

Ags Win National Defensive Crown

By B. F. ROLAND

After a down-to-the-wire battle with Oklahoma A&M, the Texas Aggies have at last slipped away with the National Defensive Championship.

A&M started the season slowly, which was to be expected under a new coach and a completely different style of play, but with the addition of four trotting starts for NCAB representation, the Aggies ended the season with a 43.3 point limitation on their foes.

Second place Oklahoma A&M posted a 44.6 defensive record, but the Iba Men have played three more games than the Floyd Men, 31.

No A&M

The first NCAA statistic sheet was printed to include games through Dec. 16—A&M wasn't listed. The Cadets had limited North Texas to 35 points, Oklahoma City to 44, Siena to 56 and Canisius to 44, but Duquesne University broke the tape by stacking up 73 markers on the road-weary Farmers.

When Southwest Texas totaled 119 points in two games, the first defensive report was publicized.

Games through Dec. 30 found the Aggies No. 13 in the country. They had limited Sam Houston to 76

points in two games and the University of Houston to 52 in one contest. Trinity was held to 40 on Dec. 29.

No. 10

Jan. 6 found A&M 10th in national standings. The Cadets had played only one game during that period, the Rice Owls whom they held to 39 tallies. This was the least number of points Rice made in one game through the 1950-51 season.

At next report, Jan. 13, the Aggies had fallen back to the 13th national position. TCU had been held to 36 scores, but Baylor had flipped in 53.

The SWC cage race was in full swing by the time the next set of national figures came through on Jan. 20 and A&M had jumped up to the ninth spot by holding SMU to 51 points.

The following week A&M was still in ninth place with the same average of 48.2.

On Feb. 3, the Aggies took a big jump to 3rd spot by allowing only 29 points to Texas and 33 to Arkansas. The average had fallen to 46.2.

With the Feb. 10 statistic publication came A&M to take over the nation's defensive leadership with a 44.8 average. TCU could get only 30 tallies from Floyd's boys and Baylor was allowed only 36.

Games through Feb. 17 dropped the Texas Aggies to second place, five-tenths of a point behind another group of Aggies. These were the Oklahoma Aggies headed by Henry "The Iron Duke" Iba, former teacher and coach of Floyd. Arkansas and Houston had scored 45 and 46 points respectively.

Floyd's Aggies jumped ahead two-tenths of a point the next week by limiting SMU to 43 and Rice to 42. The average was 44.6.

Tied

At the end of the Cadet's regular schedule, Feb. 27 Texas had scored 42 points on the Aggies, enough to tie the Texas Farmers with the Oklahoma Ags at an average of 44.5.

The SWC playoffs cinched the title for Texas A&M, for while TCU had meshed 44 points in Waco, the next three games with the Steers saw only 100 markers chalked up against the Aggies.

Final standings? The pupil had surpassed the teacher for Texas A&M won the National Defensive title with an average of 43.3 while the Oklahoma Aggies trailed in second place with 44.6.

Cadets See Floydmen Off

At least two thousand Cadets turned out at the Southern Pacific station yesterday to see the basketball team off to Kansas City. A&M will meet the University of Washington Huskies Thursday night in their initial game in the NCAA playoffs.

If A&M wins their first contest, they will meet the winner of the Oklahoma A&M-Montana State game.

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Winning Ways Continued By Aggie Golfers

A&M's golf team continues in classic stride, as they blanked St. Edward's University of Austin in a two team and one singles match Monday afternoon on the Bryan Country Club course.

In the first team match with Johnnie Barrett and Bob Dahoney of the Aggies pitted against Jim Allbright and George Salhab, the Cadets won 6 to 5. Barrett downed Allbright 8 to 7, while Dahoney, No. 1 man for the Farmer linksmen, stopped Salhab with a 5-4 score.

Bill Baker and Otto Guerrero composed the second team for the Cadets to score a 5 and 4 win over the Austin team of John Skard and Loren Milnarist. Baker topped Skard 6 and 5, while Guerrero won out over Milnarist by the same tally.

In the only singles match of the day, A&M's J. C. Fletcher turned back Bill Leahy of St. Edward's 7 to 5.

St. Johns, Illinois, NC State, Kentucky Take First Starts

New York, March 21—(AP)—Four members of college basketball's elite top ten—Kentucky, St. John's, Illinois and North Carolina State—will square off at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night in the semi-finals of the NCAA Eastern eliminations.

Kentucky, No. 1 nationally, will face a tired St. John's team, No. 9, Illinois, No. 5, will oppose North Carolina State, No. 8. Illinois and N.C. State are expected to play the first game, at 7:45 p.m. (EST).

Those four powers moved forward last night in opening skirmishes at Madison Square Garden and at Raleigh, N.C.

Western Battle

Meanwhile, the Western NCAA will start catching up with the East tonight, staging the first two quarter-final games at Kansas City.

Brigham Young, winner of the National Invitational Tournament last week, will take on little San Jose State while Kansas State will

Wallace, Russell Lead Ags Over Sam Houston

By FRED WALKER
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Hitting the ball to all corners of the park and then out of it, the Aggies slugged the Sam Houston State Bearkats into submission yesterday afternoon, 16-8.

Leading the way for the Cadets was shortstop Guy Wallace, and left fielder Jimmy Russell.

Wallace, All-SWC shortstop last year, had started the season slowly, but yesterday he eliminated all doubts of a possible slump as he

slapped out two homers, a double and a single, batted in four runs and scored four runs in four trips to the plate.

Russell, who hammered his second home run of the '51 campaign during the second inning, led A&M in RBI's by knocking around five scorers. Another hit, a double, gave Russell two for three.

'Kats Lead Off

The 'Kats drew first blood in the top of the first when an error, a HBP and a long fly by Jake Hughes scored shortstop Bubba Lloyd.

An answering rally started from the Aggie bench when Wallace lifted the second pitch 357 feet away from home plate to tie the score. A walk to Hollis Baker and a Bearkat error, which found Yale Lary safe at first, was followed by Shug McPherson's double which scored Baker.

Lary then tallied on a long fly by Hank Candelari and was followed home by McPherson as Joe Ecrette singled. The Aggie second baseman pooled a steal, an error and Tom Hamilton's single to score a few minutes later.

dets picked up one in both these innings.

Dave Britt scored in the seventh when Hamilton was forcing Joe Lasterlick at second.

The last Aggie tally came when Bill Munnerlyn, after walking and going to third on Britt's single, tore home on a 'Kat error.

Ags On Road

Tomorrow and Friday the Aggies will meet the Brooke Field Medics at San Antonio. In two previous games with the Medics, A&M won the first, 8-7, but lost the second, 2-1.

Triumphant Tracksters To Meet Rice and Texas

By RAY HOLBROOK

The devastating Texas Aggie track team moves to Houston Friday to engage Rice and Texas in a tri-meet.

Again, the Cadets will be heavily favored to beat both teams decisively, on the basis of last Saturday's humiliating 9 1/2-44 1/2 defeat of Texas. Then, too, on the basis of the 77-plus total at the Border Olympics as compared to second place Texas' 39.

Leading the Ags will be the explosive soph weight ace Darrow Hooper, who will be trying, for the third straight time, to break by more than a foot the existing SWC shot record. Hooper will also be favored to retain his discus laurels.

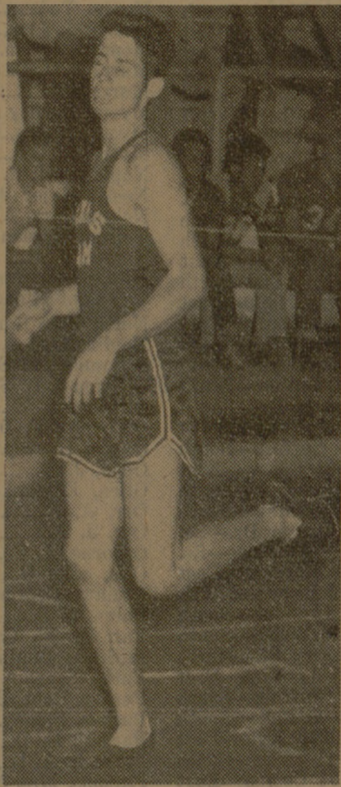
One of the day's best races will see the Cadets' soph surprise Ed Wilkinson defending his undefeated 880 record against Rice's Otha Byrd and Bill Graf. They have finished in that order at the Olympics.

Relay Fight

Texas' 440 relay team will be gunning for the Aggies after having come out second in both meets. The Steers may be stronger this week with the addition of Carl Mayes, outstanding sprinter.

Another very close race should be the high hurdles contest between Paul Leming and Rice's Bill Howton. Leming edged Howton at Laredo.

The Longhorns' outstanding entry will be Ralph Person who will be favored in the 100 and low hurdles over Ags Bill Stalter and Billy Bless respectively.



Don Mitchell, Aggie 440 and mile relay speedster, will be one of the top A&M entries at Houston Friday. Mitchell currently won the 440 in the Texas meet with a time of 49.8.

Houston	AB	RH	PO	A
Lloyd, ss	5	1	0	1
Loth, lf	4	1	2	2
Duncan, cf	5	2	1	2
J. Hughes, c	2	0	0	3
Hodges, c	3	1	2	0
O. Hughes, rf	5	1	2	0
Gottlob, 3b	1	2	0	1
Farrar, 1b	4	0	1	0
Crews, 1b	1	0	0	2
Wilkins, 2b	4	0	2	5
Bilnoski, 2b	1	0	0	0
Hernandez, 2b	0	0	0	0
Suba, p	2	0	0	0
Jackson, p	2	1	1	0
Totals	41	8	13	24

A & M	AB	RH	PO	A
Wallace, ss	5	4	0	4
Duncan, ss	1	0	0	0
Baker, cf	4	2	3	1
Minger, cf	1	0	0	0
Lary, 1b	4	2	0	9
Munnerlyn, 1b	0	1	0	1
McPherson, rf	4	2	2	1
Britt, rf	2	1	2	1
Russell, lf	3	1	2	0
Taylor, lf	1	0	0	0
Candelari, 3b	3	0	1	1
Lasterlick, 3b	1	0	0	1
Ecrette, 2b	4	1	3	5
Cackey, 2b	1	0	0	1
Hamilton, c	5	0	1	0
Hubert, p	3	1	1	0
Brown, p	1	0	0	1
a-Ogletree	1	1	1	0
Totals	44	16	18	27

Add Three

A&M followed the five-run first inning by clouting out three more runs in the second as singles by Wallace and Baker were followed by a tremendous home run by Russell. A&M led 8-1 at the end of two.

Two more were picked up by A&M in the fourth when Russell doubled home Lary and McPherson. Another pair was added in the fifth when Hubert doubled, Wallace doubled and Baker singled.

Sam Houston rallied for three in the sixth when they bunched an error, by Oz Hughes, Cotton Gottlob and R. L. Farrar and a double from Ray Wilkins to collect three runs.

Wallace Homers

The Aggies got two in their half of the inning when Wallace hit his second four-bagger to score pinch-hitter Al Ogletree ahead of him. Three in the seventh and one more in the eighth was all the scoring for the Bearkats, while the Ca-

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