clark took the snap from center and handed off to Charley Bruchmiller who drove off-tackle for a TD. Toppervine missed the kick but an offside penalty gave him another chance, and he made good by booting the ball squarely between the uprights for the extra-point and a QMC half-time lead of 7-0.

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Playing beautiful football for each team were Willy Minturn, Harvey Helms, Jesse Fletcher, Burl Purvis and Phil Snyder.

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TU Herds Hogs By Ball Control

Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 15—(AP)—Texas went into the Southwest Conference basketball lead with a 50-42 win over Arkansas tonight.

The victory gave Texas a loop record of four wins and no losses. Until tonight Texas and A&M were tied for first with three wins and no losses.

Texas jumped to an early lead, which it never relinquished, behind the shooting of James Dowies, who dropped in two field goals in the opening minutes.

Midway of the second half, Texas led, 46-32, and from there on the visitors devoted most of their efforts to controlling the ball.

Dowies led the scoring with 14 points while teammate Sealing was second with 13. Tom Hester and Hess led the Hogs with 10 and 11.

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Campus Interviews on Cigarette Tests

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The class clown went out on a limb and tried to prove cigarette mildness by the quick-trick method! He tried the fast inhale, fast exhale test—a whiff, a sniff—and they still left him up in the air!

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