

Marvin Martin Great Boost To Aggie Five

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Anyone who knows anything about basketball will say Marvin Martin is just about as smooth a ball player as they've ever seen. Up until this season, Marv had been used sparingly, but now he has really come into his own and is holding down a regular forward spot for the Aggies.

Marv is a product of Jeff Davis High School of Houston where he played football and basketball for three years.

He was all-city as an end in his senior year for the Houston school. Marv is unmarried and majoring in animal husbandry, and he says he'd like to be a livestock farmer when he finishes his education.

When the Aggies defeated TCU a few weeks ago, Marvin played the best game of his entire Aggie career. He got innumerable rebounds for the Aggies and scored eight points while doing so.

Coach Floyd was very well pleased with Marv's performance that night and the new Aggie mentor didn't hesitate to tell him so when the contest was over.

The easy going Houstonian is not noted for his speed but he makes up for that with his individual ability. Marv has a remarkable pair of hands which make him such a smooth operator on the floor.

He owns a deadly eye for the bucket and his one-hand shots from around the circle are usually good for two points. Not only is he a good shot but he also accounts for a few more field goals with his accurate passes from the pivot position.

Changes Adapted

Before this season, Marv's pet shot was a hook shot from around the break of the circle. Coach Floyd somewhat outlawed the hook for the Aggies, but Marv was none the worse off because his one-hand set shots and one-hand jump shots get the job done just as well.

He Wasn't Kiddin'!



Frog Basketball Mentor Buster Brannon must have handed out pertinent poop to TCU's star forward, Harvey Fromme, for the big lad from Cowtown was a rough burr in the Cadet machine, as the Christians subdued the Aggies 30-27.

A&M Tankers Ready For NW Louisiana Swimmers

A&M's swimming team will meet Northwestern Louisiana State at Natchitoches, La. Friday afternoon. Coach Art Adamson of the Aggie mermen says, "We'll win, but it's liable to be tough."

Because freshmen are eligible at Northwestern La., added difficulties will be in store for the Aggie tankmen.

Last year, NWLS had a better than average team for such a small school, and Coach John Pipisco of Northwestern expects equally as good material this season.

Adamson was very pleased at the

showing the team made against Baylor last Saturday and especially with the improvement made since the SWC meet at Rice.

Bill Sargent won the 200-yard backstroke to set a record of 2:32 in that event; the first time that event has been swum at A&M was at the Saturday meet.

The score in the Baylor meet was 55-20 in favor of the Aggies. Baylor took first and second places in both the 100-yard freestyle and the diving. The Bears captured second in the 100-yd. backstroke.

After the Northwestern La. meet, A&M's next contest will be with SMU in Dallas on February 17th.

BU Cagers Will Seek Twin Win

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The conference cellar dwelling Baylor Bears and Baylor Cubs invade DeWare Field House tomorrow night to challenge A&M's varsity and Freshman quintets.

Sparked by Ralph Johnson, 6' 3" 190 pound junior from Humble, Texas, the Bears loom as a dangerous threat to Aggie conference hopes. Those who saw the game between the Bears and Aggies last Jan. 9 remember all too well the close margin by which A&M emerged victorious.

Playing the other forward position will be Norman Mullins, 21 year old junior from Carlisle, Texas, who closely follows Johnson in scoring.

Performing yeoman service at the guard position will be Gordon Carrington and Derrell Davis.

Carrington, 6' 150 pound senior from Gilmer, Texas, is an excellent ball handler. Davis provides equally valuable duties with his passing and dribbling.

Holding down the post position will be 6' 3" Bill Harris, who hails from Harlingen, Texas.

Harris Important

Baylor coach Bill Henderson's offense rotates around the free throw area with pivotman Harris acting as the hub. The Bruins exhibit the fast break style of play which provides an ever-racing game. The forwards, Johnson and Mullins, being the consistent scorers, reveal that the Bears like their shots from close range rather than the long "hope" shots.

Baylor, whose hopes of the conference championship are nonexistent, will be playing chiefly for revenge to make up for the 55-53 drop to A&M earlier in the season. On the other hand, the Aggies go into battle still smarting from the 30-27 defeat by TCU Tuesday night, a defeat which endangers

their hopes for championship titles. In the curtain raiser preceding the varsity tilt, the Aggie fish will take on the Baylor Cubs, the team which launched them on a losing spree from which they have never recovered.

Leading the Cubs will be 17 year old Tommy Strausburger from Temple, Texas who was the deciding factor in the Cubs victory over the Aggie fish in their counter last January by rolling up 20 points.

A&M's junior cagemen, like the varsity, licking the wounds of a recent defeat, take on the Cubs in an effort to bring an end to the losing streak which has grown longer since the defeat handed them by Wharton Junior College Monday night.

The fish have shown little of the smooth ball control and team play which earned them praise earlier in the season. This is due mainly to the fact that the freshmen have been acting as scrimmage opponents to the varsity, thus leaving them little time for the constant practice which is necessary to retain the style of ball exhibited in the first days of the season.

Beat Baylor

Substitute forward Le Roy Misch made only two points for Texas A&M in the conference game with the Baylor Bruins. That field goal beat the Bruins in an overtime.



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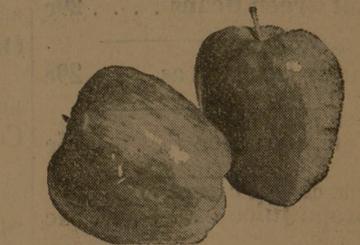
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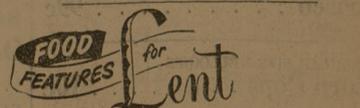
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