

CHS-Kiwanis Cage Tourney Starts Friday in Tiger Gym

Eight teams will participate in the Sixth Annual Kiwanis-A&M Consolidated High School Invitational Basketball Tournament to be held Jan. 4-5.

The meet is scheduled to take place in the A&M Consolidated High School Gymnasium. Navasota, winner of the 1951 tournament, has been established as a favorite to repeat last year's

performance. Other schools that will participate in the meet are Caldwell, Snook, Somerville, Rockdale, Cypress-Fairbanks, Hempstead, and A&M Consolidated.

Trophies To Winners

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and consolation winners. Members of the All-Tournament teams will receive special awards.

O. V. Chafin, L. E. Boze, E. E. Ivy, W. T. Riedel, and L. S. Richardson will serve as tournament officials.

Rockdale and Navasota will be paired in the opening round at 3 p. m. Friday. Other initial pairings will feature Cypress-Fairbanks against Hempstead at 4:30 p. m., Caldwell meeting Snook at 7:00 p. m., and Somerville tackling A&M Consolidated at 8:30 p. m.

Tour College

Participants in the meet will be treated with food and drink provided by the Homemakers Club and guided tours of the College Campus will be conducted Saturday afternoon for tournament members.

A&M Consolidated will be favored to win their opening game with Somerville since they defeated this team 28-27 in the Tiger's only game of this year's season.

Joe Motheral, Tiger high point man of the season with 16 points, will lead a team composed of Bobby Jackson, Jerry Leighton, Gale Klipple, and Bobby Smith into the opening round.

Other members of the team are David Bonnen, Pinky Cooner, and Jimmy Richards.

Anderson, Andrews Out

Coach O. V. Chafin will be without the service of his two star guards Fred Anderson and Byron Andrews. Anderson was operated on for appendicitis while Andrews is recuperating from a recent back sprain.

Despite the sickness and injury that has riddled the Tiger squad so early in the year, A&M Consolidated is expected to be one of the stronger teams in the conference. They should be in top shape by Feb. 1.

Hugh Hardison, Georgia Tech Soph guard from Cedartown, Ga., is a police officer in his home town during the summer months.

Talks Strategy



Talking over strategy to use against Arkansas, Coach Floyd and his ace guard Jewell McDowell are probably thinking up a few surprises to pull on the lads from the Ozark country. It will be the first conference game of the season for both clubs.

DiMaggio Quits, Couldn't Play Under False Pretenses

By FRANK ECK
AP Newsfeature Sports Editor

New York—You've got to give Joe DiMaggio credit for quitting. One of baseball's greatest hitters and outfielders just couldn't take money under false pretenses. That's what he'd be doing if he played another season.

He would have had to take a 25 percent pay cut, the maximum permitted under baseball law, had he stayed around. Joe would have none of that. He has too much pride.

If you've seen the DiMaggio salary charts you might have noticed that Joe either got a pay raise or drew the same salary as the previous year during his 13 seasons with the Yankees. He never had to suffer a pay cut.

At 37 he found it difficult to get out of bed at 11 o'clock in the morning. He felt he couldn't give

his best, and anything less than perfection bored DiMaggio to the core.

"It took me four to five innings to wake up in the outfield," he said just before he left for California. "It took a trifle longer for me to come up after fielding a ground ball in the outfield. But now I feel wonderful to be back to normal life."

As to the Yankees and their centerfield for 1952 we have some doubt that Mickey Mantle will be their man. We think the Yankee officials are whistling past the graveyard in the Mantle case.

Mickey couldn't go out today and play a game of ball and there's no assurance that he will be ready next spring, medical reports to the contrary. I say you can't count on a fellow who has been wearing a leg brace for two months.

Oddly enough when Mantle fell down while chasing a fly ball in

the World Series he was running hard, but not in the proper direction, as later events proved. DiMaggio was there to back him up and made as graceful a catch as you'd care to see.

That was DiMaggio, the ever so graceful one chasing a flying ball, running the bases or hitting a home run. But last season, Joe was having reflex trouble. He was getting his hands ahead of his bat. Golfers will tell you this brings about a slice. In baseball the ball cannot be pulled properly when the hands move ahead of the bat.

"There's no money in right field hitting for a pull hitter," baseball experts tell you. That's just how Joe felt last season.

He was afraid of what 1952 might bring. The Yankees were paying him to hit to left field.

The Yankees and all of baseball will miss him.

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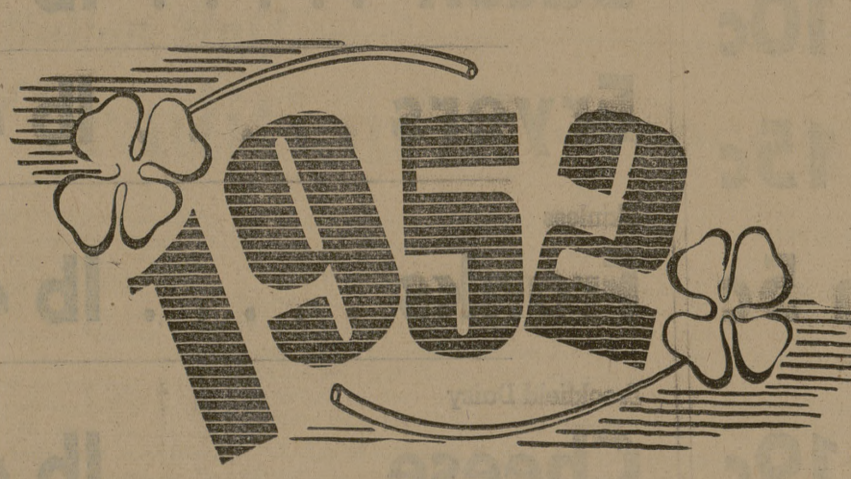
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