

Fite Nite To Offer One Of Biggest Mural Shows

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One of the biggest sports shows to be witnessed on the campus this year will be unveiled at DeWare Field House tonight beginning at 7:30. Among the many events will be a weight-lifting show, a gymnastic exhibition, and the finals of Intramural Boxing and Wrestling.

Boxing

In the finals of the heavyweight boxing class J. D. Guidry of A Vets will match punches with Jack Harper of Mitchell. Guidry gained the finals by a decisive win in the semi-finals as AF's Strong. In this bout some of the hardest and most effective uppercuts in the tournament were tossed by the experienced Guidry.

Harper was not forced to fight in the semi-finals as he drew a bye to fight in the finals. Harold Williams of C Vets will battle Dick Randell of Company 2 in the finals of the 177 pound class.

Williams has considerable experience in Golden Glove matches and will enter the ring tomorrow night a favorite to defeat the freshman pugilist.

Akridge Meets Kirk

Roy Akridge of Company 11 will swap blows with Bob Kirk of A AF to determine the champion of the 167 pound class.

The freshman battler gained the finals of the middleweight class by besting Mathews of the Company 8 organization. In this bout the classic scrapper displayed strong left jabs and hooks to gain the nod over his rival freshman boxer.

Kirk reached the finals of the 167 division by defeating Anderson of the Freshman Band. Kirk apparently lost the first round of the battle but came back strong in the final two stanzas to cop the decision.

157 Pound Class

Two freshmen will battle for the championship of the 157 Pound Class. Carl Wilson of Company 4 will meet Jack Fowler of Company 3.

Wilson gained the finals of the class by besting his company rival Fulton. Fowler fought in the Golden Gloves this year and gained a win in his initial match before he was defeated. He defeated Childers of F AF in the semi-finals of the Mural competition.

Jackson Opposes Lucas

Joe Jackson of D Vets will attempt to gain the championship of the 147 pound class by climbing into the ring to oppose Charles Lucas of Company 3.

In a match that set a blistering pace Jackson gained the finals by stopping B. D. Manning of Company 2. The match was a toe to toe slugging match with Jackson winning the decision.

Lucas reached the finals by de-

feating McDuffie of Milner in a match which closely resembled the Jackson-Manning affair.

Fans going to witness the Intramural show tonight will have an opportunity to witness a former Golden Glove semi-finalist in action.

Quinton Milhollen of C Infantry will battle Ernie Picazo of A Vets. Milhollen has achieved the semi-finals of the Golden Gloves and displayed top form in completely defeating Eby of Company 5 to attain the finals of the class. The sturdy, former Golden Gloves boxer hit Eby with everything in the books.

Picazo gained the finals by defeating Fuller of Puryear.

130 Pound Class

Weldon Calhoun of Squadron 8 will battle Lee Howard of A AF in the finals of the 130 pound class.

Calhoun gained the finals by beating C Vets' Castillon. Howard defeated Kupfer of Company 4.

Wrestling

The Intramural Wrestling finals will see such men as Joe Jackson, Wayne Bradford, H. D. Maxwell, Don Grubbs, Bill Lay, Curly Penn, Bob Fletcher, Royce Brimberry, Dick Batten, Dare Keelan, Pete Manos, Rudy Riviera, and A. R. Stoddard in action.

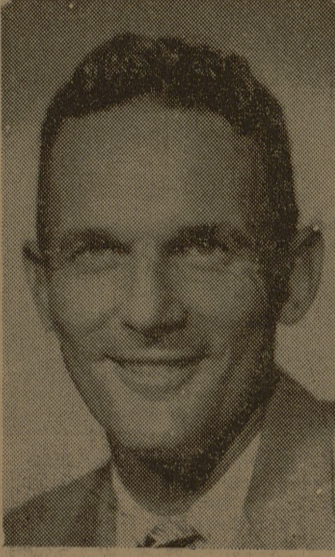
Gymnastics

The gymnastics show which will be presented at the field house will see all of the men who will participate at the show for the veterans at McClosky Hospital in Temple later in the year.

The matmen and high bar specialist have been working long and hard under the coaching of Nick Ponthieux of the P. E. Department to give the show.

The men participating in the show are Bob Doby, Conrad Webb, Bob Waggoner, Harold Turner, Claude Holmes, Bill Curry, Carl Johnson, Jack Ross, Bert Becroft, Craig Patton, and Olan Boyd.

To KC



John Floyd, head basketball coach, is smiling for a good reason. Tuesday night his men beat the Steers 33-32 to gain a trip to the NCAA playoffs in Kansas City. This is Floyd's first year at A&M and already he brought the Aggies a piece of the SWC title.

Sports Writers Wanted at Batt

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Floyd Proud of Ags; Says 'They'll Do All Right In NCAA'

By FRED WALKER
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Head Basketball Coach John Floyd seemed to be more relaxed today than he has been in 28 games.

"All the boys did well up there (Gregory Gym), all of them."

Most of the tight lines so noticeable in a coach's face when he is under a strain were gone. We had gone in to see Floyd, still bubbling with enthusiasm over last night's game. Five minutes later we were relaxed in his office taking the world in stride.

Floyd outwardly appeared to be just the same, but there was a new amount of pride and warmth in his tone when he spoke of his boys.

"They'll do all right in Kansas City," he said. "The field house seats about twelve or twelve and a half thousand and that means lots of people, but it won't bother the boys."

We guess he figures that there couldn't possibly be any more noise in the world than there was in Gregory Gym when Miksch stepped up for his all-important free throw.

Another heartening comment of Floyd's was that "the boys took it in stride."

A dinner was given for the team last night by their coach and there is another scheduled for them tonight.

The Aggies took yesterday off and today's practice was still undecided, but Floyd maintained that the team would be back in DeWare Friday—working harder than ever.

There has been a great deal of speculation going about concerning Floyd's tactics of taking the ball out of bounds in place of shooting foul shots. After all, there are so many people in this world who can run the show better than the coach.

To all those unhired and underpaid sideline coaches, let us direct the words of Floyd.

"You take free throws when your offense is working. When your defense is surpassing your offense, as our's was those two games, you try to keep the ball."

"The idea is to keep the ball if your offense isn't right, but you also want to pick up as many points as you can. Every time you miss the basket, you take the chance of the other team getting the ball."

"I had the boys take it out the first night so we could keep the ball as long as possible. It just worked out that we didn't hit enough of our shots even under those conditions."

"These are theories, and both are gambles any way you look at it. Last night it came out for the best." (See FLOYD EXPLAINS REASONS, Page 6)

A&M Nips Houston 3-1 In Close Ball Game

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Working in a too-cool-for-baseball-atmosphere, A&M's baseball team collected three runs to humble the Houston Cougars 3-1 yesterday afternoon.

Pat Hubert, senior veterinary medicine student and All-SWC hurler last year, was the starting pitcher for the Ags.

In this, his first appearance of the season, Hubert struck out six men and allowed only two hits during the five innings he worked.

The first inning of play was uneventful, with the first six men up to the plate going down in consecutive order. But in the bottom of second, Russell, Aggie center-fielder, set things off fast by smashing one of Cougar hurler John Boon's offerings over the left field fence.

Bases Loaded

Hank Candelari then crooked a single and Joe Erettee followed with a double. The outlook for well advanced lead then brightened as Hubert drew a walk, loading the

bases and putting All-Conference shortstop Guy Wallace in the batters slot.

But luck turned away as Hubert went down swinging.

The third inning saw the Houstonians come to life. Taking advantage of shortstop Joe Jones' single, and two walks drawn by John Boon and Felix Fraga, the Cougars quickly loaded the bases and manned the scoring position with only one out to their disfavor.

Great Catch

UH third baseman Jack Reed connected with a high fly to right field which should have spelled one tally for the Cougars, but Boon was caught too far from second as right fielder Shug McPherson gathered in Reed's fly. A quick peg to Wallace got a double play which quelled Cougar hopes of overtaking the Farmers in that inning.

In the fifth inning Ernie Johnson, junior transfer student from John Tarleton JC, replaced Hubert on the mound. During the remain-

der of the game Johnson gave up only three hits, one of these resulting into the lone Houston score.

Ags Score

The second Aggie tally came in the bottom of the fifth when Al Ogletree latched onto a Cougar fast ball for a triple. A high fly to right by Wallace paid Ogletree's fare home and earned the Aggies, a 2-run lead.

Jack Reed collected a walk from Johnson to start off top of the sixth. This was followed by an identical performance by Roland Walton.

Jim Moore, Cougar left field replacement, then grounded to Erettee for a fielder's choice, while Reed made his bid for the score. Erettee's throw to the plate was bad and Reed slid across as the umpire spread his hands palms down.

Run No. 3

The final Farmer score came in the bottom of the seventh when Ogletree, stationed on third after working his way around on his single, a single by Wallace and a sacrifice by Johnson, scored on Yale Lary's single.

A return engagement between these same two teams is scheduled for Saturday afternoon in Hous-

Doing Well



Head Baseball Coach Beau Bell is another first year man at A&M, at least as a coach. Bell captained the Aggie baseball team in 1931 and also hit a homer off Longhorn pitching in a crucial game that year to snatch the SWC title for A&M. Bell's charges have won two of three games this year. They split a two-game series with the pro-laden aggregation from Brooke Field and yesterday slapped the University of Houston 3-1.

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Fraga, 1b	3	0	0	5	0
Reed, 3b	3	1	0	0	1
Walton, ss	3	0	0	1	1
Jezerksi, 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Payton, rf	2	0	1	1	0
Gregg, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Moore, lf	2	0	1	2	0
Winfield, if	2	0	0	1	0
Jones, cf	4	0	1	1	0
Newman, c	4	0	1	1	8
Boon, p	1	0	1	5	0
Hollman, p	1	0	0	2	1
Totals	30	1	5	19	11

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A
Wallace, ss	4	0	1	3	2
Baker, cf	4	0	1	1	0
Lary, 1b	4	0	1	5	0
McPherson, rf	3	0	1	4	1
Russell, if	2	1	1	2	0
Candelari, 2b	4	0	1	1	1
Erettee, 3b	4	0	1	2	3
Ogletree, c	4	2	2	2	0
Hubert, p	0	0	0	2	0
Johnson, p	1	0	0	7	1
Totals	30	3	9	29	17

Double plays—McPherson to Wallace; SB—Wallace; Umpires Colson and Bevins.

Seton Hall Is Team to Beat In 1951 NIT

New York, March 15—(AP) Dark-horse Seton Hall "tournament hot" and rich in reserves, was labeled by rival coaches Wednesday as the team to beat for the National Invitation Basketball championship.

"Those boys are hot as a stove-lid," said Dayton's Tom Blackburn. "When a club gets all steamed up like that it's hard to stop. I'm afraid they're not going to cool off."

Frank McGuire, Saint John's coach, threw in an "amen" to this, adding:

"Seton Hall has the best bench in the tournament, ten to 12 boys of about equal ability. When one team doesn't click, another one is thrown in. They'll be tough."

"We may need Stils to stop that big boy, Walt Dukes," moaned Stanley Watts of Brigham Young. "It may be impossible."

The immediate problem of chilling this blast-hot surprise entry out of New Jersey happens to fall in the lap of Watts and his gang from Utah, who face Seton Hall in the second semi-final game Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

First-seeded Saint Johns and Dayton, another unexpected guest in the round of four, clash in the opening game. The championship will be decided Saturday night.

Arnold Lost To Longhorns

Austin, March 15—(AP)—Texas lost another star lineman today from its 1950 SWC football champions.

Joe Arnold, who teamed with all-America Bud McFadin at offensive guard, will not play this fall.

Arnold suffered a concussion in Spring practice. Coach Ed Price said it would be risky if Arnold continued to play. Arnold had a similar injury previously.

Price now has only one returning first stringer from the 1950 offensive line, end Tom Stolhand-ske.

Outa' The Park



Jimmie Russell, Aggie left fielder, broke the ice for A&M in yesterday's ball game with the Houston Cougars when he slammed a 350-foot homer in the second inning. Russell has hit one out of five, walked once and sacrificed once.

Regis Handily Beats SW Texas At NAIB

Kansas City, March 15—(AP)—Florida State of Tallahassee produced the unexpected by whipping George Pepperdine of Los Angeles Wednesday as four clubs moved into the quarterfinals of the National Intercollegiate Basketball tournament.

The Florida State Seminoles' 61-59 win was the first major upset of the 13th tournament. That form reversal and Memphis, Tenn.'s 81-79 overtime victory over Hastings, Neb. College were the afternoon thrillers.

As was expected, Regis College of Denver manhandled Southwest Texas of San Marcos, 82-64, and James Milliken of Decatur, Ill., rolled over East Texas Baptist of

Marshall, 80-62. With some 200 Milliken rooters in the crowd of 3,500 cheering their team on, Scottie Steagall shot and passed the Big Blue to its second tournament victory. Steagall, one of the nation's leading scorers, got 27 points.

But the thrills were provided in the Memphis overtime. Running along with a 15-point lead the Southerners suddenly found themselves tied 73-all when Chuck Stickels of Hastings made a field goal and free throw in the closing seconds. But Bob Griffith got a sleep-er with three seconds remaining in the overtime to put Memphis into the quarterfinals. Stickels was the afternoon's top scorer with 37 points.

With Tom Kavanaugh, Dick Petry and Bob Wallace hitting with regularity Regis had no trouble trimming Southwest Texas.

Four games Wednesday night completed the second round play.

Fusari Loses Title To Johnny Bratton

Chicago, March 15—(AP)—Johnny Bratton won the National Boxing Association's version of the welterweight championship last night by defeating Charley Fusari in a blistering 15-round battle.

One judge voted 76-74 for Fusari, the New Jersey ex-milkman. Fusari survived two knockdowns to make a courageous fight from start to finish.

Big Leaguers Show Stuff; Tigers, Red Sox, Phils Win

St. Petersburg, Fla. The Detroit Tigers, with a big eighth inning in which seven men walked, scored a 10 to 8 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals today.

Until then the Cardinals had things pretty well in hand. Rookie Larry Caiffone, testing out for an out-field job manager Marty Marion figures is open, batted a home run and two singles in four trips.

Sarasota, Fla. Three consecutive walks by right hander Normie Roy in the tenth forced in the run which gave Boston's Red Sox a 9-8 victory over the Boston Braves.

Walt Dropo of the Sox and Walker Cooper of the Braves each walked a homer. The Braves' Earl

Torgeson cracked four consecutive hits and Ted Williams got the ball out of the infield for the first time. He rapped two doubles.

Clearwater, Fla. A home run with the bases full by Eddie Waitkus followed by another round tripper by Richie Ashburn brought the Phillies five runs in the sixth and a 7-6 victory over the New York Giants today.

Charlie Bishop, 27, Rookie right-hander, was the victim and losing pitcher.

San Bernardino, Calif. Bob Lemon poked a two-run homer over the right field wall in the fourth to provide the margin by which Cleveland defeated Pittsburgh to-

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