

Ags Spring Drills Scheduled Feb. 25

Former Aggie Grid Stars Back In Sports Spotlight

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February 25 has been set as the day spring training football will start at A&M according to Ray George, head football coach.

"We don't know yet just what system we will follow," said the Aggie coach. "We will have a green team to work with, and we will use the system best fitted to our material."

When the top Aggie mentor said green it was really an understatement. Only 18 varsity lettermen will be onhand for the drills, 19 seniors having played their last game for A&M this past fall. Coach George must look to the Fish team, having 40 lettermen and a rather small number of B team men for material to fill big gaps in his varsity build-up program.

Returning lettermen include one quarterback, two right halfbacks, three guards, two fullbacks, three tackles and seven ends. The Aggies will have only two returning from the starting offensive team and will miss five regulars from the defensive squad. Both starting backfields, offense and defense, have finished their collegiate careers, and Coach George will not have a single lettermen returning at the all-important center spot.

A new ruling of only 18 days of practice this year instead of the usual 30 will put a lot of pressure on the coaches that lose a large number of players.

Major portion of the Aggies 18 days will be devoted to fundamentals, "plain blocking, tackling and ball carrying," said the Aggie coach.

Intra-squad games are planned each Saturday to be climaxed by a Maroon vs White battle to be held on Aggie's All-Sports-Day, Feb. 25.

New Washington Coach

Dick Todd, a former Aggie grid great has taken over one of the toughest coaching jobs in the professionals. The Texan agreed last week to sign a one year contract as head football coach of the Washington Redskins.

The Aggie-ex moved into the coaching "hot seat" after the Redskins third game last year. He lifted Washington out of a three-game losing streak, finishing the season by winning five out of their remaining nine games.

Todd's triumphs included a striking upset over the mighty Los Angeles Rams.

Goode Drafted

The Redskins' starting fullback Bob Goode has further added to the coaching worries of Todd. Goode, another former Aggie and All-Southwest Conference player, was last year's best offensive weapon.

However, Goode has received his call to report to his Giddings draft board for induction into the Armed services Wednesday. He has been with the Redskins for three seasons. Goode is married but has no children.

The 24-year-old, 225-pounder recently returned from Los Angeles where he played in the annual pro all-star game.

One Of Aggie's Greatest

Joel Hunt, one of the greatest football players A&M ever had, has also stepped back into the sports spotlight. The former Aggie guard has applied for the job of coach of the Dallas professional football club. He coached with Buffalo and Baltimore in pro football and coached at Marshall (Texas) College, Georgia, Wyoming and Louisiana State.

Hunt wrote from his home in Teague to Curtis Sanford, one of the stockholders in the proclub. Sanford said he assured Hunt he would be given due consideration.

George, Guest Speaker

Coach Ray George will be the main speaker Wednesday night at the annual high school football banquet in the Aggie-conscious city of El Campo.

The visiting speaker will take along a film of the A&M-Texas thriller of last fall, and will be accompanied by Glenn Lippman, Elo Nohavitzka and Jaro Netardus.

Tidwell Honored

Billy Tidwell, a former Hearne high star, will share co-honors with the Hearne Eagles Thursday night at the annual football banquet sponsored by the Hearne Lions Club.

The guest of honor, Tidwell, who went on to make a name for himself after graduating from Hearne High School as a member of the Aggie football team, recently signed to play pro football with the San Francisco 49ers.

Working Twice Daily

While everybody else is home for a week's rest between semesters, the Aggie basketball team is (See BASKETBALL, Page 4)

It Could Be Heft . . . Or Houser . . . Or Maybe Farmer



Don Heft
Guard



Eddie Houser
Forward-Guard



Bobby Farmer
Guard

When the Cadets swing into the second round of the Southwest Conference race, Coach Floyd will seek a replacement for the starting position vacated by graduating senior Jewell McDowell. Three leading contenders for the guard spot are Don Heft, Eddie

Houser, and Bobby Farmer. Houser broke into the line-up to replace the ailing Don Binford and has been alternating at that position since. Houser showed lots of hustle against Baylor. Heft

has seen action in all the Cadet games this year and is probably the smoothest and most consistent ball handler of the three. Farmer shows lots of fire and is the top scorer among the logical contenders.

Froggies Still Hold Top SWC Position

BASED ON AP REPORTS

Texas Christian, its once-glimmering season record a bit tarnished after a loss to Oklahoma City University Saturday night, still can proudly point at its SWC standing—the top.

The Christians ran up against too much defense in Soonerland as OCU won 66-41, and held big George McLeod, the TCU scoring ace, to two field goals and four charity tosses.

Only one conference game was played last week. It saw the Baylor Bears shake lose Ralph Johnson for 30 points and a sweet 66-54 victory over Rice. It was the Bruins' first league win and second victory in 16 starts and shot them ahead of Rice to tie with Arkansas for fifth place.

Aggies Lose

In the other game of the week the University of Houston whipped A&M, 52-44. The Missouri Valley Conference Cougars had little trouble with the Aggies.

Five games, including three conference battles, are carded this week with the most important Saturday night. That will see A&M playing also second-running Texas at Austin and Arkansas taking on pace-setting TCU at Fayetteville.

Upset Could Set Stage

An Arkansas upset of TCU, not beyond the ken, would throw the race into a tie. TCU, Texas and A&M are defending champs and some fans keep saying the race could easily end in a triple tie again this season. An Arkansas victory over TCU would certainly set the stage.

The TCU loss to OCU left the Frogs with a 14-2 record. McLeod's eight points in the game made his total 281 for the season with Ralph Johnson of Baylor gaining on him with a total of 236.

Not too far away and still in contention is Gene Schwinger of Rice, who flipped 21 points against Baylor to lead fourth place over A&M's Buddy Davis, 214 to 211.

Johnson's big night against Rice was one of the finest performances of the season. He hit 11 out of 15 shots from the floor and

all eight of the free throws he had for his 30 points.

Season Standings

	W	L	Pts.	Op.	Pct.
TCU	14	2	983	788	.875
Texas	10	7	851	771	.588
SMU	7	8	728	799	.467
A&M	6	9	687	716	.400
Arkansas	6	9	740	818	.400
Rice	6	12	1001	1064	.333
Baylor	2	14	823	975	.125

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pts.	Op.	Pct.
TCU	4	0	227	173	1.000
Texas	3	1	206	187	.750
A & M	3	1	183	162	.750
SMU	2	2	171	186	.500
Arkansas	1	3	193	195	.250
Baylor	1	3	197	230	.250
Rice	1	5	282	326	.167

Last Week's Results

University of Houston 52, A&M 44.
Baylor 66, Rice 54.
Oklahoma City, 66, Texas Christian 41.

This Week's Schedule

Thursday—Arkansas vs. Kansas State Teachers at Fayetteville.
Friday—Baylor vs. Southern Methodist at Dallas.
Saturday—A&M vs. Texas at Austin, Arkansas vs. Texas Christian at Fayetteville.

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