

Aggie Basketball Squad Opens Against Cougars

Coach John Floyd's 1952-53 Aggie basketball team opens the season tomorrow night at 8 in DeWare Field House against the University of Houston Cougars.

A&M fans will point to this game as an indication of what to see from the Farmers during the year.

The Cadets have been whipping through speedy workouts the past two weeks in preparation for the game, but the starting lineup has not yet been announced.

Either one of two starting combinations could receive Floyd's nod

Wednesday night. One quintet will consist of Don Binford and Don Moon at guards, Don Heft and Leroy Miksch at forwards, with James Addison on the post.

The second squad will be the same except for the substitution of Roy Martin and Rodney Pirtle for Heft and Moon. The first combination is the most likely to start.

Lack Height

Lacking in height and experience, the Aggies have shown remarkable development since they began workouts in November.

Floyd has recognized the fact that lack of team height can be a serious thing in this conference, and has deviated somewhat from his characteristic, deliberate style of ball in which a tall man is almost essential.

Miksch is the man Aggie fans will most be watching this year. The six foot four inch senior is known throughout the conference for his ability as a rebounder and defensive ace. Much will be depended upon his ability this season.

Binford and Heft are the only other Cadets who were starters last season, that have returned this year. Three of the boys on the top two line-ups, Moon, Martin, and Pirtle, are sophomores. (See BASKETBALL, Page 4)

Workouts For 12th Man Bowl Underway

By ED HOLDER Sports Editor

Workouts for the 12th Man Bowl on Dec. 18 got underway yesterday at full speed with both teams clad in shorts and sweat clothes.

Coaches Ray Graves of the Air Force unit and Jack Little of the Army set their squads through the first organized outdoor session, as the skies cleared and fair weather was prevalent.

"They are catching on amazingly fast," said Graves as he viewed the prospective team which he has only about a week longer to whip into shape.

"We may be lacking in weight and size, but I believe we can more than make up for it in speed. The backs are very fast, and some of the linemen show great promise," he said.

Graves divided his team up into four different groups, offensive and defensive, the backfields, ends, and linemen. His assistant coaches drilled their men on the fundamentals of blocking and reviewed

plays which were handed out last week for study.

The Air Force team occupied the east practice field while just a few yards away Little and his coaching staff worked their squad in about the same procedure.

Little Stresses Calisthenics

Little stressed exercises somewhat more on the Army unit than did the Air Force group, and followed up by running his linemen through their blocking assignments and performing a few of the running plays.

In keeping with the tradition of their names, the Army team worked on ground game, while the Air Force stressed the aerial end of the game.

"I'm surprised at the way they handle themselves," said Little in reference to his men. "A lot of these boys must have seen plenty of action back in high school to catch on so fast," he added.

Coaches Have Tickets

Both coaches said it looked like they would have their squads in top shape for the benefit game.

Graves and Little also said yesterday they have already bought their tickets for the tilt.

"I didn't mind buying a ticket at all," said Little, "because you never know, sometime I might have to borrow a little from the Student Aid Fund myself. It seems like a wonderful cause to (See 12TH MAN, Page 4)

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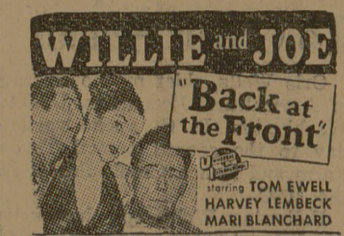
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Larry Harington, Sq. 11, and Allen Turner, Sq. 7, were second and third, respectively, in the upperclassman division. Jack Couch, Sq. 18, and Bill Pence, Sq. 20, placed second and third in the freshman bracket.

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Final individual standings are as follows:

Upperclassman—1. Gillespie; 2. Harington; 3. Turner; 4. Frank Pollard, A Arm.; 5. James Diggs, Sq. 5; 6. Bill Brown, A Ord.; 7. Hugh Herington, Maroon Band; 8. Frank Ford, A FA; 9. Billy Rowland, A QMC; 10. Leon Hull, Sq. 5.

Freshman—1. Leutwyler; 2. Couch; 3. Pence, 4. Snell, Sq. 21; 5. F. Artega, Sq. 22; 6. Richards, Co. B; 7. R. M. Moore, Co. C; 8. R. D. Evans, Co. A; 9. L. Anderson, Sq. 22; 10. Don Stewart, Co. A.

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Gillespie Cops Harrier Title

By JERRY WIZIG Battalion Sports Staff

Billy Gillespie of Sq. 13 pounded over the 1.8 mile cross-country course in 9:32 to take first place in the upperclassman division and J. S. Leutwyler, Co. C, raced over the course in 9:37 to cop the

Fencing Squad Defeats Tech In AFLA Meet

The Aggie fencing team went to the Amateur Fencing League of America (AFLA) Invitational Meet which was held in Dallas on Dec. 6 and outfenced Texas Tech 18-9.

A&M won in all the divisions by scores of 7-2 in the foil, 5-4 in the sabre, and 6-3 in the epee.

Members of the varsity who fenced for the Aggies include Ted Fields and Bob Jones, co-captains, Joe Pafford, Bob Braslau, Charles Tea, Jerry Ramsey, Wallace Schlather, Bill Willmann, Jimmy Pigg, Aden Magee, Arthur Garner, and Bill Huettel.

Winners of the open events in which many of the top fencers in the state of Texas participated, many of the Aggies and former students.

Alvin Goodstein, former captain of the 1938 A&M fencing team, represented the Dallas YMCA Goodstein placed second in foil, third in sabre, and sixth in epee.

Jack Baird, former member of the 1939 Aggie fencing squad, fenced for the Galveston Buccaneers. Baird took first place in foil, second in epee, and fifth in sabre.

Jones starred for A&M by winning the first position in foil and fourth in epee. Bob Braslau placed fourth in the open foil.

"The two sophomores who looked good in the meet were Arthur Garner who placed fourth in sabre and Charles Tea who took fifth in epee," said Jones.

A total of 28 entries fenced for the open foil title, 18 entries for the open sabre, and 21 for the open epee.

"We did very good," said Jones, "because many of the people who were on top have had from 10 to 15 years experience."

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Ag Engineers Beat UT Rifle Team

The A&M Engineer Rifle Team outscored the University of Texas Engineer squad in a shoulder to shoulder match held in Austin Saturday morning.

Fred Williams of the Aggies was high man with 376 out of a possible 400 points.

Yesterday the Engineers began firing in a national match. This match is being held in conjunction with all military colleges having an engineer team.

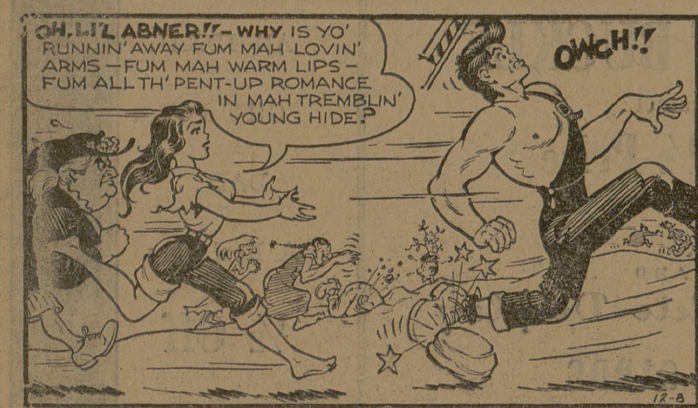
Members of the A&M Engineers include Team Captain Carroll Morrison, Fred Williams, Bob Dawson, Harold Cain, Carl Wilson, and H. S. Mims.

The Cadet rifle team is sponsored by the student chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers.

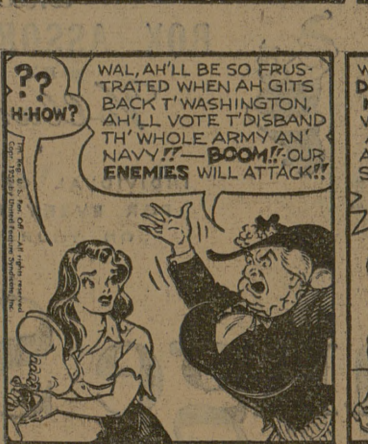
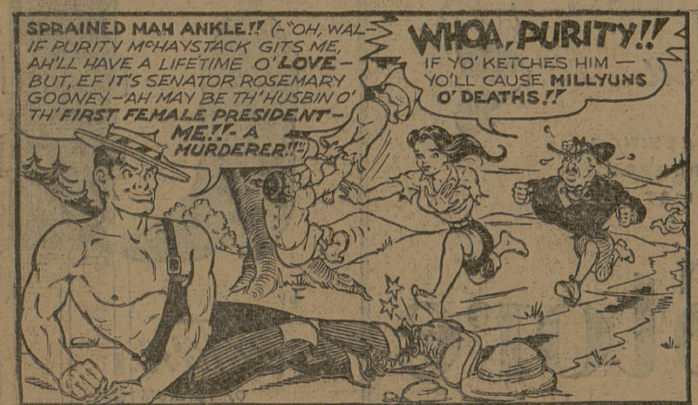
Lt. Col. John W. Paxton is the coach for the engineer group.

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