

Aggies Finish Season; Clip Owl Cagers, 56-54

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Closing the door on their part in the 1951-52 Southwest Conference cage race, A&M outlasted the Rice Owls in Houston Saturday night 56-54. The game did not affect the Aggies' standing in the conference, nor was Rice's spot shifted in either direction.

Resorting to their deliberate style of play and a tight man to man defense, the Aggies slowed down the Rice attack and hampered them in their attempts to pass to their high-scoring pivotman Gene Schwinger.

Schwinger was able to tally only 11 points for the evening, five of these on free throws.

Big Walter Davis, 6 ft. 8 in. center, and Don Binford, sharp-shooting A&M guard, were the main factors contributing to A&M's victory.

Davis scored 16 points on 13 field goal attempts and four free throws, while Binford led the Aggies in scoring with 19 points.

No more than six points separated the two ball clubs at any time as the lead changed hands 13 times and the score was tied 13 times.

Le Roy Miksch, junior Aggie forward, was the first to score when he dropped in a jump shot in the early seconds of the game. A few moments later it became apparent that an offensive battle was in the making as Owl guard Maurice Teague fired in a long set shot from the corner. From then on the nets popped consistently as both teams fought for the lead. But A&M remained one jump ahead to lead at the end of the first quarter 18-17.

Davis and Binford kept pouring in the points when they were needed to provide A&M with a half-time lead of 30-28.

Rice came to life on the sudden scoring sprees of sophomores Don Lance and Teague early in the third quarter. Outscoring the Aggies 17-14 during this stage of the game, Rice was able to enjoy a skinny 45-44 lead briefly at the end of the third quarter. Teague and Vance had accounted for 11 of the Owls 17 points scored in this quarter.

But Davis roared in final period with two quick buckets to shove the Farmers into the lead to stay. Grawunder then committed his fifth and final foul of his college career. Grawunder, along with guard Leonard Childs, is a graduating senior.

Binford Scores Last

Rice fought vainly to regain the lead as Teague tied the score 54-54 with six minutes remaining. But, with five minutes to go, Binford hit a jump shot for the final marker of the game. The Aggies then froze the ball until the buzzer sounded the end of the contest.

When asked for his comment on the Aggies cage showing during the past season, A&M basketball mentor John Floyd commented:

"We had quite a few tough breaks come our way from the very start. Losing these first two ball games to North Texas and the University of Houston hurt our morale a lot, and then we lost McDowell at mid-term and Binford was laid up with a leg injury. All of these things went against us. But these are reasons, not alibis. We don't have any alibis to make our showing."

A&M Fish Lose Opener

In the curtain raiser Rice's Owlets avenged a one-point loss to the Aggie Fish in College Station earlier in the season by drubbing the Fish 58-44.

Experiencing a particularly bad night, three of the six men constituting freshman coach Larry Hayes' cage crew left the game via the personal foul route late in the fourth quarter.

The final moments found only three A&M first year men on the floor against a full team of Owlets.

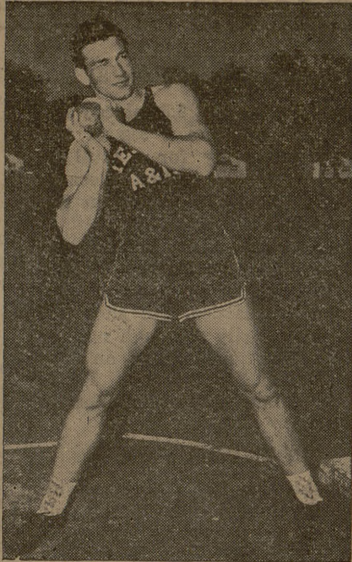
Cecil Neely led the Fish in scoring with 9 points, closely followed by Rodney Pirtle with 8. Telligman was top man for the Rice Frosh with 19 with Pahmeier collecting 16.

Game at a Glance

Varsity		FG	FT	PF	TP
A&M (56)		2	1	3	5
Farmer		2	2	3	6
Miksch		6	4	3	16
Davis		0	0	1	0
Addison		9	1	2	19
Binford		0	0	2	0
Heft		4	2	2	10
Walker					
Totals		23	10	13	56
Rice (54)		1	0	5	2
Grawunder		7	2	3	16
Lance		3	5	2	11
Schwinger		6	3	4	15
Teague		3	1	4	7
Beavers		0	3	2	3
Childs					
Totals		20	14	16	54

'T' Club Meets Today

There will be a meeting of the "T" Association Monday (today) at 8 p. m. in the C. E. Lecture room according to Jack Simpson, president.



Darrow Hooper

A&M's track star, Hooper won both the shot put and discus event against U of H Saturday afternoon. He tossed the shot 52' 2 1/4" and threw the discus 156' 5 1/2".

Madisonville, Lovelady Win

Madisonville donned the Class AA crown while Lovelady emerged with the Class A championship Saturday night as the curtain rang down on the Regional 3 basketball tournament at College Station.

Joe Lindsey and Douglas Wooderson, each scoring 13 points, led Madisonville to a 46-43 victory over Jacksonville in the Class AA finals. Lovelady, riding to the title slot on Montie Driskell's 13 markers, rolled over Troup 37-28 in the finals for Class A.

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Blues 19, Reds 13

The more experienced Blues swept by the Reds 19-13 in the Southern Methodist University intrasquad football game, Saturday.

All five touchdowns were confined to the second half. Quarterback Benton Musslewhite of the Blues broke the game wide open with a 56-yard scoring dash in the third quarter.

In the traditional Mustang fashion, four of the five scores came on passes fired by four different players—Malcolm Bowers, Sammy Stollenwerk, Musslewhite and Hayes Gilliam.

Purple 20, Whites 7

Gilbert Bartosh sparked his Purple team in a rousing rally for a 20-7 intrasquad victory over the Whites as TCU ended 18 days of spring football practice.

The three hour game-condition scrimmage also climaxed a two-day coaching clinic under the direction of TCU's Coach Dutch Meyer. About 100 coaches attended the clinic.

The Frogs battled in a cold, drizzling rain all the way and it wasn't until late in the afternoon that the offensive units began to click for yardage.

Orange 27, White 26

Texas, the team that couldn't even buy a pass last year, fired a high-powered aerial attack to score five touchdowns in the final intrasquad scrimmage of the spring training season.

The orange-shirted Steer squad overcame a second half loss 26-6 to win over the Whites 27-26.

Little Bunny Andrews paced the day's throwers completing 10 out of 13. Sophomore Glen Dyer accounted for the other white scores hitting Carlson Massey twice. Dyer completed all five of his passes.

T Jones scored two of the orange tallies, both from two yards out. Bob Raley fired an underhand pass to Gilmer Spring for another then drove over himself for one yard and the final score.

Blues 25, Gray 0

James Hefflin, wearing Bill Howton's old number 84, caught two Dan Drake passes for touchdowns to spark the Blues in a win over the Grays in Rice's intrasquad battle Saturday.

A member of last year's freshman sprint relay team, Hefflin caught four passes for 84 yards. Drake completed six of 13 passes for 89 yards and his replacement, Atchley Proctor, hit three of six for 28.

Operating in his unusual bone-cracking style, Don Rhoden was brilliant as a linebacker in Coach Jess Neely's seven-diamond defense.

Other Blue standouts were John Hudson, R. J. Schroeder and Sammy Ward.

Consolidated Cagers Fall to Wells by 38-30

The A&M Consolidated Tigers lost to Wells 38-30 in the second round of the Huntsville Regional tourney in Huntsville.

The loss eliminated the Tigers from the tourney and closed out their cage season.

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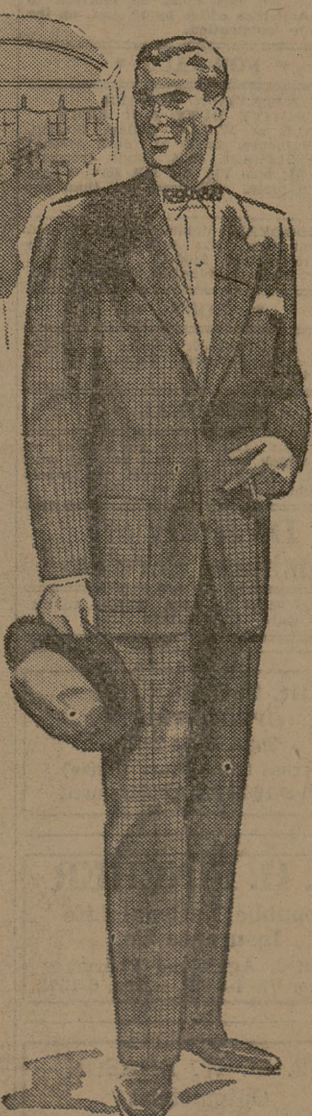
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Ags Drub Cougar Trackmen In Year's Opening Field Meet

By RAY HOLBROOK
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Smashing their way into the 1952 season, the powerful Aggie track team of Col. Frank Anderson and Ray Putnam downed the University of Houston on Kyle Field Saturday to the tune of 115-21 for win number one in a try for their second straight undefeated season.

Besides being 1951 SWC champions, the Ags won 10 straight meets for A&M's first undefeated season.

Showing depth and talent in nearly every event, the Farmers won or tied for first in every event but one, the 100 yd. dash, won by Houston's Sam McWhirter in fine 9.7 time. The tie came in the high jump. A&M shut the Cougars out completely in 9 of 16 events and in 3 more UH could score but one point.

Bless Top Man

Outstanding performer of the day and high point man was Ag senior Billy Bless from San Antonio, who won the 220 in 21.6. (See BLESS PACES, Page 4)

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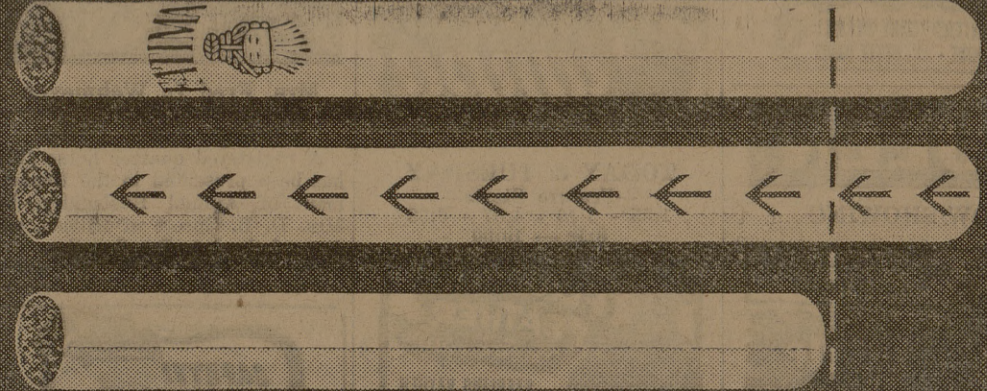
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