

Davis Makes Habit Of Overcoming Ills; Dad Follows Team

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When he was nine years old he was stricken with polio. In September of '48 he entered A&M and embarked upon a glorious career on the basketball court. Last Saturday he had a fever of 104, but, still flu-ridden, he took the field against SMU Tuesday to play 35 minutes and tallied 19 points. Again Walter "Buddy" Davis had valiantly overcome a painful physical handicap to become the hero of the hour.

Buddy appeared to be anything but well after the game was over. He looked pale and haggard—and tremendously happy. It wasn't the biggest smile that ever crossed the 6'8" center's face, but it was there, nevertheless.

Congratulations were delivered from many people, but the things—said and unsaid—from Davis' wife, Margaret and his father, Frank Davis of Nederland, topped them all. One couldn't have found a prouder parent and wife on the face of the earth.

Speaking of Frank Davis brings another story to mind. They say that the most ardent fan is the Brooklyn Dodger partisan, but every last one of them can take a lesson from Buddy's father.

When Walt was a freshman, Mr. Davis would come up from Nederland—180 miles—to watch his son if the Aggies only had a scrimmage with Allen Academy. This year Mr. Davis has missed only one game—the Arkansas tilt.

No Place Like Home

On January 16th, however, Walter's father made a mistake. It wasn't just the fact that he covered 700 miles to see that first SMU game, it was what occurred on the way home.

As everyone knows, Beaumont is a fairly large city, somewhere around 90,000. That last two or three hundred miles must have caught up with Mr. Davis for he claims that he doesn't remember going through Beaumont. This is where the mistake came in. He told Buddy's mother that he jerked awake several times to find himself running on the shoulder of the highway.

Mrs. Davis sternly told her husband that he better stay home for a while for she was "too old to start looking for a new husband."

The few people present to hear Mr. Davis tell this one had a good chuckle at this down-to-earth advice, but they also found out where Buddy Davis gets his grit, forcefulness and good old sense of humor.

Our hat off to the Davis family—both of them.

Baseball Coach Beau Bell has been working the boys a la major league. The first day he had them run rabbit—run until they were bushed. Whether-or-not A&M baseball has a good year, the fans will know that every last player is in good enough physical condition to give his best.

For the last several days the 70-odd men that reported for try-outs have been doing some light batting, fielding and pitching. They will probably have the kinks worked out by Friday for Bell plans to start inters-squad competition then.

The ax will begin to fall on Saturday when the ex-St. Louis Browns starts to cut that huge 70 to a traveling squad. Former Aggie star center fielder and new St. Louis Cardinal Wally Moon has been assisting Bell.

Although Harry Stiteler and his staff has been held up considerably by the weather and its damaging results, the head football coach started his men on the grind again Monday.

Fundamentals took the limelight and Ray George and Dog Dawson put the linemen through plenty of hoops. Dawson seemed to take particular delight in "slicing" the ends on a tackling dummy that was secured vertically at both ends.

When an eager wingman attacked, the man had to keep a stiff contact with it or be catapulted six or seven feet. In another two weeks those boys will be able to move a bulldozer.

Two to Go

After the basketball game Tuesday night, coach John Floyd refused to take any of the credit for the victory. Said Floyd:

"The boys deserve all the credit; they played a magnificent game."

SMU coach Doc Hayes followed up by saying that the Aggies are the best team I have seen this season. They're in now.

It must be said here, however, that Floyd takes his games one at a time, and A&M still has to face Rice, who upset the Frogs, and Texas, a team about which too much cannot be said in A&M circles.

Here and There

"I think Mr. Spink is full of prunes," was what Ted Williams had to say when Taylor Spink, publisher of the Sporting News, remarked that no baseball player should be paid over \$35,000 annually. . . . Abe Saperstein's Harlem Globetrotters have scheduled 201 basketball games for 1951, more than a college team would schedule in 10 years. . . . Joe Harris, basketball forecaster, called the Rice-TCU and SMU-Texas upsets last week. . . . Irony: ten days ago LIU coach Clair Bee said that a coach's judgment of his players is not infallible. "I worked with boys a long time, but I could be wrong," Bee declared. Three LIU stars are now facing a jail sentence for taking bribes. . . . The Yankee Clipper, Joe DiMaggio, went over the \$1,000,000 pay mark when he signed his '51 contract for a reported \$100,000.

Heavyweights Top Card In Little Gym Battles

By JOE BLANCHETTE
Batt Sports Staff

The heavyweights stole the show from the other weight divisions on the Wednesday Intramurals Wrestling card. The top bout of the afternoon was undoubtedly the R. C. Giescke-Fred Klatt battle.

Although Giescke pinned Klatt in 1:40 of their scheduled five minute clash the crowd's interest was centered on the two bruising grapplers.

In the only other heavyweight battle of the afternoon Mac Maxwell of B QMC earned a 7-1 decision over Scott of the Maroon Band and Grubbs pinned Ralph Hartman.

123 Pound Class

Skeet Cameron of C AF just beat the final whistle by pinning

King of I AF in 4:59. Rudy Riviera of D Vets edged by Park of B Engineers on a 6-3 decision.

137 Pound Class

Linley of C AF decisioned Avila of A Armored, 5-1 while Harold Turner of L AF tossed Bob Bradley to the canvas in 2:12 of their bout. Hood of A FA stopped Underwood of C Infantry 10-2.

130 Pound Class

Bill Scott of E FA recured a firm hold on Goldstein and immediately pinned the supplyman in 1:15 as Fletcher of I AF was dropping Huey of C FA to the mat in 2:51 of their match. Patton of HAF gained a 7-6 win over George Laing of L AF.

In the only 157 lb. match of the Intramural card yesterday Bob Braslau of Company 7 pinned Andrews of Company 8 in 2:40.

A Hand--some To Win

Walter "Buddy--The Hand" Davis shows how he picked up his new nickname Tuesday when A&M beat SMU, 49-43. Though indistinguishable in the galaxy of players collected around the west goal in DeWare Field House, Davis is nevertheless recognized by his educated mitt which here collected two of its total 19 points during the flashing contest. Clutching anxiously at Davis' arm is Jack Brown, while Charlie Lutz looks hopelessly on. Going up with Brown is John DeWitt and through the mass of humanity, is seen the No. 13 of Marvin Martin. The man in the rear with the pained expression is Freddy Freeman.



Owls Can Shape SWC Lead

The Texas Aggie Basketeers, at present all alone at the top of the Southwest Conference heap, will move stealthily into Houston Saturday night to engage the giant-killing Rice Owls.

Although the Aggies have now fully labeled themselves as "the team to beat," they may find that they have bitten off more than they can chew when they go after the Owls.

The last time that the two quintets tied into each other the Ag-

gies came out on top 51-39. This was the least number of points that Rice has been limited to this season. In that game the Owl's No. 1 man, center Joe McDermott, was restricted to 6 points by a watchful Buddy Davis.

Giant-Killer

Suffering one of the worst seasons that they have had in quite a while, the Feathered Flock will be striving to knock another conference leader from its lone post.

When they beat TCU 54-49 last weekend, the Horned Frogs also had been the sole possessor of the conference lead.

Only a little more than a month earlier, TCU had torn Rice to pieces and set a conference scoring record to the tune of 87-66.

Joe McDermott, 6' 3 1/2" center from Lufkin, has been "Mr. Rice" all season. The second year letterman senior is the current conference scoring leader for points scored. (See RICE CONTROLS, Page 6)

Southeastern 1st Netter Foe; Tankers Meet OU

By B. F. ROLAND

By JOE HOLLIS

The Aggie tennis team will open its 1951 season tomorrow afternoon at 2 p. m. when it takes the court against Southeastern.

Rated with Texas and SMU this year as one of the three top teams in the conference, the Aggie netmen to claim this ranking are Ray DeBerry, junior; Royce Tate, junior; Dick Hardin, senior; and Eugene Letsos, sophomore, all of whom will start against Southeastern.

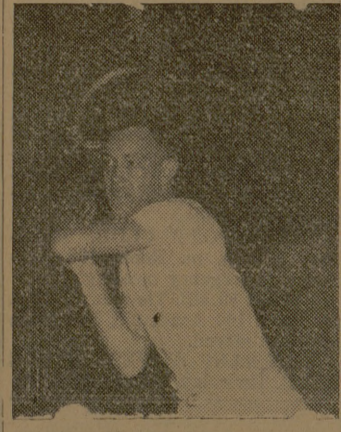
All the netters, except Letsos won a letter for the 1950 season. DeBerry, a San Angelo High School product, played the No. 1 singles last year and the No. 1 doubles with Tate.

Tate, Corpus Christi High School star and 1948 state high school doubles champ, was the No. 3 singles player last year, besides being on the No. 1 doubles team.

Hardin, who hails from Amarillo, filled the No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles slots last year.

The top freshman on the 1950 Fish team was Letsos. While playing, high school tennis in Galveston, he gained the state high school doubles finals in 1948 and was a 1949 singles finalist. Letsos' triumph came a year later when he won the state TAAF singles crown.

Two sophomores who will be heavily called upon to furnish reserve power will be Tom West of San Antonio and Don Farmer from Galveston. The grapevine has it that both will be capable of filling any vacant spot on the team.



R. J. DeBerry

Bookies Tired Of Being Taken In B'kball Fix

By MURRAY ROSE
AP Feature Writer

New York, Feb. 22—(AP)—Maybe the bookmakers will solve the problem of fixes themselves. A big bookmaker told us he has stopped taking bets on college basketball games.

"By next year," he said, "none of the big money commissioners will handle 'em. I got clipped for five grand on one dump and it's not going to happen to me again."

Bookie Operation

Our informant is a layoff man. In business, he might be called a wholesaler. He doesn't do much business with regular bettors. Most of the wagers he handles are from other bookmakers in different cities.

The individual betting money that he does handle, however, is wagered by plungers. Most of the bets he takes are from \$500 up, the "up" reaching into five figures. If he gets too much "action," he spreads some of the bets to bookies in other cities.

"Dumps are arranged by punks," said the bookie. "The regular dealer wants honest sports. We make our living by the vigorish (the regular percentage or commission for taking bets). We got the vig running for us and we've got to win out in the long run.

"The punk is out to clip us. He fixes a game and tries to catch us."

"How did I happen to get caught?" (See BOOKIES, Page 6)

The Aggies Mermen will splash water against two of the strongest teams in this part of the country this weekend in P. L. Downs Natatorium.

The first meet, scheduled for 3 p. m. Friday, will be against the Oklahoma Sooners. The next afternoon the Ags will play host to the Rice tankers at 2:30 p. m.

"Oklahoma is stronger than last year," says Coach Art Adamson, "and they won last year so we expect them to give us a rough time since we are about the same strength as last year."

The meet with Oklahoma Friday will be the fifth contest for the cadets in the 1951 season. The first time A&M Aquamen took to the pool they came out with second place honors in the SWC Relay.

Baylor fell next to the Aggies with a left handed score of 55-20. Northwestern Louisiana State fell next when the Aggies drowned them to the tune of 42 to 33.

Coach Adamson will rely heavily on the services of both Van Adamson and Ralph Ellis, who garnered A&M's only first place points in their recent meet with SMU. Despite their first place points the Ags were dunked 30-55.

Bill Sargent and Tommy Comstock will also be in there splashing for the Aggies giving able assists to Adamson and Ellis.

Wallace Elected Baseball Captain

Guy Wallace, senior letterman shortstop from Dallas, has been elected captain of the 1951 Aggie Baseball team by his teammates.

The five-foot-nine-inch Wallace has earned two varsity letters in Aggie baseball, and this year will be seeking a third. In the 1950 season he was one of the leading hitters at A&M with a .306 average.

While in high school at North Dallas, Wallace was honored with All-District distinction. One year he was All-State.

All SWC

At A & M Wallace rated all Southwest Conference two years, and, in 1949, was named AAU All-Southwest.

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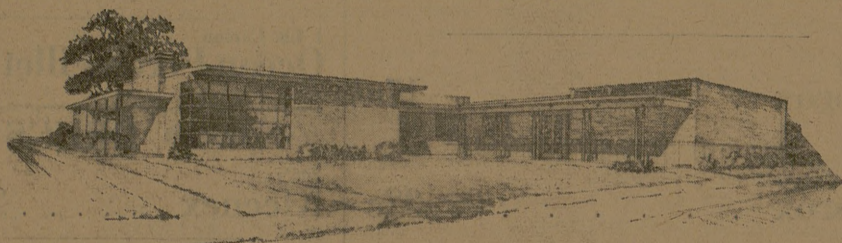
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