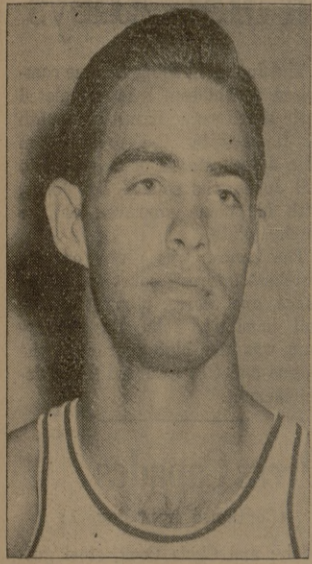


Probable Rice Starters



Bert Dickens
Forward



Don Lance
Forward

N.Y. Yanks Voted Tops In 1951 Sports Year

New York, Jan. 8—(AP)—For the second straight year, the New York Yankees baseball club was picked as the team of the year in the annual Associated Press poll.

The Yanks, who swept to their third straight American League and world series triumph under Manager Casey Stengel, beat out the New York Giants in the poll just as they did in the series.

Casey's club received 53 first place votes and 305 points on a 3-2-1 basis to finish 54 points ahead of the Giants whose stirring comeback captured the imagination of writers and fans everywhere. Leo Durocher's team was named first by 52 of the 214 sports writers and sportscasters who took part in the poll. The Giants collected 251 points.

The leading teams, based on three points for first, two for second and one for third (first place votes in parenthesis):

1. N. Y. Yank's, Baseball (53) 305
2. N. Y. Giants, Baseball (52) 251
3. Cleve'd Bro's, Football (48) 249
4. Tennessee, Football (24) 138
5. Mich. State, Football (7) 60
6. Kentucky, Basketball (2) 46
7. Princeton, Football (4) 41
8. Illinois, Football (3) 34
9. Stanford, Football (3) 31
10. Maryland, Football (3) 28

Other teams high up in the voting included Los Angeles Rams, football (3) 24; U. S. Ryder Cup Team, Golf, 12; Detroit Red Wings, Hockey (1) 7, Chicago White Sox, Baseball (1), 7, and Harlem Globetrotters, Basketball (1), 7.

Bowl'em Over Days Creates Interest

By HUGH PHILIPPUS
Battalion Sports Writer

The second "Bowl'em Over Days" took place yesterday in the MSC bowling alley. This second contest drew more attention than the first one which took place the day before the Christmas holidays, the 18th.

This idea of Mrs. Elaine Lester was to create interest among other boys who regularly take part in the sport.

Mrs. Lester also added that the top twelve men in the school who are on the MSC Bowling Team are not eligible, and this gives the beginner or learner a better chance, and she hopes, will develop his interest.

mas, Mrs. Lester stated that forty-eight boys participated and entered 136 lines. Winner of this Blind Boggy was W. L. Anderson with a score of 110, and the man with the highest average for the day was Clinton Sikes with a 534 series and an average of 178.

Yesterday's winner in the second Blind Boggy was Bill Shepard with a score of 183. While the high series winner of the day with an average of 195 was Tom Sikes.

Mrs. Lester wanted to also add that no outsiders bowl on Tuesday, and that is the one day that the alley is devoted entirely to the students, and only students (See BOWLERS, Page 4)

No Expert

One doesn't have to be an expert bowler to enter this weekly event, for the first prize is not to the owner of the highest series or better average, it is won greatly by luck in a drawing.

Anyone may enter three scores he bowls on one of these days on the master sheet, and then about 10:30 p. m. that evening, a number is drawn out of a box containing numbers from 70 through 200.

The Aggie entering the closest score in the "Blind Boggy" to that drawn number wins his draw of the four prizes.

The prizes this past contest were a pair of Elk Bowling Shoes, a bowling bag, a bowlers cake from the MSC shop, and a \$2.50 steak dinner from the MSC Dining Room. The owner of the highest average for the day will get second drawing from the remaining prizes, after the winner of the Blind Boggy draws his. The remaining two prizes are held over until the next Tuesday.

In the first one before Christ-

Ag Swimmers Enter First Meet Saturday

The Aggie Swimming team will enter its first meet of the season, Saturday at Austin where the Third Annual Relays will be held.

All of the SWC teams are invited to enter the meet which has been won by Texas University for the past two years.

Relay events are the 400 yard freestyle, breaststroke and back stroke relays composed of four men each. Distance relays are the distance medley relay with a three man team swimming 100-200, and 400 yards freestyle respectively and a double medley relay with a six man team swimming 100 yards apiece, backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle, with the last three men repeating in the same order.

McDowell Replacement?



Don Heft

After McDowell graduates in January, Don Heft will loom as a possible replacement to fill the vacated guard slot. Heft is capable of running a ball club from the outside and is a steady floor-man.

Aggie Cagers Seek 2nd SWC Triumph

By BOB SELLECK
Battalion Sports Editor

A&M will be out for its second straight SWC triumph in its already early race to keep pace with the high-scoring TCU Frogs when they tangle with Rice here Friday night.

Clipping the feathers of the not too friendly Owls will not be an easy job for the Cadet five. Rice was picked to wind up in the cellar in football and came through in the top division.

The basketballers of Houston will be out to show that they are just capable of upsetting the experts predictions as their gridders were.

It is possible that Rice Coach Suman will have a starting line-up including three sophomores to throw against the undefeated Aggies.

Don Lance, forward, Dean Small and Schwinger are all second-year men scheduled to receive the starting assignment.

Bert Dickens, a junior, and Leonard Childs, a senior, rounds out the starting quintet.

Leading Scorer

Big Buddy Davis, Aggies' leading scorer with 161 points, ranks No. 4 among the top scorers in the conference. In a non-conference tilt against Oklahoma City, Monday night Davis tied with teammate Jewell McDowell for top honors with 19 counters.

When the spring semester starts in the first of February, the Aggies will lose the service of their top guard, Jewell McDowell.

McDowell will close the records on his brilliant career with the Maroon and White when he graduates in late January.

McDowell Replacements

Bobby Farmer and Don Heft are top prospects with only lack of experience holding both back from regular duty.

Farmer is the more aggressive of the two on offense but also has trouble receiving too many fouls. Heft is considered more dependable on defense and steady all-around floor play. Neither has done enough shooting this year to be counted as a high scoring threat but both are capable of having "hot" nights.

Owls Are Improved

In non-conference play the Owls had a 5-7 record which doesn't show the improvement that they have made since dropping their opener in late November.

In the conference's pre-season tournament, during Cotton Bowl Week in Dallas, Rice was good enough to win the consolation crown. After losing to the champions, TCU, in the opener, the Owls came back strong to smash Baylor and Arkansas with a strong offensive game.

The Owls, led by Maurice Teague and Gene Schwinger, figure to be one of the better scoring teams in the conference and will probably win several games that they aren't supposed to.

Teague, a junior, and Schwinger, sophomore, rank among the leading scorers in SWC with 152 and 140 points respectively.

15,000 Rounds of Golf In One Year



Four of the average of 41 persons a day are shown adding to the 9,531 student rounds shot during the first year of the A&M Golf Course. The 6,715-yard, par 71 course is one of the roughest in

the country and is the second longest in the south. Joe Fagan is the manager and club professional, and also is the coach of the A&M Golf team.

A&M Golf Course Ends First Year

The A&M golf course which was opened a year ago, has had a busy year, Joe Fagan, manager and professional of the course announced recently.

Over 15,000 rounds of golf were played on the course during 1951, with students playing approximately 9,500 rounds.

Over 4,000 faculty rounds were played and almost 800 rounds being played by guests of students or faculty members.

Fagan is also golf coach for the college. He was named to this post Sept. 1, succeeding Gayther Nowell, pro at Bryan Country Club, site of most A&M matches.

with opposing linksmen until last May, when the Southwest Conference individual champion was determined on the new course at A&M.

Work toward improving the fourth-place golf team standing of 1951 has already begun with the initial determination of possibilities.

(See GOLF, Page 4)

Second Longest In South

To look after this 6,715-yard, par-71 course, the college assigned Joe Fagan as manager and professional. Fagan has been responsible for the conversion of 160 acres of former cow pasture into one of the finest golf layouts in this area. Its length makes it the second longest course in the South.

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NCAA List Tourneys

Cincinnati, Jan. 8—(AP)—The NCAA set the date for eleven 1952 national championships today and tentatively chose Washington as the site of the 1953 convention.

The championship dates and sites include:

- Tennis—Northwestern University, June 23-28.
- Cross-country—Michigan State, Nov. 24.
- Golf—Purdue, June 22-28.
- Wrestling—Colorado A & M, March 28-29.
- Swimming—Princeton, March 27-29.
- Track—University of California, June 13-14.
- Boxing—Wisconsin, April 3-5.
- Basketball—Four regional tournaments, March 21-22, with finals at University of Washington, March 25-26.

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