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Gallagher, By Name

Far Away Writer Caught Off Base

By BOB SELLECK
Battalion Sports Editor

Jack Gallagher, so-called sports writer for the Houston Post, has been caught so far off base it will be impossible for him to be called anything but out.

In a recent column, Gallagher claimed criticisms directed toward A&M Coach Ray George and his football teams were unjustified because he was new to the conference, lacked depth in line material and received too much nation-wide pre-season publicity.

However, the Houston sports writer nominates the Aggie basketball team as the Southwest "flop of the year."

This is the second time in less than a month that Gallagher has displayed a complete lack of knowledge of basketball. In both cases his column usually starts or ends with a confession that he doesn't know what he is writing about but will write it anyway.

This article proves to be no exception to his peculiar style.

Gallagher Assumes A&M to Win

The ex-TU graduate starts off with the assumption that A&M was picked to win the SWC title.

The highest the Aggies were rated in pre-season polls was third and in many cases, they were picked as dark horses.

He also says the Aggies are blessed with practically every member of last season's tri-championship team. The fact that they lost two starting forwards at the end of last year and Jewell McDowell after four conference games at mid-semester is conveniently overlooked by Gallagher.

Near his conclusion, Gallagher claims the method practiced by several teams destroys all individuality. "Certain players are not allowed to shoot; other chosen deity fire only from certain positions; easy shots at the basket are passed, and that no decisions are left to the player."

At this point, the Houstonian violates an important rule of journalism—always check your facts.

If Gallagher had taken the time and trouble to find out what he was trying to say before he wrote it for publication, he might not have appeared quite so ridiculous.

Explanation of Ball Control Play

The ball-control system is based on the principle of allowing the individual to think and in giving him many alternatives from which to work plays.

Each play has at least six different results. It is impossible for certain individuals to shoot and even more impossible to limit themselves to certain spots on the court.

When he says that the coach does all the thinking, all the play calling, he appears completely lost in his own cloud of ignorance.

Basketball charts and statistics will prove this much easier than any amount of words.

Gallagher Slipping in Economics

We also find Gallagher has slipped up on his study of economics and he is going out of date. He quotes Adam Smith's laissez faire policy, claiming the government which governs best governs least. It seems to us that nowadays the government has its hands in all the pies.

The relation between this and basketball is purely coincidental, however Gallagher seemed to be so mixed-up by this time that almost anything seemed sensible.

However in his article we found one statement beyond approach. Gallagher says of himself: "The conductor of this cell makes no attempts to pose as a basketball expert."

Undoubtedly the cell he is referring to is "padded" for his own comfort.

SWC Basketball Statistics

Scoring Leaders—Conference Through Games of Feb. 9, 1952				
Player	Ga.	FG	FT	TU
McLeod, TCU	6	40	23	18.0
Johnson, Bay.	7	38	31	107.5
Dowies, Tex.	7	38	26	102.14.6
Davis, A&M	7	37	25	99.14.1
Sealing, Tex.	7	25	42	92.18.1
Schwinger, Rice	7	34	24	92.18.1
Kearns, Ark.	7	34	22	90.12.9
Lambert, Ark.	7	28	23	79.11.3

Scoring Leaders—Season (Through Games of Feb. 9, 1952)				
Player	Ga.	FG	FT	TU
McLeod, TCU	18	119	76	314.17.4
Johnson, Bay.	19	104	61	269.14.2
Davis, A&M	18	102	55	259.14.4
Dowies, Tex.	19	83	79	245.12.9
Price, Tex.	19	89	48	226.11.9
Schwinger, Rice	19	89	46	224.11.8
Sealing, Tex.	18	55	92	202.11.2
Teague, Rice	19	78	44	200.10.5

Field Goal Percent Leaders (Through Games of Feb. 9, 1952)				
Player	FG	FG	FG	
Schwinger, Rice	69	34	498	
McLeod, TCU	84	40	476	
Walker, A&M	37	16	432	
Childs, Rice	42	18	429	
Davis, A&M	90	37	411	
Sealing, Tex.	61	25	410	
Hester, Ark.	69	28	406	
McDowell, A&M	56	22	392	

Free Throw Leaders (Through Games of Feb. 9, 1952)				
Player	FT	FT	FT	
Kilpatrick, TCU	16	13	813	
Sealing, Tex.	54	42	778	
Lambert, Ark.	30	23	767	
Bryant, SMU	18	13	722	
Ethridge, TCU	24	17	708	
Johnson, Bay.	44	31	705	



Winners of the Intramural Club Basketball Championship, the Port Arthur Club, included A. S. Tucker, Charles McDonald, Richard Gardemal, Melvin McFarland, Dale Deroven, and Murphy Vaught.

Sports Thrill of a Lifetime

Walker Tells of '51 TU Tilt

By RAYMOND WALKER
as told to
JIM ASHLOCK

"We got to Gregory Gym about 6:30. As we came through the door I couldn't help but notice that the place was already jammed full of people, and they were yelling 'poor Aggies!' We went on down to the dressing room and started putting our stuff on, but I could hear them yelling 'poor Aggies' even down there, and I began to get plenty nervous."

It was the third game of the three game playoffs between A&M and Texas to determine who would

gotten nervous down in the dressing room, and I was still scared even during our warmup. But as soon as the game got underway I was too busy to be scared."

Walker vs Scaling

"I was guarding George Scaling that night, one of their best boys. In all the other games I had played against him he had talked to me during the game, complimenting me whenever I made a good shot or did a good job of guarding him, but tonight he wasn't saying much. The other boys weren't saying much either. They were all too busy trying to win that ball game I guess."

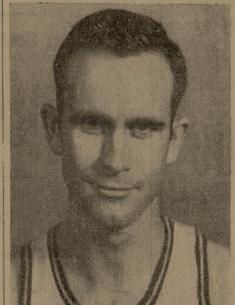
"The game was pretty fast and I don't remember much about it right now. I do remember that once they got about six points ahead and it seemed like we couldn't make a point.

"We went eight minutes once without scoring a bucket. Miksch was hitting pretty good the first half, and so was Dowies."

"That last half was so fast that I can barely remember a thing that happened, but one thing I will never forget is when Miksch was fouled and I looked up at the clock and saw that the score was tied 31-31 with 12 seconds remaining."

"I wasn't nervous when Leroy took the shot, but just after he made it I suddenly realized that 12 seconds is plenty of time for Texas to make a goal, and then I got scared."

"That was the longest 12 seconds of my life, and I can't tell how I felt when that buzzer sounded and I realized that we had won. I only know that the sound of those Aggies yelling 'poor teaps' was the best sound I will ever hear."



Woody Walker
Guard

represent the Southwest Conference in the NCAA basketball tournament in Kansas City at the end of last year's cage season.

The season ended in a three way conference tie between A&M TCU, and Texas. Texas had drawn the tie for the playoffs, which meant the winner of a single game between the Aggies and Frogs would engage Texas in a best two out of three series, the winner earning the trip to Kansas City.

TCU fell to the Farmers in Waco, and two nights later the Aggies took on Texas in DeWare Field House.

A&M-TU Play-Off

The Steers took the short end of the score in the first game, but came roaring back the following evening in Austin to recapture victory by one point on a last minute free throw.

This threw the playoffs into a tie and called for the third game to be played in Austin.

"We went out on the floor and started warming up and running through our drills. I had really

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A&M Cagers Seek Revenge Win Over SMU Saturday

A&M's basketballers will be out for revenge when they tackle the SMU Mustangs for the second time this year.

The game is scheduled for Saturday night in DeWare Field House. Last time the Cadets and Ponies met, SMU finished with the long end of a 40-34 score in Dallas.

Jewell McDowell was high point man with 13 points. Since that time the Aggies' ace guard has graduated.

Coach John Floyd's cage crew is in the depths of a slump and must still play TCU, Texas, and Rice along with SMU.

During their slump the Aggies have lost five straight games, four of them conference tilts.

SMU's hoopers lost the services of their star player, Darrell

Murphy, at mid-semester, but apparently haven't missed him. They have beaten Baylor and Arkansas since that time.

Baylor and Arkansas have both scored victories over the Aggies after their loss to the Mustangs.

Whitey Holm, the Ponies blond pivot man and co-captain for the Mustang quintet, is one of the top scorers of the Mustang five.

Jack Krastman forward, is a junior and has developed into one of the big guns of the SMU offensive attack. The other co-captain, Fred Freeman, alternates at forward and guard and was the high scorer on last year's Mustang cage crew.

Charles Galey and Henry Wheeler, are the guards for the SMU five and handle the ball well enough to keep the Pony attack sharp and on the move.

If the Mustangs win over the Aggies Saturday night, the series which dates back to 1918 will be tied up at 39 victories each.

Probable starters for SMU are Galey and Wheeler at guards; Richard Bryan and Krastman at forwards; and Holm at center.

The Aggies will probably start Davis at center; LeRoy Miksch and Don Binford at forwards; and Woody Walker and Don Heft at guards.

In the preliminary contest, the Aggie Fish will tangle with Wharton Junior College. In their first meeting the A&M Fish lost to the Wharton five.

For the Aggie Fish, Coach Larry Hayes will probably start, Don Moon and Rodney Pirtle, guards; Cecil Neely, center; Bob Johnson and Dale Fisher at forwards.



Richard Bryant
Forward-Guard

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