

'Brannon's Brats' and Pinky Look Flashy at Game

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"Brannon's Brats" were really scrambling last night. Downing the Aggie quintet 52-41 in jam-packed DeWare Field House, the Texas Christian eagles won their first game at Aggieland "since gosh knows when."

That's what TCU's 6' 7" Center George McLeod said after the victory which placed the Horned Frogs into a first place tie with the Texas Longhorns. A&M dropped into fourth place, behind the Southern Methodist Mustangs.

Only "Pinky" Downs had more flash than that displayed by the Cotton Bowl Tourney Champions when he ripped off his coat, displaying a pink shirt with a green tie—glowing like a neon sign.

"It was a rough game," McLeod continued, "rougher than we expected. Davis was great. Don't know why he stopped driving from the side under the basket."

"We couldn't stop him, and if he had kept it up, probably would have scored 25 points," McLeod added. A&M's center held the Conference's top scorer to eight points, only one field goal, which probably prompted McLeod's statement that Davis was the best he's ever played against in the conference.

"Fans Satisfied"

The Aggies had the regular "after a loss" gloom, but fans were

satisfied with the hustling demonstrated by both teams in a game which drew 24 fouls from the Cadets and 10 by the Frogs and 71 attempted field goals.

Davis and I are marked men on a court, continued McLeod. "Every one knows we're there, and they get us fast—sometimes, too many times, some calls are mistakes, but everyone's human."

Davis was fouled four times, but the Fort Worth center received six.

"I've tried to reform (from fouling—as a sophomore he held the national record for fouling out of games) but I just can't win," concluded McLeod.

Baylor's cage coach Bill Henderson watched and gave Davis

credit for being the better of the two players. "How can one judge two boys like that, they're both good," he said. The Bears are the Aggies next foe.

Ted Reynolds, TCU forward, hoped the Aggies would "knock off Texas." The Frogs have beaten the Longhorns in Gregory Gym, but edged the Steers by five points in Fort Worth this season after leading by 20 points at the half.

TCU which seems to have its best team in many years, will lose McLeod, Fromme, John Ethridge, and Reynolds among the starting five which played last night. Bryan Kilpatrick, who completed the initial quintet, is a junior.

But Coach Buster Brannon isn't losing a team at the end of this

year. Next season, conference fans will see a sophomore, who is held out this year, Franklin Warren. He's only 6' 5" but deadly both with the ball and under the basket.

Frog Hold-Out Best

Henry Ohlen, who replaced McLeod in the second quarter, will also be back next season. He is but a sophomore.

A&M has but five more games left to play in the conference slate, but the Frogs must play six which include Texas at Austin and Arkansas, the only SWC team to beat the Frogs, at Fort Worth. The Mustangs will be the Frogs last foe, and the meeting place will be in Dallas which means quite a bit.

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Victims Rate Duquesne Best Of College Foes

Pittsburgh, Feb. 7—(P)—Take it from the coach of Duquesne University's 15th straight basketball victim—the Dukes haven't just an ordinary team. They have the best collegiate five in the nation.

That's LaSalle's Ken Loeffler singing the praises of the Dukes, one of the two unbeaten major quintets in the nation. The Dukes pasted LaSalle, 71-60, Tuesday.

If Loeffler is right or wrong he'll get no arguments from the other 14 coaches whose teams have been steam-rolled by the Bluffites.

Here's Loeffler's summation of the fast improving Dukes, currently ranked fifth in the Associated Press poll:

"My boys played well and I think we have as good a team as there is around with the exception of Duquesne. Let me put it this way—we can beat anybody but the Dukes."

"There's no question in my mind that Coach Duddy Moore has the best collegiate team in the country. They could beat just about anybody I can think of. I'll even say it's the best collegiate team I've ever seen."

Meet Milano Friday Night



A&M Consolidated Tigers will lay their chance on the line once more when they play host to Milano here Friday night. Members of the team are: (front row) Gayle Klipple, Jerry Leighton, Byron Andrews, Fred Anderson, David Bonnen. (Back row) Joe Motheral, Bob Smith, Bob Jackson, and Coach Chafin.

Baseball Set To Battle On Salaries

New York, Feb. 7—(P)—Organized baseball hauls out its heavy legal guns Wednesday to combat a recent government ruling which puts a new squeeze on diamond salaries.

Louis F. Carroll and Ben Fiery, attorneys for the National and American Leagues respectively, head a battery of sports figures to appear at a special hearing called by the Salary Stabilization Board.

The public hearings will be conducted by John F. Kieran, former sports columnist of the New York Times and member of the radio-television panel of "Information Please."

The Stabilization Board on Jan. 15 issued a ruling which put a limit on overall club budgets rather than individual salaries. Under the edict baseball clubs could fix salaries under either of the following plans:

1. The total salary payroll of any one year, 1946 through 1950, plus a 10 per cent flat increase.
2. The total salaries paid in 1951 in accordance with previous applicable rulings, without a 10 per cent increase.

The general attitude of baseball, with Brooklyn's President Walter O'Malley the loudest spokesman, is that the ruling handicaps those clubs and players already holding signed 1952 contracts.

El Paso Open In First Round; 142 Golfers Vie For \$10,000

El Paso, Feb. 7—(P)—Jim Turnesa, Briardliffe, N.Y., veteran, led a par-smashing assault today as more than 200 players pushed through a pro-amateur, the last tuneup for the \$10,000 El Paso open.

Turnesa, who hasn't been winning much lately, did a bristling 66, five under par over the 6,315-yard course and took down \$250 as the low scorer.

He was almost tied for the honor by a weird happening—the finish of a round in total darkness when everybody thought everything had been decided and even the official scorer had departed.

Bill Ogden of Chicago persisted in finishing his round although all the players had quit. His partner, Charlie Butler, El Paso amateur, however, stayed with him as a guide over the remainder of the course and made a birdie three to tie Turnesa. He finished with a 67.

Ogden won \$58.33 as did Jerry Robison of San Antonio; Lionel Hebert of Verona, Pa.; Marty Furgol of Lemont, Ill.; Herman Coelho

of Honolulu, and Shelley Mayfield of Cedarhurst, L.I., who also had 67's.

Turnesa was exultant over his round. "I think I'm back on the beam," he smiled. "I have that putting touch back."

Jay Hebert of Long Island, N.Y., brother of Lionel, and Fred Halla, El Paso amateur, won best ball honors with 60. Hebert got \$150.

Winning second money in the best ball competition was W. A. Stackhouse of Seguin, who paired with Ed McEvoy of Roswell, N. M., for a 62. Coelho and Fred Wampler of Great Neck, L.I., shared third money. Coelho and Francis Morgan, El Paso amateur, and Wampler and H. H. Johnson, also an El Paso amateur, tied for third with 63. Stackhouse got \$100 and Coelho and Wampler \$25 each.

The open tournament starts tomorrow with the golf veterans quite cagey about picking the favorite. The new order of a different champion each week has made them reluctant to make forecasts.

Although the Aggies have not won a football championship since 1941, A&M still has the most Southwest Conference titles to its credit—7 1/2.

By Al Capp

N-15 BEYOND THE "MEDICINE" — WE'LL HAVE TO LITANT—DOCTOR HIS OFFICE IS TREE, IN TREE.

2,000 Watch Night Golf

Based on AP Report

Lloyd Mangrum was \$1,000 richer Tuesday by virtue of his victory over four pros and Amateur Joe Louis in the second annual "Stars Under the Stars" night golf tournament.

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