

Hogs Seek to Save Face in Bout With Iba-Disciple Floyd

By FRED WALKER
Battalion Sports Writer

It would be sweet revenge, however indirect, for Arkansas' head basketball coach Presley Askew to relieve the Aggies of their pantaloons.

Askew has been having quite a bit of trouble getting his Hogs to stampee this year, but since 1934, the year that Henry P. Iba took the basketball reins at Oklahoma A&M, every Arkansas basketball mentor has been screaming to Jove to deliver him from the terrible Cowpokes and a guy named "Hank."

Iba has put his charges in the field against Razorback teams 18 times and 16 times they have brought home the pork chops. The usually mild-mannered Askew has developed into a manic-depressive after being subjected to six of those boar hunts.

This year Texas A&M was lucky enough to engage John Floyd as head basketball coach. From 1939 to 1941 Floyd learned his basketball from Iba, and when he moved to College Station he brought with him his version of the celebrated "ball control" style of his former teacher.

At this moment Monsieur Floyd is the fair-haired boy of the campus. Lord John's Aggies sat on a previously unbeaten Longhorn quintet Thursday and the coach's coronation was held immediately after the game.

"The credit goes to the boys," said Floyd. Part of that statement is true. The Aggies scrapped and screamed that night and were worthy of all praise directed to them, but thanks to the superb tutoring of Floyd, it appears that in a year or so A&M will begin to get a sniff of championship basketball odors that have escaped them since the early twenties.

Here's the point! If Askew can't beat the Cowpokes—and he hasn't in two years of coaching at Arkansas—wouldn't it be hunky-dunky if he could taste a bit of Floyd's hide? If you can't beat up the old man, maybe you can whip one of the kids. One thing, though, don't be surprised if the youngster turns out to be a bigger man than the sire.

Bible Lauds, Falk Condemns—Tompkins

There seems to be a big hullabaloo going on in the Longhorn's bullpen—that's not a pun. All-round athlete and key sports figure on the Texas campus "Bonus Ben" Tompkins has forsaken his teacup in lieu of a big league contract. Needless to say, candles are burning in dormitory windows at TU.

Bibb Falk, one of the best college baseball coaches in the land says Tompkins won't see much of the reported \$50,000 bonus he is to receive for signing. An ex-major leaguer himself, Falk snorted:

"He didn't get anywhere near that. I heard it would be about half that much. The Phillies were just saying that to get publicity."

Man-Of-The-Hour, Floyd Does It Again

Coming back to basketball we find a few words from John Floyd: "Toar Hester is Arkansas' first threat and I would say their second threat is Jack Hess, although he has yet to really break out this season."

"The Razorbacks are running more this season, that is, they shoot quicker. They sure won't be as deliberate as Texas. As far as playing against them is concerned, we won't play them any faster than we did Texas—but we will play them a little better."

Floyd then added, with a Gary Cooper grin: "I hope they (Arkansas) have a bad night."

Youngsters Go "Big Time" In Little League Baseball

By RALPH E. GORMAN
Local merchants and business men are bringing something new in the field of sports to the Bryan-College Station area—a Little League of organized baseball.

Still in the planning stages, the sponsors of the newly-formed Little League baseball organization are meeting tonight in the Bryan Chamber of Commerce office to put the finishing touches on the program.

"Big Time" The Little League is something that has been in action in various cities throughout the state and is brought to this locale to afford the youngsters an opportunity to compete in "big time semblance."

The Little League teams will be composed of boys between the ages of eight and 12 years and each team will have 12 players, who will have uniforms and all, while there will also be six more eligible players in reserve.

Final Plans Tonight At tonight's meeting, with the State Little League Commissioner in attendance, teams and managers will be chosen and the season opening date will be set.

When the program is established fully there will be eight teams in the area, divided into four teams for each of the two Little Leagues.

Two Teams From College Most of the league strength will come from Bryan, while College Station will enter two teams consisting solely of boys from their district. Plans are now that the College Station nines will be split up with one team being in each Little League.

Of the 12 uniformed players, not less than three must be 10 years old or younger and not more than five may possess the maximum age of 12.

Sponsors Lined Up In College Station Little League sponsors are Marion Pugh Lumber Co. and South Side Food store. Managers include Taylor Wilkins, John McNeely, Les Richardson, Earl Tishler and Wayne Smith. Umpires are "Flop" Colson, Jim Mann Bevins and Bill Carl.

Bryan sponsors are Corbusier Chevrolet Co., Seven-Up Bottling Co., J. A. Williams & Sons, American Steam Laundry, Lilly Ice Cream Co and Lester's Smart Shop. Managers include Mack Tate, "Pee-Wee" Smith, E. C. "Buddy" Moehleman, Rev. Vern Swartsfager, Bill Davis and Walter Eldred Jr. Umpires are "Nooks" Bond, Boon Bobbitt, Harold Woodward, Sam "Moe" Emola, Melvin McNeely and 'Bama' Smith.

"Freshman Eligibility", Says Bell; SWC Prexy Disagrees

By RALPH E. GORMAN
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In the Southern Methodist camp there's a move proposing two major changes in the rules that govern Southwest Conference athletics.

Ram-rodging the possible innovations is Matty Bell, director of SMU athletics, who has asked Conference President D. W. Williams of A&M for a vote on making

freshmen eligible for varsity sports.

Another vote has been requested by Bell to waive the one-year transfer rule in the case of colleges which discontinue sports.

From Dallas comes a clue that SWC coaches and scouts may be expected to increase their campaign for high school star athletes.

Freshmen Eligible From the same source comes a clue that the freshman rule might be waived within a week, with first year men becoming eligible for varsity sports immediately.

The second rule change concerning transfers would make those students who switch to S W C schools eligible for participation in sports discontinued at their schools.

Two-Thirds Vote

Williams talked with Howard Grubbs, conference executive secretary, yesterday, and asked him to poll the faculty committee of the conference and letters went out immediately. A two-thirds vote is necessary to enact any rule change.

Bell, who said he talked to other athletic directors and most of them wanted the two rule changes, contends "The manpower situation is not yet critical, but it is going to get that way."

"Also, I think it will be well to make the freshmen eligible in the interest of the spring sports program. I think we should let them participate in collegiate athletics as soon as possible, because they'll be going into the service themselves shortly," concluded Bell.

Williams Says "No" But in our own backyard the conference president had an altogether different view in regard to the proposed changes.

"When the voting takes place, I'll vote 'No' in hopes of letting the conference continue the present program," Williams told a Battalion reporter, "because I see no reason to plunge the freshmen immediately into varsity athletics

D. W. Williams



A&M, Baylor In 1st SWC Swim

By CHUCK NEIGHBORS
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A&M's tankermen plunge into the chilly waters of Downs Natatorium tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 to vie with the mermen from Baylor in the first official Southwest Conference swimming meet of the year.

In an interview this morning, Cadet Swim Coach Art Adamson told a Battalion reporter, "I am well pleased with the way the team is shaping into form this season and their high spirit and morale shows a strong desire to win top honors."

Baylor, who has had anything but a successful season in the water events with a poor showing of fifth place in the pre-season relays in Houston, will carry the sympathy given the underdog against an Aggie tank team that missed a first place in the relays by a mere four points.

Texas University capped the No. 1 seat in last month's meeting and is conference favorite for the 1951 campaign, while Southern Methodist and Rice are in third and fourth places, respectively.

The Cadet aggregation of water athletes show a definite weakness in the distance events, as Adamson has yet to find a man who is strong in that category.

Another hindrance that the Aggies will have to overcome in their struggle for the conference crown is the limited number of reserves, as the strength of the team depends on the improvement of the sophomores.

The Cadets have a total of nine meets remaining in the 1951 schedule; including dual, conference, NCAA, and AAU contests.

Regarding Baylor, the Aggies show five wins with no losses in the swimming history of the two schools, which began in 1940.

Sparking the Aggies are Ralph Ellis, a versatile freestyle swimmer, good in both sprints and distance events; Van Adamson, holder of the SWC record for the individual medley and a standout in distance and sprint freestyle events;

the varsity athletes, as well as the problem of adapting himself to his college studies, he would have a greater tendency to fail in his classwork and hence be disappointed in his college career."



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Polio Couldn't Stop Him, And Now

Davis Improves Steadily to Lead Ags

By JOHN DEWITT
One good reason for the fine showing the Aggies have made this season is six foot-eight inch Walter "Buddy" Davis. The towering Cadet center has shown more improvement than any other player on the Aggie roster.

A star in high school at Nederland, Texas, Buddy was the most sought after high school player in the state in 1948. Rightfully so because in his senior year he scored 648 points, 46 of them in one game. Buddy is married and studying animal husbandry.

Worked Hard One reason for the rangy Aggie's vast improvement this season is the fact that he has worked hard since practice officially started in October. A&M Cage Coach John Floyd worked Buddy overtime on numerous occasions in an effort to iron out his bad habits and strengthen his strong points.

Buddy didn't start one game early in the season because Floyd thought he had been working the big lad a little too hard, but the all-conference nominee is reaching the point now where he really looks like a polished center.

Pouling out of ball game is a big problem which Buddy is trying hard to solve. "I've got a reputation for fouling a lot so the officials take it for granted that I'm

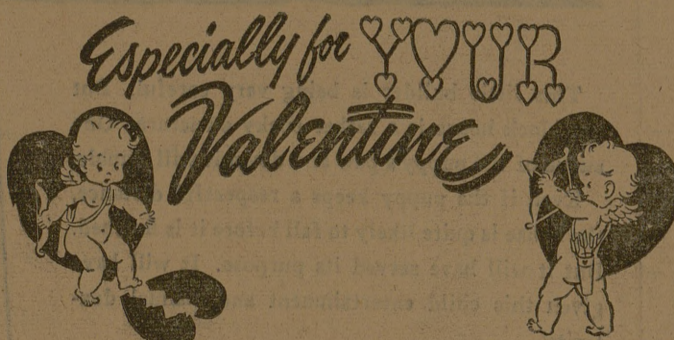
going to foul whether I do or not," says the Aggie's leading scorer, and his teammates readily agree.

Biggest Thrill . . . Buddy says his biggest thrill came when he "crammed one" against Long Island University in Madison Square Garden in 1949. This stunt was a thrill for the New York crowd, too, because it brought a tremendous ovation from the Garden throng.

Track Star, Too After this school year, Buddy will have one year of eligibility remaining. Not restricting his athletic ability to basketball, Bud does a fine job of high jumping for the Aggie track team.

Would you ever believe that the big boy was once afflicted with polio? Well, he was, at the age of nine, but fortunately for A&M he was cured.

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