

Does A&M Have A 'B' Team Coach? What's His Name?

By FRED WALKER
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Yes, by golly! Contrary to Battalion reports, A&M does have a "B" team coach—and a fine one at that.

Tuesday, The Battalion ran a story on the appointment of Ray George as head coach. In that story was a "boxed" insertion that, in one portion, read:

"George, Backfield Coach Gil Stienke and Freshman Coach Klepto Holmes are the only members of the football coaching staff now."

A sad looking figure strode into the Coaches' office yesterday, turned to his associates, and made this statement: "Fellas, all I want is a vote of confidence."

Well, that was Dalton Faircloth who, though it might come as a surprise, has been the Aggie "B" team football coach for almost a year. Add to that the fact that he did some valuable scouting for his boss, and it might make a person figure that something ought to be said.

Back On The Payroll

Now that we got him on the payroll, let's look at his record—a beauty.

Dalton went to Bolton High of Alexandria where he earned nine letters in football, basketball and baseball. He was graduated in 1929.

(Whattaya mean over 40's an old man?) He went to Louisiana College and managed to bring home three frosh numerals in football, basketball and baseball. Faircloth also bagged 12 varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was All-LIAA in both football and basketball in 1931.

Faircloth's first coaching position was at Louisiana College where his Freshman football team won LIAA frosh football titles in both 1933 and 1934.

New Albany, Mississippi was the next stop for Faircloth. Here he coached the local high school to the Northeast Miss. Class A title in 1941.

After serving 52 months, from 1942 to 1946, in the Army Air Forces as a physical training director, he was placed on the active duty list as a Captain.

Faircloth went back to coaching in '46 when he took over the chores at De Quincy (La.) High School from 1946 to '50. He took his eleven to the state semi-finals in 1948 and to the State Class A finals in 1949. It was this year that he was selected "High School Coach of the Year."

Going back a few years to '29 and '36, we find that the versatile mentor played semi-pro baseball in Louisiana. Oh, yes, he played a year of professional basketball in 1938.

Everything Happens to Him

There is Dalton Faircloth in a nutshell, so the next time any one asks you if A&M has a "B" team coach, tell 'em "You'r durned tootin' we do—one of the best."

Heck, everything happens to Faircloth. We ran into him one night and said "Hello, Mr. Stienke." Even since then, Faircloth and Stienke have been arguing to see which of them will throw us off the water tower.

Looking Back With New Coach

"What football game did you get the biggest kick out of, Coach," we asked Ray George?

"Well, there was that one when we beat Duke in the Rose Bowl in 1938," answered George. "It wasn't just the game, it was the thrill of being able to play in the Rose Bowl. There's nothing like it."

"But talk about rough," he continued, "one of the best and roughest was when we (he was playing for the Detroit Lions) upset the Chicago Bears in 1940. They had three men playing across the line from me that were big all right. I never saw a back all afternoon, just a big wall of flesh."

We could see the coach's point when he explained that they weighed 265, 280 and 240 respectively.

George had a few chuckles when we asked him if he ever played against Don Hutson, the all-time great end.

"I believe we held Hutson to the lowest number of yards gained during his career," he said. "The end playing next to me was Monk Moscrip, a two-year's All-American. When Hutson went out, Moscrip would drive him in, and when he tried to sneak through tackle, I drove him further in."

George really chuckled then. "Hutson did everything that afternoon. He even tried to sneak around to the opposite side." That was something to chuckle about. When you have stopped just about the greatest, if not the greatest, pass catcher of all time, then you can boast.

A late night wire brought in the news that John DeWitt, star Aggie forward, has been drafted by the Tri-Cities professional basketball team. We have not been able to contact DeWitt yet to ask him if he is considering taking the offer.

Major League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
New York at Philadelphia	.....000 000 100-1 8 0
Philadelphia	.....100 100 00x-2 5 0
Jansen, Jones (7) Gettel (8) and Westrum; Heintzelman and Lopata. WP—Heintzelman (1-1). LP—Jansen (1-2).	
Pittsburg at St. Louis	
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St. Louis020 001 01x-4 6 1
Chambers, Muir (8) and Fitzgerald; Poholsky and Rice. HR—Slaughter. WP—Poholsky (1-1). LP—Chambers (1-2).	
Boston at Brooklyn	
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Brooklyn200 002 010-5 11 1
Bickford, Donnelly (9), Nichols (9) and Cooper; Newcombe, King (4) and Campanella. HR—Cooper, Hodges, Jethroe. WP—Bickford (2-1). LP—King (1-1).	
Chicago at Cincinnati	
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Cincinnati000 020 02x-4 9 1
Minner and Walker; Fox, Byerly (6), Blackwell (8) and Scheffing. HR—Smalley, Ryan, Adeock, Kluszewski. WP—Blackwell (1-2). LP—Minner (1-1).	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Philadelphia at New York	.....000 000 000-0 4 0
New York	.....010 210 00x-4 7 2
Kellner and Tipton; Shea and Berra. WP—Shea (1-0). LP—Kellner (1-1).	
St. Louis at Chicago—1st game	
St. Louis	.....201 100 200-6 8 1
Chicago	.....202 200 20x-8 11 1
Widmar, Pillette (3), Kennedy (8) and Lollar; Gumpert, Littlefield (5), Dorish (8) and Niarhos. HR—Delsing, Zarilla, Robinson, Wood. WP—Littlefield (1-1). LP—Pillette (1-1).	

2nd game	
St. Louis	.....000 040 003-7 9 0
Chicago	.....000 001 300-4 9 0
Starr, Garver (7) and Moss, Lollar; Dobson, Rotblatt (8), Dorish (9) and Masl. HR—Coleman. WP—Garver (2-1). LP—Rotblatt (1-1).	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
St. Louis	.....4 2 .667
Philadelphia	.....5 3 .625
Brooklyn	.....5 3 .625
Boston	.....6 4 .600
Chicago	.....4 3 .571
Pittsburg	.....4 3 .571
Cincinnati	.....2 6 .250
New York	.....2 8 .200
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Cleveland	.....6 1 .857
Washington	.....5 1 .833
New York	.....6 2 .750
Chicago	.....5 3 .625
Boston	.....3 4 .429
Detroit	.....2 4 .333
St. Louis	.....2 7 .222
Philadelphia	.....1 8 .111

Floyd Is Speaker At Sports Banquet

John Floyd, head basketball coach of A&M, will be the guest speaker at the sixth annual Sports Banquet of Consolidated High School sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

The banquet will honor the lettermen in football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, and tennis.

Twelve Man Track Squad To Drake

By RAY HOLBROOK
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Heading for the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, are twelve Texas Aggie track and field stars, who will be shooting for possibly six firsts in the nation's largest relay carnival.

Leading entries for A&M are two once-beaten relay teams and an undefeated weight man. The Aggies weight star is sophomore Darrow Hooper who has beaten all comers in the shot and discus for the seventh consecutive week.

Hooper is A&M's undefeated trackman. His latest exploits were at the Kansas Relays where he won the shot, with a 51' 8 1/8" toss, and the discus with a 145' 5 1/2" heave.

Competition at Drake will be much keener this week but the 220-pound Hooper will be favored to win and perhaps exceed his best mark of 53' 1" executed at the Texas Relays. This mark is the second best in the nation.

Third best in the nation is Hooper's discus toss of 157'. Beaten only at the Kansas Relays, and then on a disastrous baton shuffle, the Cadet mile relay of Bernie Place, Bob Mays, Fuston McCarty and Don Mitchell is gunning for the biggest race of them all.

Rough Going

Aggie teams have always had rough sledding at Drake. The 1947 mile relay took second to Ohio State, while the undefeated National Champion 1948 quartet copped the only Cadet win ever registered in a relay event at Des Moines.

That '48 team could have easily broken the record of 3:14.1 had not the anchor man run a 51.0 on his leg. The time for the race was 3:15.2.

Bless, Ragsdale will also enter the low hurdle event and all three should be in the thick of the race.

Ag captain and the Southwest's outstanding pole vaulter, Jack Simpson will be trying to regain the luck he lost at Kansas last week.

With Don Cooper of Nebraska and Don Laz of Illinois (both conquerors of 15 feet last week) present at Drake, Simpson will have tough competition, but on a good hot day he will be up there with them, or at least, over 14 feet.



Paul Leming

... will be defending champion in the low hurdles at the Drake Relays. Leming, who is the only man from last year's team returning to Des Moines, will also be seeking to take the highs, his favorite race.

Handballers Smother Rice Eight-to-One

By FRED WALKER
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The Aggie Handball team met the Rice Owls here yesterday in a return match and plastered the Feathered Flock, 8-1.

The only hooting done was by A&M as every match but one was brought home with ease.

A&M's No. 1 player, Jewell McDowell, downed his blinking opponent Sam Davis with apparent ease—21-4 and 21-5.

Jack Balderas, No. 2 Farmer, left his tractor treads on Owl Ray Winters, 21-9, 21-10.

Another fly-by-night, Paul Donahoe, got his fuselage ripped apart when Dick Gardemal hit him dead center, 21-3 and 21-5.

The ambush kept going though as Jack Wood tweaked George Donaldson's back 21-9 and 21-18 and Fred Sommers playfully bludgeoned George Pappas, 21-2, 21-5.

Hub Norton had to get a few tail feathers of his own, so he ran a harvester over Jim Christopher, 21-9, 21-5.

Still feeling the need of practice, McDowell and Balderas, the No. 1 doubles team, hopped all over Rice's front line duo, Sam Davis and Paul Donahoe, 21-to-8 and 21-to-0.

Gardemal and John Centilli likewise demolished Pappas and Donaldson with an edge of 21-5, 21-2. A&M's only loss occurred after three "gurus" had simmered over to watch the fun. So distracted were Sommers and Wood, that Winters and Christopher, finding nothing out of place, beat the Aggies while their backs were turned, 21-18, 15-21 and 21-12.

(This distraction had gone for a drink during the second match.) So far this year the team has gone undefeated. This includes skinning the Longhorns once and the Owls twice.

Stee-ri-ke



Bob Tankersley

... will be Aggie's starting pitcher in one of the games against TCU in Fort Worth this weekend. Tankersley has a SWC record of one-and-one. His win was a four-hitter against SMU while the loss came in a relief role at TU.

Ag Softball Team to Play TU Tonight

The Aggie Softball team will meet the Texas Longhorn softballers tonight in Austin.

"Approximately 30 boys will make up the squad," said Intra-mural Director Barney Welch, "and there is very little difference in the ability of each."

That team will play tonight but an entirely new line-up will be used in the next game.

Members of the Club are Don Joseph, catcher; Buron Beard and Lou Wood, pitchers; Jim Tunnell, 1st; Jewell McDowell, 2nd; Vernon Eppert, 3rd; Jack Tanner, short; James Starling, William, Hovel and Sonney Harris, outfielders.

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Baseball Team To Meet TCU In 2-Game Series

By JOE BLANCHETTE
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The Aggie baseball team takes the diamond tomorrow afternoon against the TCU Horned Frogs in Fort Worth in a game which should prove to be a close contest between two evenly matched clubs.

Fish Trip High School Swim Team 46 to 30

The Aggie Frosh emerged the victor from a swimming meet staged yesterday against a combined team of Bryan High School and A&M Consolidated tankers.

Boyet of the high schoolers took honors in the 50-yd. freestyle event, and one of his teammates, Week, hit the finishing mark first in the 100-yd. breaststroke.

Two Aggie upperclassmen substituted on the Frosh diving team to overrun the high school springboard men. Skeet Cameron, sophomore, won first with 152 points, Gilbert was second with 147 tallies, Myers third with 121.8 and Hoskins the other Aggie substitute was fourth with a total of 106.7.

Summary

200-yd. freestyle: Klipple, Skelton, Cuenod, and Barlow. Time 2:16.3; 100-yd. backstroke: Maynard, Rubin, Barlow, 1:08.6; 100-yd. freestyle: Burditt, Weick, Carter, Cleland, 1:02.5; 100-yd. individual medley: Klipple, Wallin, Johnson, Penberthy, 1:22.7; 180 medley relay: Rubin, Black, Burditt, 1:51; 160-yd. freestyle relay: Carter, Cuenod, Skelton, Maynard, 1:25.0.

Coach Beau Bell of the Aggies will have his two top hurlers, Pat Hubert and Bob Tankersley, ready to oppose the weak-hitting Frogs.

Norris (Knobby) Graves, ace of the TCU hurling staff, fresh from a 1-0, six hit win over SMU, and Mike Salim, the Froggie righthander that was given credit for the first TCU win over A&M, will attempt to silence the bats of the Aggies.

In the first contest between TCU and the Ags, the Frogs tallied three unearned runs off Sid Goodloe to squeak by with a 5-4 decision.

Ag Golf Team Will Meet St. Edwards

The Aggie golf team will meet St. Edwards University of Austin tomorrow afternoon at 1 p. m. on the Bryan Country Club greens.

A formerly scheduled game was postponed by TCU and left this date open for a fill-in.

In an early season game, the Ags blanked St. Edwards 5-0. Johnnie Barrett and Bob Dahoney of the Aggies were pitted against Jim Albright and George Salhab to take the No. 1 doubles, 6 to 5.

Bill Baker and Otto Guerrero composed the second team for the Cadets to score a 5 to 4 win over John Skard and Loren Minnarist of St. Edwards.

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

The Aggie linksmen will meet SMU April 27 at College Station in their next conference game.

Salim pitched the first seven innings for the Fort Worth club but was relieved by Graves in the final inning as the A&M nine rallied for three runs.

If Graves, who pitched the SMU win Tuesday, starts tomorrow afternoon, Coach Bell will counter with Hubert. If Mike Salim starts the Aggie pitcher will be Bob Tankersley.

The Aggie baseballers now stand fourth in the conference with three wins and three losses. The TCU crew is fifth in conference play with two wins and four setbacks.

A&M's line-up will be the same as in previous games. Guy Wallace, team captain, will open at shortstop and lead off the batting order. Joe Ecrete will start at second base and Yale Lary will hold down the initial sack.

Hamilton Calls ...

Yogi Candelari will play the hot corner. Al Ogletree will catch for Hubert and Wilbur Hamilton will backstop for Tankersley.

The Aggie outfield will consist of Shug McPherson, Hollis Baker, and John DeWitt.

Harvey King will operate at third base for the Frogs and lead off the TCU batting array. Johnny Ethridge will start at second base with Don Carroll completing the keystone combination at shortstop.

Bill Elliot will hold down the first base position and Bill Looney will start behind the plate.

In the outfield the Frogs will have three veterans, Melzer Rose, Wade Stepp and Bill Barnes.

In the first contest between the clubs, Guy Wallace was the big gun for the Aggies as he connected for two doubles, drove in two runs and scored two tallies. Wade Stepp paced the Frogs' hitting attack with two singles and batted in two runs.

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