

Aggies Win Four Titles

Ag Athletes Claim 1951 Banner Year

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With the coming of 1952, A&M can close the record books of the 1951 season as one of the better years in the athletic history of A&M College.

The Cadet athletes displayed a talent adaptable to the track cinders, baseball diamond, basketball court and even the football gridiron.

The sports year of '51 has been slightly "stormy" rocking along with the basketball scandals, fights, and accusations of over-emphasis on football but through the sinister mist, emerged two SWC teams with unusually good records.

Both TCU and A&M had good years while the University of Texas had a year far below par for the Austin lads.

In basketball, it was all A&M. The Aggies finished the season in a three-way tie with TCU and Texas for the championship. The Cadets whipped their Austin rivals in a two out of three game series and won the right to represent the conference at the Western Regional Meet at Kansas City.

In track and field it was again the Aggies all the way. It was strictly a two team battle all season with the Cadets coming out on top every time. A&M showed complete domination over the University team, defeating them in a dual meet, triangular meet, and finally in the conference meet.

Sparking the Cadet Track team, Darrow Hooper, giant shot putter, went through the season undefeated winning 10 straight times while competing in the conference.

In baseball the Aggies continued to roll over the rest of its conference opponents. A&M-Texas finished the season tied for the crown. Again the Cadets out lasted the Longhorns, winning two out of three to become representatives of the conference in the national NCAA meet.

The Aggie nine made a good showing with ace Pat Hubert becoming an All-American pitcher and being the "Sandlotter of the Year."

The only disappointment came during the football season. A&M, picked by many to win the conference, felt the lack of reserves and a better "T" quarterback failed to win the title but came through with a brilliant showing in its final game of the year against Texas.

The Cadets nipped the Longhorns 21-20 in one of the most exciting football games of the year. It was the Aggies first victory over their bitter rivals since 1939. Nineteen A&M graduates played their last year for the maroon and white.

Baylor and Texas, tri-favorites with A&M, also failed to come through according to predictions, however the Bears of Wacoland had an exceptionally good year. The Bruins finished their season accepting a bid to play in the Orange Bowl, first time to play in a major bowl game in the history of the college.

TCU, the favored darkhorse, came through after winning their first conference victory in an upset over A&M and continued the rest of the season once beaten, sliding right into the Cotton Bowl.

Post-Season Bowl Games

Glenn Lippman, sensational Cadet halfback, ended the season as the leading ball carrier in the conference. He accepted a bid to play in the Shriner's annual East-West bowl classic.

Although his West team lost 14-15, Lippman made good in a typical Texan style. With only a few minutes to go in the final period, the elusive Lippman broke through the East line and raced 52 yards for the second West touchdown.

Billy Tidwell, another star halfback, added another brilliant performance to his college football career in the North-South Bowl battle, Dec. 25 at Miami, Fla.

Playing at the offensive halfback slot for the South, Tidwell also played at defensive safety spot for one of the first times this season. Tidwell set up the first South touchdown with a completed pass and run play from the arm of Billy Wade of Vanderbilt that carried for 41 yards and a first down on the North 14-yard line.

The Rebels went on to defeat the North 35-7 in one of the most top-sided victories in the series. Tidwell also will play in the North-South Senior Bowl game in Mobile, Alabama, Jan. 5.

A cracked vertebra sustained in his last college game kept Bob Smith out of the East-West game. The injury, which probably was received in the A&M-Texas game, was disclosed by X-rays taken after Smith had arrived in California to train for the Shrine Classic.

Smith's loss was a jolt to the West team and might have been enough for a win. He had been counted upon for considerable defensive duty.

Looking back upon the 1951 Athletic season, we can see that the Aggies did right well for themselves and their school. 1952 promises to be an even tougher year in the Sports World.

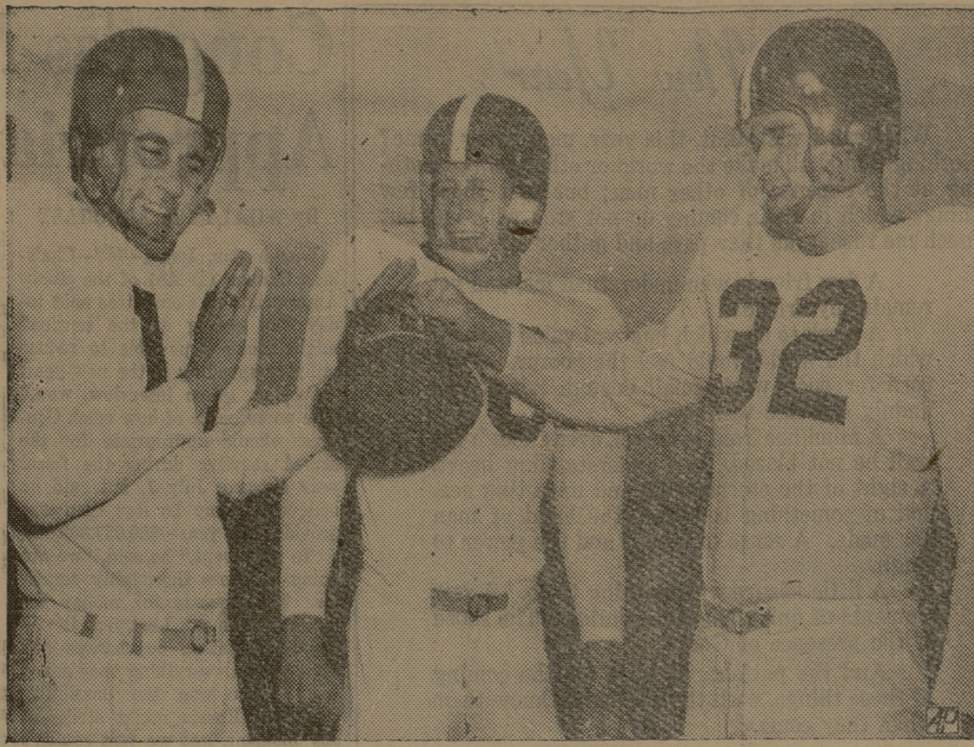
TCU is favored to win the basketball championship while Texas has been given the nod to upset the Aggies from their track and field top perch.

However, the Cadets are favored to repeat their efforts for the baseball title, Texas' domination of the minor sports is expected to continue. No football predictions this early.

Bowl Facts and Figures

New York, Jan. 1—(AP)—Facts and figures on the coming Bowl games, giving date, name of bowl, site, teams with time and probable attendance:

- Jan. 5
North-South, Mobile, Ala.—College Seniors, 1:30 p. m.
- Jan. 1
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.—Illinois (8-0) vs Stanford (9-0-1), 4 p. m., 100,000.
- Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, La.—Tennessee (10-0-0) vs Maryland (9-0-0), 1:45 p. m., 85,000.
- Cotton Bowl, Dallas—Kentucky (7-4-0) vs Texas Christian (6-4-0), 2 p. m., 75,849.
- Orange Bowl, Miami—Georgia Tech, (10-0-1) vs Baylor (8-1-1), 1 p. m., 65,000.
- Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.—Miami (Fla.) (7-3-0) vs Clemson (7-2-0) 1 p. m., 38,500.
- Sun Bowl, El Paso—College of Pacific (6-4-0) vs Texas Tech (6-4-0), 3:15 p. m., 14,000.
- Tangerine Bowl, Orlando, Fla.—Arkansas State (10-0-1) vs Stetson (8-2), 7 p. m., 12,000.
- Salad Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.—Houston (5-5-0) vs Dayton (7-2-0), 3 p. m., 21,000.
- Oleander Bowl, Galveston—San Angelo Junior College (6-0-2) vs Hinds (8-3-0), 11 a. m., 10,000.
- Steel Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.—Texas College (4-1-2) vs Bethune-Cookman Junior College (6-2-0), 2 p. m., 5,000.
- Prairie Bowl, Houston—Prairie View College (8-0-1) vs Arkansas A & M and N, (6-1-2), 2 p. m., 10,000.
- Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.—Illinois (8-0-1) vs Stanford (9-1-0),



Fullback Bobby Jack Floyd (right) tries to give a football equipped with a handle to Halfback Johnny Medanic (left) as Halfback Jack Ray gets a laugh out of the by-play during Texas Christian University football practice. The Horned Frogs are preparing for their Jan. 1 meeting in the Cotton Bowl with Kentucky. The ball with the handle is the idea of Coach Dutch Meyer. He wanted to remind his backs not to fumble the ball.

1952 Starts With Annual Bowl Games

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Cotton Bowl

A great flood of touchdowns is expected today in the Cotton Bowl as Kentucky and TCU will fly with their aerial circuses.

Babe Parilli, making his last collegiate appearance, will try to outsize his rival, Ray McKown, TCU's brilliant sophomore quarterback, who rolled up 860 yards through the air for his club last year.

Kentucky with a 7-4 record for the season has successfully emerged from a battle with the flu germs, and is rated on even terms with the Frogs, who brings a 6-4 won and lost record into today's New-Year's Classic.

The 75,000 roaring fans will see two of the Southwest's finest linebacksers, the Frogs Herb Zimmerman and Keith Flowers, in action today. On the other side of the line will be the Wildcat's great All-American linebaker, Doug Moseley.

Fair, dry and cool weather is forecast for the event.

Rose Bowl

Grand-daddy of all the bowl games, the closed-shop Rose Bowl will pit the best of the Big Ten Conference, Illinois, vs the best in the West, Stanford, today at four p. m. CST.

Illinois, with a powerhouse defense combined with a quick and shifty attack, is favored to hand the Pacific Coast representative their sixth straight set-back in the series.

All-American players in the game, which will be played before 100,000 screaming fans and viewed by millions of others on television, will be Stanford's Bill

McColl and the Illini's Johnny Karras.

A hero of the 1950 Olympics, Mob Mathias, will play at a full-back post for the Indians.

Illinois carries a record of eight victories and one tie into the clash, while Stanford, rated underdog by six points, boasts a 9-1 won and lost record.

Sugar Bowl

Strangely, the only post-season bowl game pitting unbeaten and untied eleven figures to be the most top-sided. This is the Sugar Bowl which matches Tennessee, the nation's number one team and Maryland, rated third in the nation.

Gen. Bob Neyland's Vols are rated an eight-point favorite by the odd-makers over the Maryland Terps, who through a light schedule went practically untested in the 1951 season.

All-Americans on hand for the New Orleans Classic will be Maryland's Mighty Mo Modzelewski, fullback, and Bob Ward, stellar guard. Tennessee All-American performers will be Hank Lauricella, who will be playing before a home-town audience, and Ted Daffer, guard.

Eighty-two thousand fans are expected to be on hand for the kick-off at 1:45 p. m. (CST) in a setting of fair weather and perhaps a dry field.

Orange Bowl

A passing duel between Georgia Tech's Darrell Crawford and Baylor's Larry Isbell is forecast for the Orange Bowl today.

Most experts are predicting a free scoring affair with the game rated a toss-up.

Georgia Tech is unbeaten but has been tied by Duke, 14-14. Baylor (See BOWL GAMES, Page 4)

TCU Favored After Fine Tourney Play

BASED ON AP REPORT

The championship race in Southwest Conference basketball starts this week and everybody knows where to look for the favorite.

Texas Christian definitely is on the spot. The Horned Frogs were the general choice for the title before the season opened; now they're picked.

There's certainly no reason why they shouldn't be the favorites. They've won 10 games out of 11, averaging 65 points per contest while holding the opposition to a 49.9 and they've just finished winning the first Southwest Conference tournament.

Sweep Tourney

The Frogs swept through the tournament held in Dallas, bashing Rice 69-57, edging Vanderbilt 51-49 and slaughtering A&M 65-35 in the dash to the title.

Vanderbilt was the visiting team bearing on the championship race but was a good proving ground.

The tournament showed that TCU, A&M and Texas again are the big three, with Rice and best of the other four members of the league—Rice, Arkansas, Baylor, and SMU.

The entire week was given to this tournament whose success indicates it will become an annual fixture. It drew some 12,000 paid admissions and brought in more money than needed to pay for itself.

The polished TCU team, with unlimited manpower and just the right balance made it strictly no contest in smashing the Aggies in the finals. George McLeod, the giant Horned Frog center, scored 27 points by himself.

McLeod Leads Scorers

Texas won third place in the tourney, beating Vanderbilt by a surprising 65-49 score. A&M had edged Texas 52-51 in the semifinals.

The first conference game is scheduled Wednesday night at Fort Worth where TCU plays the hot-and-cold Southern Methodist quintet. Saturday night A&M meets Arkansas at Fayetteville, Rice and Southern Methodist tangle at Dallas and TCU and Texas clash in Fort Worth.

Baylor which has won only one game this season waits a week to open the conference campaign. The Bears play Southwest Texas State of the Lone Star Contest at Waco Friday night.

McLeod continues to lead the scoring. The Horned Frog star has 182 points—nine more than runner-up Billy Hester of Arkansas.

Season Standings

Team	W	L	Pts	Op	Pct
T C U	10	1	715	540	.909
Texas	7	4	645	584	.636
S M U	5	6	557	604	.455
Arkansas	5	6	549	623	.455
Rice	5	7	719	738	.417
A & M	3	6	405	440	.333
Baylor	1	10	560	687	.091

Aggie Quintet Rated Fourth In Defensive Play

BASED ON AP REPORT

A&M, despite a record of only one win and five defeats at the time, holds the number 4 spot nationally in team defense with the release of the first official statistics.

The Cadet five have held their opponents to a 46.3 average per game. Penn State, rated No. 1, has a 44.3 average while Oklahoma A&M is second with a 44.7 average. Maryland completed the top four with 45.7 average.

Kentucky's speedy Wildcats, rated the No. 1 college basketball team in the nation, are showing why with a blistering offensive rampage.

The boys from the Blue Grass have taken over first place in team scoring among the major quintet with an average of 85.3 points per game. The national collegiate athletic bureau statistics released included games through last Saturday.

Kentucky's 2-point-a-minute gang was fourth last week while Princeton was first. Princeton was held to a total of 107 points in losing two games last week and dropped clear out of the first 30.

Kentucky, which has held opposition to 55.8 points per game, has the top offensive-over-defensive margin, a spread of over 30 points per game.

The leaders (based on games played through Sat. Dec. 22):

Team	Offense	W	L	Pts	Av.
1. Kentucky	5	4	1	429	85.8
2. Syracuse	5	5	0	423	84.6
3. Duke	9	7	2	761	84.6
4. Cincinnati	6	4	2	481	80.2
5. West Ky.	8	8	0	633	79.1
6. Stanford	8	8	0	628	78.5
7. Villanova	5	5	0	391	78.2
8. LaSalle	6	6	0	467	77.8
9. DePaul	10	7	3	776	77.6
10. Loyola, Ill.	6	3	3	465	77.5

Team	Defense	W	L	Pts	Av.
1. Penn State	3	2	2	133	44.3
2. Okla A&M	6	5	1	268	44.7
3. Maryland	7	5	2	320	45.7
4. Missouri	6	5	3	278	46.3
5. A & M	6	1	5	278	46.3
6. Mich State	4	4	0	186	46.5
7. Tulsa	5	4	1	233	46.6
8. Okla. City	5	4	1	234	46.8
9. Navy	5	5	0	237	47.4
10. Cornell	6	5	1	286	47.7
10. Manhattan	6	5	1	286	47.7

McDowell, Miksch Make Honor Teams

Jewell McDowell and Leroy Miksch were selected on the all-tournament teams of the Southwest Conference basketball tourney last week in Dallas. McDowell was named as a guard on the first team, and the six foot four Miksch was picked on the second team.

McDowell was also barely edged by Johnny Ethridge, TCU guard, in the selection of the outstanding player of the tourney. McDowell's brilliant ball-handling and floor work against Arkansas and the University of Texas earned him the all-tourney team honors.

Other members of the all-tournament team are James Dowries of Texas, 6-3, and Dave Kardokus of visiting Vanderbilt, 6-2, forwards; Ted Price of Texas, 6-8, was named as the center, and Ethridge and McDowell were selected as the guards.

Cadets Battle Hogs In First Conference Game

The once called "disappointing Aggies" salvaged much of their lost prestige by taking second place in the first edition of the Cotton Bowl basketball tournament.

For the first time in the history of the conference all members of the SWC participated in the same pre-season tournament. It was a great success and it is being planned as an annual event.

The Aggie five is now working

out in preparation of their first conference tilt of the new season against Arkansas in Fayetteville this Saturday.

Beat Hogs Once

In the tournament, the Cadets set back the Razorbacks 49-46 which means the Arkansas lads will be out for early revenge in the first of 12 games that will be played for keeps.

The tall Razorbacks despite the

presence of their giant center Billy (Toar) Hester had done no better than break even in their eight games prior to entering the Cotton Bowl tournament.

Hester, the tallest player in the conference standing 7-foot, has tallied only nine points less than TCU's George McLeod, who is leading the conference scorers.

In their first battle Hester was held to 14 counters while his opponent center on the Aggie five, Buddy Davis was having a free night chalking up 22 points to his credit.

Davis-Hester Battle

This week's coming battle is scheduled to be a repeat performance of the Davis-Hester battle.

Jewell McDowell, Aggie floor leader and general on the court, broke into the scoring column scoring 18 hot points at the right time to help the Cadets smash their bitter Texas rivals 52-51 in the same tournament.

It was McDowell who tied the score 43-43 with a field goal and again at 50-50. McDowell was the difference in the overtime, getting another field shot while Texas was held to one free throw during an exciting overtime period.

LeRoy Miksch, who along with McDowell was selected for the all-tournament team, has been the only injury so far this year. Miksch suffered a sprained ankle in the Texas game but is expected to be at full power for the Arkansas fracas.

Starting Lineups

Don Binford, the Kansas lad, and Woody Walker, scrappy little guard, will probably round out the starting five for the Farmers.

Marvin Adams, 6-6 forward, Orval Elkins, 6-5 forward, Hester, 7-0 center, Floyd Sagely, 6-9 guard, and Sammy Smith, 6-3 guard, will probably start for the Razorbacks in their first conference clash.

Everyone on the Arkansas team stands at least six feet tall or better. It is the tallest team in the conference and are expected to be mighty rough in conference play.

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