

# SWC Basketball Goes Up To Half-Way Point

A Southwest Conference basketball race that has been shocked by a lusty quota of upsets comparable to an ordinary full season moves to the half-way mark this week with everybody resting for the big push.

Arkansas, Rice and Baylor finally managed to win a game apiece last week with Rice furnishing the biggest upheaval in shooting down Southern Methodist 75-69 Saturday night.

That just about kicked SMU out of the championship picture, joining Arkansas, the pre-season favorite.

**Texas Undefeated**

Texas is the only undefeated team left and the Longhorns will stay that way at least for 10 days

because they don't have another game until Jan. 31.

Texas whipped Arkansas 50-42 last week to maintain its upper strata standing.

Southern Methodist knocked over A&M 51-44 to shove the Aggies into a tie with Texas Christian for second place, each with a 3-1 record. TCU didn't play at all last week.

Baylor blasted Rice 69-55 for the Bears' first conference win of the season while Arkansas picked on Baylor by the same score for the Razorbacks' initial victory.

Southern Methodist and Arkansas each has lost three games and Rice and Baylor have dropped four apiece.

Rice and Southern Methodist

hooked up in a bell-ringer at Houston Saturday night. Paul Mitchell flipped in a charity shot to tie the score at the end of the regulation time but in the overtime the Owls pushed ahead easily. The score was tied 16 times in this torrid battle.

**Hester Clicks**

Seven-foot Toar Hester clicked to shoot Arkansas to victory over Baylor. The giant of the Ozarks flipped in 22 points.

Only one game is scheduled this week and it is an intersectional affair. Baylor meets Oklahoma City University at Oklahoma City Tuesday night.

All the other teams take the week off for mid-term examinations.

Joe McDermott, Rice center, times to lead the scorers, his total to 230 points. In place play only, Jack B. Southern Methodist is tops

## Fish Grid Team Awarded Letters

Twenty-nine members of the 1950 freshman football team have been awarded numerals by the A&M Athletic Council.

The team, coached by Perron Shoemaker, was honored recently during the Winter Sports Banquet.

Although the Fish only won one out of five starts this past season, the team contains some of the best talent in the country. Among the letterman are 15 who were all district men, three all state and one all America in their high school days.

These boys will get their first taste of varsity competition next month when spring training begins.

Captain Harry Stitzer sees in the team some good but inexperienced replacements for the graduating varsity lettermen this year.

Following are the Fish by position and hometown with the honors each received in high school:

lington; Durwood Hall, Dallas; Bobby Morgan, Huntsville; Tommy R. Rhoads, all district, Haskell.

Guard: William A. Burcheall, all district four year, all state three years, all Southern one year and all-American one year, New Orleans, La.; Louis E. Capt, all district two years, Uvalde; George Roberts, Dallas; Ben Halley, Gladewater; John W. Neale, Houston; Lawrence Schulze, San Antonio.

Centers: Charles Fischer, Abilene; Robert R. Gosney, all district three years and honorable mention for all state two years, Fort Worth.

Backs: John Cavileer, Austin; Donald Griswell, all district two years, Texas; Scott C. Cutter, all conference two years, Oswego, Ill.; Leo Fuchs, all district two years, Cameron; Franklin D. Gibson, all district two years, Pioneer; Hayden E. Meyeaux, all district two years, New Orleans, La.; George R. Perkins, all district, all state and honorable mention all-American, De Quincey, La.; James J. Russell, San Angelo; John Salyer, all district, Austin; and Robert A. Smith, Austin.

## Talk Is Free In Sessions at NCAA Parley

By WILBUR MARTIN Associated Press Staff

Cleaning the cuff after the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention in Dallas:

Marty Karow, former A&M baseball and basketball coach, looking fit and feeling fine as baseball coach at Ohio State now, says he'll bring his Buckeye nine to Texas this spring for a series with Texas, Baylor and Texas Christian . . . wouldn't guess who'd be named football coach at Ohio State.

Mose Simms, lobby-gossiping with Jess Neely of Rice and other coaches . . . sporting horn-rimmed glasses these days . . . gives him a distinguished appearance.

Jack Curtice, who used to be out at Texas Western, looking just the same before he moved to Utah . . . says it's really not so cold up there . . . Wilford Moore of McMurry swapping yarns . . . bystanders wondering when he was going to move up to a bigger school . . . think he deserves a crack at big time coaching.

Buck Bailey, Washington State baseball coach, and Bibb Falk, diamond coach at the University of Texas, spinning yarns . . . Texas beat Washington State for the NCAA title last spring . . . Bailey an old Texas A&M grinder . . . good guess is that Falk will be named "college baseball coach of year" . . . he's won two NCAA titles in a row.

W. O. Hunter, Southern California athletic director, sounding sleepy at 3 o'clock in the morning when queried umpteenth time on who'll be Trojan grid coach . . . and Gen. Bob Neyland, rumored for the job, denying same.

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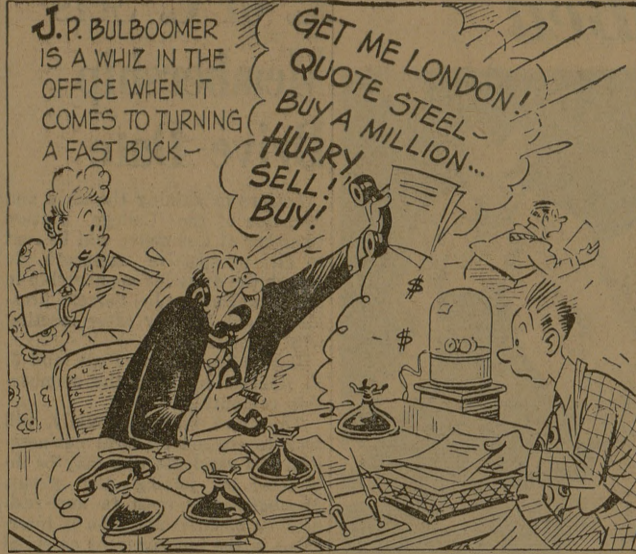
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## The Human Race



BUT CROSSING A BUSY STREET

There was no enemy contact Wednesday night except for a minor patrol clash near Yonju, 40 miles southeast of the abandoned South Korean capital of Seoul.

A few Korean Reds were encountered in the same general area, north of Kungyanging and Ichon.

U. S. intelligence officers said the apparent absence of Red troops in force south of the Han River, which twists around Seoul, may mean the Chinese have made a large-scale withdrawal to the north.

There was speculation that the Chinese are awaiting political developments in the United Nations, meanwhile using Red Koreans to patrol the no-man's land into which U. N. patrols have been poking all week.

But Allied air power gave the Reds no rest far behind the lines. Warplanes plastered military targets throughout North Korea. The town of Chunchon was wrecked.

More Russian-type planes were thrown into the air war with Yak night fighters attacking American B-26s on night intruder missions Wednesday night. It was one of their few appearances in the Korean war. No damage was caused by the enemy planes.

A strong Allied patrol powered its way through slight enemy opposition to retake the town of Hoengsong, 10 miles north of rubbled Wonju and 33 miles south of the 38th parallel but withdrew shortly afterward.

American planes made a heavy air attack on the town Thursday, indicating the Reds had reoccupied former positions. Strongest Communist forces in the Hoengsong area at last reports were North Korean Reds.

## College Station

You probably recall the . . . Gehrman and his frustrated rival, Fred Wilt, finished in what seemed to be a dead heat in the 1950 race, and the dead heat generated the hottest argument since the first Scaling, Texas, g . . . 19 15 53 Louis-Walcott fight.

## Hits Mill Over Euro

London, Jan. 25 (AP)—Millions of Europeans are sneezing and running temperatures and some thousands—mostly the feeble and aged—have died in an influenza epidemic which appears to be reaching its peak in a number of countries.

The United Kingdom seems to be hardest hit by the highly infectious disease, which sweeps through communities with startling suddenness, laying low a large proportion of the population.

In some continental countries—namely Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Sweden—the illness appears to be waning. But it is flaring up in Czechoslovakia and Poland and is reaching epidemic proportions in Spain.

In many regions of Britain schools are closed, theaters are empty, and transportation and industry have faltered. Health officials fear the disease may spread and that it may sweep into the populous southern half of England which has, unaccountably, been relatively free of influenza.

The "influenza belt" in Britain extends from Tyne-side on the northeast coast, where the disease is believed to have made its entry from Norway, to Merseyside on the west coast, including the city of Liverpool.

Almost universally, hospitals are overcrowded and doctors overworked. Sufferers are being told to go to bed and cure themselves with remedies offered by drug stores.

Public health officials everywhere are emphasizing that it has been a mild form of the disease, despite so many cases. Robust persons usually have a few days of

# Educator's Views On Kids' Football Stirs Controversy

Austin—(AP)—Dr. Eldon D. Brinley, chairman of Texas A&I College and Physical Education, presents his views in the January issue of the Interscholastic Leaguer that interschool football at the elementary level be abolished.

Dr. Brinley stirred controversy with an article in the December issue.

He said the elementary program is not justified "because it deals with a vulnerable age, it will not produce a better high school player, it is undemocratic at this level, leadership is poor and it is not conducive to good posture."

Now he challenges elementary schools to develop football fundamentals through other forms of physical activity more beneficial to all.

Hundreds of inquiries poured into Dr. Brinley's office after his first article. Many took opposing views.

Among these is Sports Editor Jake Trussell of the Kingsville Record who pointed to Kingsville's thriving grammar-school gridiron program and said the game was great for the kids. This week he turned pollster, coming up with nine viewing the elementary game favorably, two against it, and two of no opinion.

Brinley, a former all-Rocky Mountain tackle and a great fan of high school and college football, re-

sumed his argument in the January Leaguer with these points:

Football, a sport which demands too much specialization, has too little carry-over value.

Football tends to go to the extreme. "If a little is good, more is better," is an illogical conclusion that leads to disaster.

Football is not a natural motivator. Nature provided play to develop the physical capacities of the organism, but competitive football does not follow these natural patterns.

Elementary football provides for exploitation. "Who are the people most interested in the promotion of football on the elementary level?" asks Dr. Brinley. "Is it not the coaches, sports writers, and 'town promoters'?"

"Sometimes the future of the youngster becomes secondary to other motives," he charges.

Values can be found elsewhere. Most of the benefits derived from football in the elementary school could be better supplied by other means. "Emphasis should be placed

on developing the fundamental skills necessary to all sports."

Dr. Brinley cites examples of such activities as: running, jumping, throwing, catching, kicking, suspension, and dodging—and more specifically, all types of games, contests, relays, lead-up games, and sundry skills.

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