

Ground Force Coach

# Little Pleased Over Squad Workouts

"The team is coming along very good," said head coach of the Ground Forces eleven, All-American Jack Little.

"They have a lot of hustle and spirit, and learn their plays faster than I expected," Little continued.

Little and his coaching staff, consisting of Alvin Langford, Connie Magouirk, Herb Scott, and Howard Zuch, were all pleased with the way their respective groups were doing.

Langford was pleased with the linemen, praising their versatility. Langford stated that all the linemen knew how to play every position in the line.

Too Early to Tell

"It's too early to tell yet who will start," said Little, "we go into pads Monday. We have a lot of good boys and they are coming along fast."

The Ground Forces squad which will run from the tight T had three offensive groups going through their paces. Although they were minus pads, the Ground Force men were making vicious blocks and running hard.

The main worry of the Ground Force coaching staff is bad weather for the workouts next week. "If it rains or gets real cold it will be rough practicing," mentioned Little.

"The team as a whole is pretty

fast," commented Little, "they hustle all the time."

Little who finished up his eligibility with the Aggies this year was named to several All-American teams this year and almost all of the All-SWC teams. Little was a double duty man in 1951 but concentrated on defense this year.

Named to Grey Team

His six feet three, 220 pounds was a bulkhead of defense for the Aggies. Proof of this fact was his being on almost all SWC members All-Opponent team.

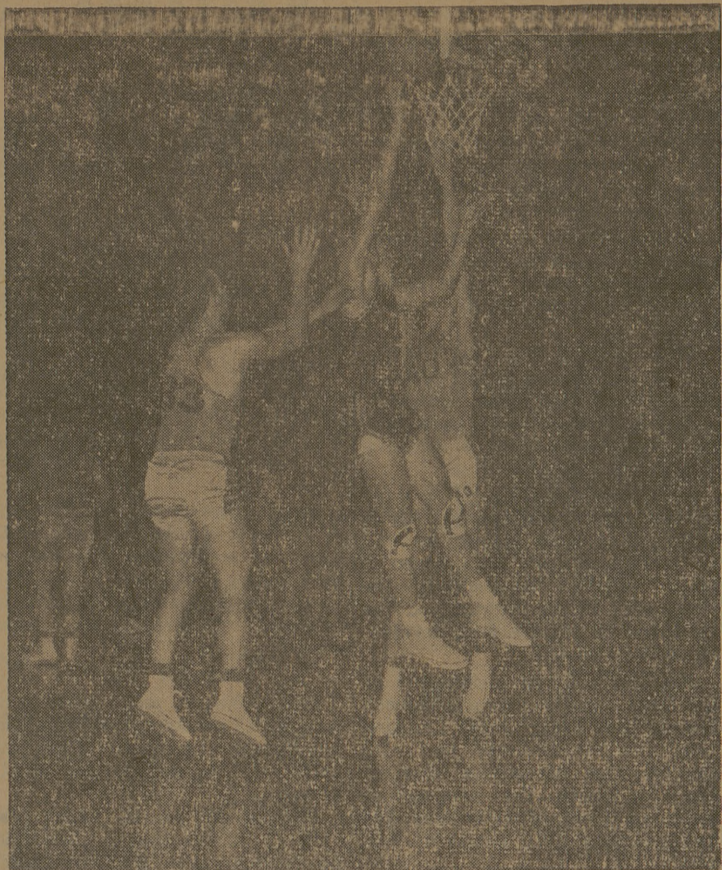
Little has also been named to the Grey team which will play the Blue team in the Blue-Grey game played in Montgomery, Alabama.

# Rice Wins Opener Against Bearkats

HUNTSVILLE, Dec. 12 — (AP) — Gene Schwinger played only 33 minutes last night, long enough to lead Rice to its opening victory, a foul-filled 75-59 triumph over Sam Houston State's Bearkats.

Schwinger left the game on personals after scoring 22 points.

Rice led by as much as eight points in the first half but Bill Collier and Tom Latoff pulled the Bearkats into a 44-44 tie with four minutes gone in the third quarter.



SCORES AGAIN—Leroy Miksch, who scored 18 points against the Cougars, is shown leaping through two Cougar defenders during the second quarter. Miksch dropped in 9 points in the second period to bring the Aggies into the lead after trailing during the first quarter.

# Tigers Leave For Tourney With Three Starters Ailing

With three starters ailing with bad colds, Coach O. V. Chafin takes his Consolidated High School Tigers to Madisonville today to

play in the annual Madisonville High School invitation basketball tournament.

Bobby Jackson, football all-district offensive and defensive end, has a cold but will probably start. Joe Motheral and Byron Andrews have bad colds, but will make the trip unless they get worse.

Chafin is thus faced with the problem of three doubtful players out of six regulars on the squad.

Fred Anderson, David Bonnen, and Pinky Cooner round out the list of starters.

Other squad members who will make the trip are J. B. Carroll, Roland Beasley, Travis Englebrecht, John Manthei, and Noel Stanley.

"This is our first time in the tournament," said Chafin, "but we are favorites along with Jewett and Madisonville. We're going up there to win."

Jim Bevans, who handles the B

# Blaine Leads Harriers Into Invitational Meet

By BOB BORISKIE  
Battalion Sports Staff

The Aggie cross country team will toe the starting line in Houston at 11 Saturday morning for the Bill Williams invitation cross country meet.

Track Coach Frank G. Anderson said the team members who will enter the senior division event will be James Blaine, Dale DeRouen, Charles Hudgins, Verlon Westmoreland, Joe Criswell, and Franklin Whitwell.

"Blaine has made sensational times in the cross country this year," Anderson said, "but nobody believes it, but the watches keep showing it."

The Aggies have won this invitation meet for all four years that it has been held.

It has not been learned whether Oklahoma A&M is entered this year (they are the only victors over the Aggies this season), but the Ags have beaten two teams who later defeated the Oklahoma Aggies.

Anderson also said that the Aggie track team would enter contestants in the Sugar Bowl

track meet on Dec. 28 in New Orleans.

Entered in the mile relay event will be Carol Libby, Gerald Stull, Frank Norris, and Bobby Ragsdale, with Wallace Kleb as alternate.

Blaine, DeRouen, and Kleb will vie for the one entry in the 880 yard run.

Three hurdlers will contest for one place in the 120 yard high hurdles. They are Glenn Blake, Tom Dollahite, and Harley Hartung.

Hooper Throws Shot

Darrow Hooper is entered in the shot put event, and Olympic champion Walter (Buddy) Davis, who last year set a new conference mark in the high jump at 6-10 1/2, will be there leaping for the seven foot mark, Anderson said.

Hooper managed to shatter the conference discus and shot put records last spring, and teamed with Davis in last summer's olympics in Helsinki, Finland, to write the name of Texas A&M on the international sports records.

Anderson Credits Williams

Anderson credited the Bill Williams meet and the Sugar Bowl track events with stimulating track interest at Aggieland, and thereby producing greater track stars.

"I have 100 boys out for track right now," Anderson said, "and only Hooper is here on a high school track scholarship. Of course, I'd give one for another boy like Darrow, but my 15 track scholarships are used for the boys already here who earn them."

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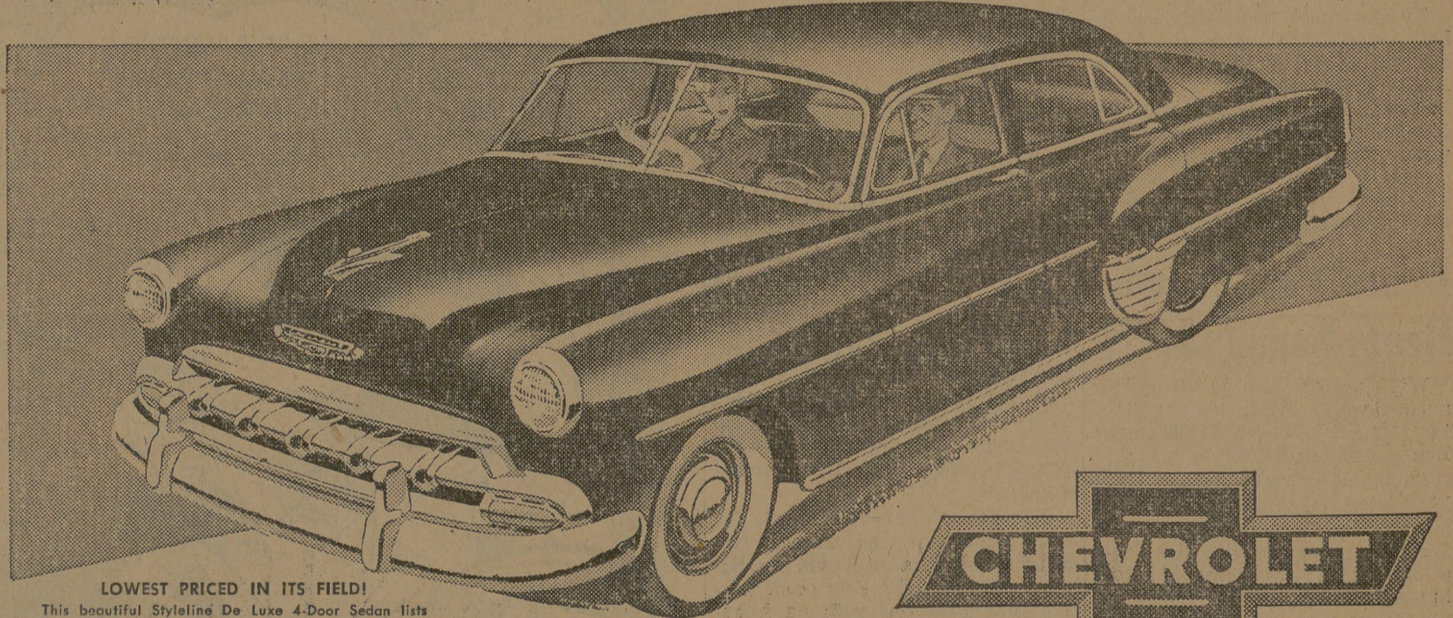
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