

Cage Campaign No Longer a Problem; Frogs, Ags to Win

By RALPH GORMAN
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Last night in Fayetteville, Coach Presley Askews Razorbacks downed a supposedly formidable Louisiana State quintet 64 to 50 and proved to the Southwest Conference doubtfuls that the Hogs are yet to come.



Gorman

Showing a win-loss record in conference play of four and four, the long tall boys from up in the Arkansas hills have come to life and from this corner, we are saying that the new Hog cage team is not to be defeated before 1952.

And with that we find ourselves out on a limb, but we feel that ours is the strongest limb ever to support a sportswriting Nostradamus. So why not venture out to the weak part and just see how far we can bend it.

Read along with us while we take a quick look at the rattle-scramble SWC cage campaign and we'll give the Conference fans food-for-thought in our forecasts.

Yey, we've got it all figured out. So there shouldn't be any need for the jamming of field houses for the remainder of the season, unless the fans just want to see a good show.

Now, we are asked, who is the 1951 champion?, and to that we quickly reply the team who wins the post-season play-off between Buster Brannon's Horned Frogs and John Floyd's Aggies.

To College Station partisans this bit of "news" should offer much relief, for some had thought the Cadets to be on the down grade after losing to Arkansas last week.

With the Hog-Aggie cage bout we quickly recall the words of A&M's roundball mentor some weeks ago, when he said, "All I hope for is to split the series with Arkansas, and I'd gladly do that without even going on the court against them."

We Agree, Coach Floyd

So we like to agree with Floyd in his pre-season wish, as it seemed that only he could foresee that the Razorbacks were to turn into winning quintet. Look at the record with us and see that the Hogs have turned down four of their last five opponents, and the fifth one was the heartbreaker to the Aggies in DeWare Field House.

Some will wonder just why Coach Jack Gray's Longhorns are not included in the playoff series. In answer to this wonderment we see them the fourth ranking team—immediately behind Arkansas.

Following the Steers, who are now tied with TCU for conference honors, we can see in the tea leaves that Coach "Doc" Hayes Mustangs will end the season with a five-seven rating in the win-loss columns.

Those now in the cellar shall never find their way to the sun-light again and they shall be content with what they have.

This Is It

For a quick review of what we've predicted, it's this way:

TCU, now showing a six-two record, will win easy over Rice tomorrow night in Houston; will continue to take Baylor and SMU by slim margins in Will Rogers Coliseum; but will find the pill much too large to swallow when they journey to Fayetteville. Thus, the Froggies end the season with nine wins and three losses.

A&M, though recently dropped to second place, will find sweet revenge over a hot-and-cold Mustang five when they play host to SMU Tuesday night.

Continuing on in the victor's circle, the Floydmen will drop Dan (See PREDICTING, Page 6)

MSC Sponsors Kegler Contest Again Saturday

For the second week in row the Memorial Student Center bowling lanes will sponsor an all day bowling contest tomorrow for the student turning in the highest score for Saturday's bowling.

Originated by Chris Gent, assistant director of the MSC, the weekly contest offers a prize of about five dollars value in an edible item for the day's high score, while the runner up will be the "victim" of a comical prize.

In last week's contest Tom Lathem, sophomore from Abilene, topped the day's keggers with a high game of 224 and Warren McReynolds, sophomore from Houston, knocked down 219 pins for second place.

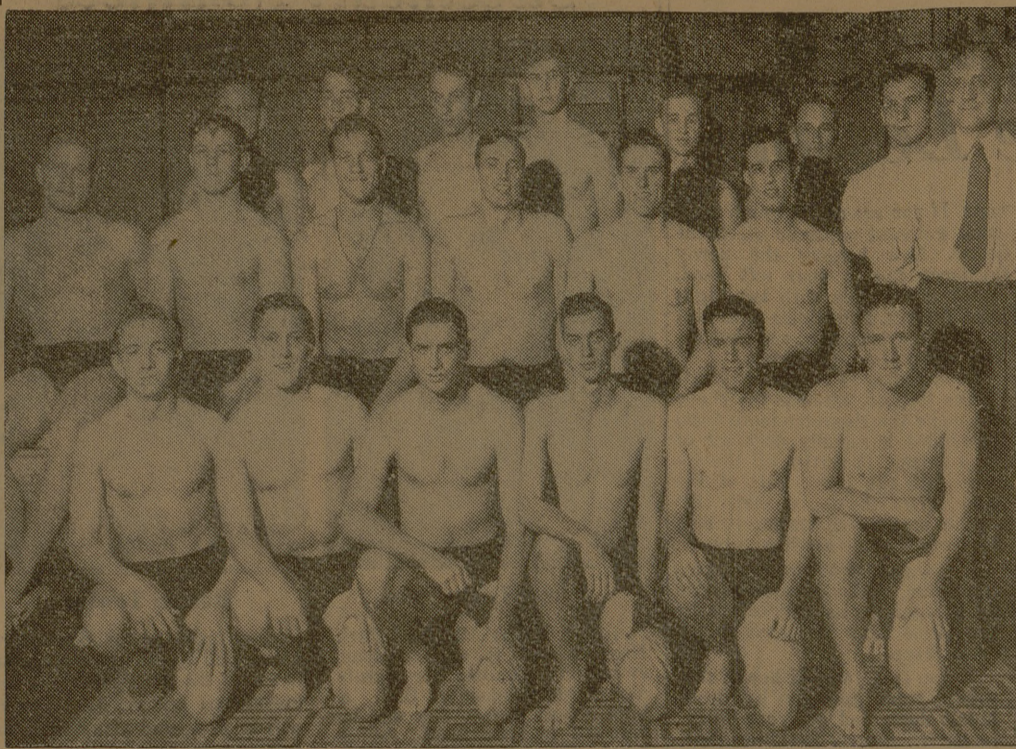
Last week's prizes were a white cake with a chocolate bowling ball for the high game and a stack of one dozen flapjacks for the runner-up.

Jimmy Rose, manager of the bowling lanes, plans to make this a weekly event with the awards being made at 10:30 Saturday night.

The 10:30 presentation would give those who plan to attend one of the midnight shows ample time to be there before the show begins, Rose concluded.

A&M's top basketball scorers are both married. Guard McDowell has a baby girl. Center Walter Davis has no children.

Meet SMU Tomorrow



Here are the players and the coaches who will travel to Dallas tomorrow to meet the underdog Methodist mermen in the Pony swimming pool at 3:30 p. m. From left to right on the front row are: John Parnell, Carol Jones, John Noyes, Bill Sargent, Don Crawford, and Paul Shaffer. Second row: Jim Flowers, Tommy Comstock, Don Blundell, Van Adamson, Ralph Ellis, Tommy Butler, and Coach Art Adamson. Back row: Bill Singleton, John David, Wayne Strickler, James Baker, Marvin Seth, Robert Johnson, and Coach Emil Mamaliga.

Shaffer, Second row: Jim Flowers, Tommy Comstock, Don Blundell, Van Adamson, Ralph Ellis, Tommy Butler, and Coach Art Adamson. Back row: Bill Singleton, John David, Wayne Strickler, James Baker, Marvin Seth, Robert Johnson, and Coach Emil Mamaliga.

Ag Mermen Vie Ponies in Dallas

By JIM ASHLOCK
Batt Sports Staff

A&M's swimming team will meet its second conference opponent Saturday afternoon at 3:30 when the Aggie tankers engage SMU at Dallas.

Each of the teams has won two dual meets. A&M, who placed second at the SWC relays at Rice, has victories of 55-20 over Baylor and 42-33 over Northwestern State of Louisiana.

The Mustangs scored wins over St. Louis University and Memphis Naval Air Station. The Dallas swimmers also placed third behind A&M in the relays, which was won by Texas.

Butler, Flowers—Captains

Coach Art Adamson and Assistant Coach Emil Mamaliga plan to take 15 swimmers to Dallas with them Saturday. The Aggies will be led by Tommy Butler and Jimmy Flowers who were elected co-captains Wednesday night.

Ellis Leads Off

Leading off for the Farmers will be Ralph Ellis, Bill Sargent, Van Adamson, Tommy Comstock, and Bill Karow.

Ellis, who hails from Dallas, is the Aggie ace sprinter, while Sargent, who calls Fort Worth home, performs the duties of backstroke.

Comstock, junior industrial education major from Houston, and Bill Karow, son of A&M's former cage and baseball tutor, will be called upon to meet the breast stroke challenge.

Adamson Sparks Team

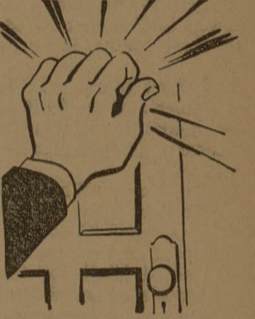
Sparkplug of Coach Adamson's aqua team is free styler Van Adamson. At present Van, who is the son of Aggie tank mentor,

is holder of the Southwest Conference 200 yard medley championship, and has established pool records all over the state.

Besides these five mariners, Coach Adamson can also call upon free styler John Parnell, Butler, John Noyes, and Carol Jones. Other reservists ready for immediate action are breaststrokers Flowers and Wayne Strickler, and backstrokers Don Crawford and Don Blundell.

SMU Winless

Texas A&M has engaged SMU 10 times since Adamson became Aggie coach in 1934, and A&M has won all of these duals. But SMU is expected to give the Cadets a hard battle and even turn the tables on A&M Saturday.



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Fish Quintet Host to TU Freshmen Saturday Night

A&M's Fish and the University of Texas freshmen will make up their delayed basketball game Saturday night in DeWare Field House.

Icy roads prevented the game being played as scheduled Jan. 31 when the varsity teams played here. Tip-off will be at 7:30, and the doors will be thrown open to all who care to attend.

Fish Started Strong

The Fish started the season strong, winning their first games from Lon Morris Junior College, Wharton Junior College and the Rice Owlets. But after stumbling before the powerful Baylor Cubs, 37-47, the A&M freshmen have never been able to recover. They have gone winless in their last five games.

The Yearlings apparently have a well proportioned team, with height and speed evenly distributed.

Yearling Lineup

The starting lineup consists of Gib Ford, 6' 3½" 190 pound pivotman from Amarillo, Don Lowery, 6' 1" guard from Stephenville, and Glen Moore, 19 year old guard from Lockhart. Forward slots are filled by the two youngest members of the quintet, Billy Powell, 18 year old San Antonio lad, and Paul Mohr, who hails from Scotts Bluff, Nebraska.

TU Better Record

The record of the TU frosh is somewhat better than that offered by A&M's first year cagers, who have dropped the last five to build up a total of three wins against

five losses. But when A&M and TU meet in athletic contests, anything can happen.

The fish are due to climb from the rut in which they have been running throughout the season since the beginning of the year. Although the team is loaded with individual talent, the necessity of team work is lacking, thus throwing the fish off balance and into the losing column.

The A&M freshmen will play again Monday night when they play a return game with Allen Academy in Bryan.

The Aggie varsity, resting since its disappointing 38-45 defeat at the hands of Arkansas Monday night, will go into action Tuesday night when SMU comes to Aggie-land.

Large Crowd Sees Mural Wrestling

By JOE BLANCHETTE
Batt Sports Staff

The little gym was literally packed to the rafters yesterday afternoon to witness the card of 21 wrestling bouts offered on the Intramural Department's "grunt and groan" agenda.

147 Pound Class

Chapman of A Signal managed to pin Snell of B AF in 2:45 of the scheduled five minute bout. Jim "Buzz" Barry of A Transport battled Kohutec of G AF for 2:55 before he pinned the airman. Torbett of Company 2 wasted no time in nailing Collins of Company 9 to the mat in 1:40.

Hall of the Maroon Band made even shorter work of A AF's Shanks as he grounded the airman in 1:25. Sheply of B QMC managed to garner a 7-4 decision over Ollie Moak of F AF. Don Bull of D FA lived up to the name of "Bull" by bullying his way to a 4-0 win over Hill of E FA.

Anderson of A Infantry pinned Dave Chambers of A TC in 2:45. Ramming of C AF pinned Blackwell of A Engineers in 2:10. Bradford of A CAC wrestled with Johnson of A AF for 4:43 before he flattened the airman's shoulders to the mat.

White of A Ordnance spun Freddy Blackstock of B TC to the floor in 1:25. Jones of C FA grappled White of A QMC to the canvas in 4:40.

Bob Waggoner of A Transport received a forfeit from Welch of B FA when the artilleryman failed to meet his 148 lb. weight.

157 Pound Class

Willie East of A Signal and Anderson of the White Band battled for the scheduled five minutes and at the finish the two battlers were deadlocked at 8-8. East failed to return for the overtime two minute period and Anderson was awarded a forfeit.

Don Buchner of B FA pinned Fitzgerald of ASA in 4:06. Moore of C Infantry pinned Carter of A Signal in 1:30.

Yates of L AF, the returning freshman champion, turned in the fastest win of the afternoon as he threw Melton of B QMC to the turf in one minute. Joe Jackson of D Vets scored a 4-2 win over McNeill of A Chemical.

Charley Bragassa of L AF roughhoused Adams of B AF to the canvas in 3:20. Moore of C Infantry drove Carter of A Signal to the mat in 1:30.

Heavyweights

French of A Engineers tossed Bennett of B CAC to the matting in 2:20 of the proposed five minute battle. Fred Klatt of the White Band pinned Ed Holley of E AF to the floor in 3:48.

Ralph Hartman of A FA threw and pinned Joe Wallace of A Armory to the mat in 3:25.

Stoddard of B FA decisioned Kennedy of the Maroon Band 2-1.

Why Officiating is Tough

Cincinnati, Feb. 16—(AP)—Dan Tehan, veteran basketball official, gave six reasons yesterday why the men who call the fouls are having such a tough time of it.

They are:

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The difference of officiating in various parts of the country.

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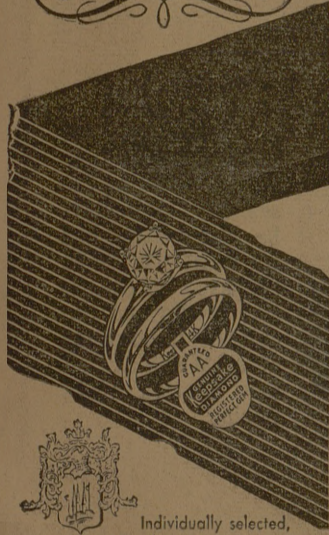
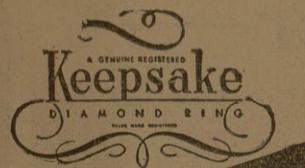
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