

McMurtry To Resign As A&M's Line Coach

By ED HOLDER
Sports Editor

Line Coach Paul McMurtry of the Aggie football team has turned in his resignation which will become effective Jan. 1.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have associated with A&M College. With deep regret I leave Ray George and this fine school with many friends I have made here," said McMurtry upon announcing his decision.

He plans to return to Rio Hondo where he owns a farm with his father-in-law B. O. Taubert. McMurtry says farming conditions are better in the Valley now than they have been for a long time, and he wants to take advantage of them.

"The experience of coaching at A&M," he continued, "has been one of my greatest. The kids here are in there trying all the time, and working with them has truly been an inspiration."

McMurtry says he has made occasional trips to his farm during the past two years, but now feels he should devote his entire time to it.

Barlow (Bones) Irvin, athletic director, when learning of McMurtry's resignation, said, "We have enjoyed having him on the coaching staff these two years, and regret his decision to leave."

"We have not yet named a successor to McMurtry and we don't plan to in the immediate future," Irvin said.

McMurtry came here when Head Coach Ray George took over. He was George's choice to coach the defensive line. "I only planned to stay here one year when I came, and have already stayed two," McMurtry said.

He said for the past two years his home in Rio Hondo has been "sitting idle," while he "paid a large portion of his salary to rent a place" here in College Station. "It was worth it though, just being a part of this great school," he said.

"The boys here like to play football. They aren't professionals, just amateurs, but they get a lot of fun out of just trying. And I've had a lot of fun in helping them try," McMurtry added.

Too Good A Future

"There's just too good a future in that farm to pass up the chance, so I feel I should start working it again."

"I guess I'll always remember the ups and downs we've had here at school, and I'll always remember the fine boys I've worked with these two years," he said.

McMurtry made All-Pacific Coast his senior year and was team captain at the University of Southern California. During this time, he played under the tutelage of George who was line coach at USC.

He went directly into the navy upon graduation from Rio Hondo High School, and served eight years.

McMurtry is married and has a boy, Jimmy, 8.

Ags Face Trinity After Second Win

By JERRY ESTES
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The Aggie cagers play their third game in five days here tonight against Trinity University of San Antonio. This will leave only one game, Colorado A&M here Dec. 22, before the Christmas tournament in Dallas.

Friday night the Farmers dropped their first decision of the season to Northwestern State College of Natchitoches, La., by a 53-58 score. A&M led for three quarters only to see Waple Lillie, a sophomore enter the game for the first time in the fourth quarter and score 10 points to lead the visitors to victory.

Don Binford took scoring honors for A&M with 15 points. Rodney Pirtle was runner-up with 13. Leroy Miksch, the Farmer's No. 1 man who scored 18 points against Houston, sat out the game nursing a bruised hip.

Second Win

Last night, the Cadets stormed back into the win column with a 68-48 win over Eastern New Mexico University of Portales.

With everyone back in shape and playing, A&M jumped into a lead which they never relinquished. Miksch was very sharp throughout the game, scoring 18 points and taking 12 rebounds to keep the lead for the Cadets. Binford was high point man with 19 points.

Showing the mark of improvement from added experience, the Aggies were much smoother and their eye for the basket was much better than the past few games. The Cadets hit 24 of 63 shots from the floor, and 20 of 33 foul shots.

Martin Shows Improvement

Roy Martin, center, showed great improvement and drew nothing but praise from the A&M head coach John Floyd. Martin added the height and smooth ball handling required of the post man to make the offense click.

Last Night's Game

Player	PF	FT	FG	TP
J. Griggs, f.....	4	6	3	12
B. Griggs, c.....	3	6	7	20
King, g.....	1	2	0	2
Burner, g.....	1	1	0	1
Ashcraft.....	0	0	1	2
Rice.....	1	1	0	1
Mathena, g.....	2	0	1	2
Sexton, f.....	1	1	1	3
Poff, f.....	1	1	1	3
*Franse.....	3	1	0	1

Player	PF	FT	FG	TP
Martin, c.....	0	0	1	2
Miksch, f.....	3	4	7	18
Binford, g.....	4	3	8	19
Moon, g.....	4	1	0	1
Pirtle, f.....	1	3	4	11
Heft, f.....	1	0	1	2
Addison, c.....	4	1	1	3
Hardgrove, g.....	3	6	1	8
Johnson, f.....	2	0	1	2
Williams, g.....	1	0	1	2
McCrory, g.....	2	0	0	0
Murry, f.....	0	2	0	2
Gallenmore, f.....	0	0	0	0



Paul McMurtry

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

B FA Takes 31-6 Win From A Arm

Running through, over, and around the opposition for five touchdowns, B FA thundered to a 31-6 victory over A Arm, in one of yesterday's four intramural football games.

Red Scott scored once for B FA on a freak pass play, snaring an aerial on the 3-yard-line after it had been deflected by a defender. Jim Boyd scampered 43 yards for a touchdown. James Pruitt unreeled the most spectacular offensive play of the day, a scintillating 80 yard touchdown dash for B Arm's only score.

Goal Line Scoring

Lack of goal line scoring punch cost Sq. 3 heavily as Sq. 2 edged out a 7-6 thriller. Sq. 3 twice put together thrusts penetrating the 20-yard line, but a stubborn, hard-fighting Sq. 2 defense threw them back. The losers held the edge in penetrations by a margin of six to two.

Showing a versatile offense and a hard-hitting defense, Sq. 13 rolled to a 15-0 shutout over Sq. 4. Sq. 13 counted two touchdowns, a conversion, and a safety while holding the losers outside their 40-yard line during the entire game.

Shattering a winning skein held by their opponents, Sq. 6 ground out a hard fought 6-0 decision over Sq. 10 in an upset. Marching through the Sq. 10 defense for five penetrations, Sq. 6 had to go all out to crack a stubborn goal-line defense.

Basketball

With Jerry Nelson connecting for nine points, A Ath. scored a 20-11 basketball win over C FA yesterday, after building up an 8-5 halftime lead. Allen Heimer found his basket eye in the second half, netting eight points, to spark A Sig. to an 18-10 win over A Eng. The score at the half was 4-4, but with Heimer and Charles Smith hitting the basket, A sig. soon pulled in front. Smith tallied six points in the second half.

ASA, scoring all their points in a thrilling second half come-back, nosed out A Cml. 10-6. Trailing 5-0 at halftime, largely due to

Dick Chamblin's field goal and two free throws, ASA rammed in five goals in the final minutes to chalk up the win. Swayne Scott scored two of the baskets.

In horseshoes competition, Sq. 19, A FA, and Sq. 23 decided Co. E, A Eng. and Co. F by 2-1 scores.

Three of four football games were won by shutouts Friday as competition appeared one-sided. A QMC marked up the highest score, a 26-0 trouncing of A Comp, who played with seven players. AAA gave Sq. 5 a 13-0 lacing, and Sq. 14 beat Sq. 15, 7-0, using a spread formation to good advantage. A Ord. licked Sq. 11, 13-6.

More Basketball

A second half scoring spree sparked Sq. 14 to a 26-9 basketball win over A Arm. George-Boyle scored eight points to pace the winners. B Inf. outpointed Sq. 13, 14-5, with Bradshaw and Temple scoring six points each. A FA nudged Sq. 15, 8-6, and A Ord. staved off a late rally to shade B FA, 22-19.

Following are the results of Friday's horseshoes matches: Co. A over Sq. 18, 2-1; Sq. 20 over Sq. 19, 2-0; Co. C over Co. E, 2-1; Co. D over Sq. 21, 3-0; and Co. H over Co. F, 2-1. In ping pong matches Sq. 7 beat A QMC, 4-1, Fish Band trounced Co. B, 4-1, and Sq. 23 blanked Co. G, 5-0.

Blaine Leads Aggie Harriers To Win

James Blaine of A&M led the Cadet cross-country team to another win Saturday in the annual Bill Williams AAU Cross Country Run at Houston, where 15 colleges and 47 high schools were competing.

Blaine, currently the Southwest's finest distance runner, broke his own record, finishing first for the second year in a row. His time Saturday morning was 10 minutes, 55.8 seconds. The old record was 12:13.2.

Aggies Dale DeRouen finished second, Dale Imel, North Texas State third, Vernon Westmoreland, A&M fourth, and Charles Hudgins, also of the Aggies, fifth. This gave the Farmers four out of the first five places.

The A&M harriers have lost only one race this year. This was to Oklahoma A&M. Since then, the Cadets have defeated Arkansas, Texas, and won several meets.

Blaine is praised by track coach Anderson of A&M as being one of

the best distance runners he has ever coached. Anderson expects even more if that's possible, next year when Blaine is a senior.

Herman Sheffield of Reagan took first place in the junior division with the good time of 12:09.4. This time was better than the previous record in the senior division.

Finishing behind Sheffield was Tom Beck, Victoria; Jim Ross, Reagan; Max Gadena, tStephen F. Austin; Sonny Boren, Reagan; Robert Erwin, Port Arthur.

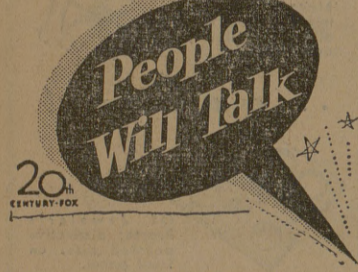
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Texas A&M 68, Eastern N. M. 48
Loyola N. O. 52, Valparaiso 41
Virginia 69, VMI 62
Miami Fla. 75, Florida 73
Illinois 96, Michigan 66
Wake Forest 74, McCrary 65
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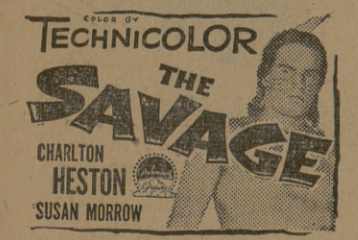
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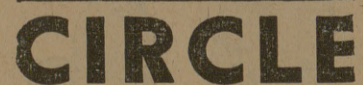
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Charles Gets TKO Over Californian

BOSTON, Dec. 16—(AP)—Ex-world heavyweight champion Edward Charles scored a technical knockout over young Frankie Buford of Oakland, Calif., last night in 2:13 of the seventh round of their 10-rounder.

Charles had dropped Buford for a 4-count with a two-fisted attack in the sixth and then Referee Joe Zapustas stopped it after a straight right to the jaw felled Buford for eight in the next session.

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