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Roy Has Had The Tough Assignment Of Trying To Fill The Large Shoes Left Vacant By The Great Buddy Davis!

New Free Shot Rule Is Food for Controversy

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There has been much speculation, both of the critical and complimentary type, on the new basketball ruling of giving a player a second chance at a free throw when he misses his first one.

When two free throws are awarded, as when the player is in the act of shooting, he gets only two whether he misses or not. Why then should a second chance be given when only one free throw is deserved?

Many times one charity toss can decide the outcome of a game, much as the point after touchdown in football. These points depend on the ability of the player to take advantage of these opportunities. Why then should there be a rule designed to add to the chances or ability of a player.

It is hard to imagine an umpire giving a batter another chance at the plate when he had struck out. Or in a crucial football game, a

missed extra point is not brought back and the kicker given another chance.

Basketball is a highly skilled and fast played game. Therefore, there seems to be no reason for giving basketball players a second chance when the practice is unheard of in other major sports.

The game is slowed down enough now in the mind of the spectator and this adds to dragging it out. With the pressure of the spectator and many coaches against the rule, look for it to be junked next season and just chalked up to experience by the rule makers.

Lady Luck Again

It seems as if the Aggies can't beat the rugged schedule they have and the rather heavy touch of lady luck (bad) too. In the early part of the season Coach Floyd's boys won a couple and dropped a couple looking for a winning combination and getting used to their plays.

Just when it seemed everything was ready to go, Don Moon the sterling little guard was injured and will be out for about four weeks.

After the Cadets win over Arkansas, who were pre-season favorites, it seemed the Aggies still had a capable aggregation. Then just before the game with TCU, the team received another blow when Leroy Miksch was downed with the flu and 104 degrees of temperature.

Miksch's importance can easily be seen by the lack of rebounds captured by the Farmers in the TCU tilt.

If Floyd can get all of his boys well and ready to play, the league cellar won't be occupied by the Aggies.

Floyd As A Coach

One of the best testimonials to Floyd's ability to develop a player is Bob Johnson, a Sophomore forward this year.

Johnson came to A&M with no high school experience and has made a fine player considering the time he has played. Floyd describes him as a very quick and aggressive player with good possibilities. Johnson has seen quite a bit of service this year, and should see more as the season progresses.

What's Cooking

- Thursday**
- 7:30 p. m.—A&M Employees Dinner Dance Club, Ballroom, MSC.
 - Aggie Wives Bridge Club, Rooms 2C & 2D, MSC.
 - Student Senate, Senate Room, MSC.
 - Group Rodgers, Room 3D, MSC.
 - Knight's of Columbus, basement of St. Mary's Chapel.
 - 8 p. m.—MSC Bridge Committee, Social Room, MSC.
 - 8:30 p. m.—Battalion Program, Assembly Room, MSC.
- Friday**
- 5 to 6 p. m.—Tea, Assembly Room, MSC.
 - 7 p. m.—A&M DeMolay Club, Room 2C & 2D, MSC.
 - 7:15 p. m.—American Chemical Society, Room 106, Chemistry Bldg., Important meeting.
 - Hillel Foundation, YMCA.

Miksch Maybe, For Texas Tilt

Leroy Miksch, the ball hawking Aggie forward was sent to bed with an attack of the flu just before the game with TCU last Tuesday night.

Miksch had 104 degrees of temperature, but it was reported to have broken by the next morning, so he may be ready to go against TU Friday night.

'Team Not Ready For TCU' -- Floyd

Coach John Floyd had very little comment to make about the 67 to 36 whalloping his quintet suffered at the hands of TCU Tuesday night. Floyd stated that the boys "Simply couldn't get going."

"The rebounding of Leroy Miksch was badly needed," he said. Miksch was out of action because of the flu.

Don Binford had this to say. "The switching defense employed by TCU completely stopped us." "We couldn't seem to find a solution to it."

Summing it up in a few words, Floyd said, "The boys did fairly well physically, but mentally, they weren't ready for any ball team."

MSC Bowlers Total 2400; March Has Most

An average of 74 people bowled two and one half lines per day in 1952, announced John M. Geiger, manager, MSC bowling alley.

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Aggie Quintet Ranks 18th In Defense

Southwest Conference basketball teams failed to rate a place in the top 20 quintets in the latest Associated Press basketball poll. All sections of the country with the exception of the Southwest Conference were represented in the poll, led for the third straight week by Kansas State.

Only two of the top 20 teams were able to boast unbeaten season records after games of last week. Seton Hall, rated second in the poll, has marked up 15 straight victories and Fordham, ranked seventh, has 11 straight wins.

A&M ranked 18th in team defense in latest statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau, which shows five SWC teams in the first 30 in defense. Baylor's surprising Bears are 11th, having allowed an average of 57 points per game through Jan. 6. Rice is 14th, with 57.3 per game, A&M, 18th, with 58.4 per game, and TCU and Texas are tied for 22nd with 58.6.

Gene Schwinger, Rice Institute's great scoring threat and SWC scoring leader, is the SWC's only player in the top 50 individual scoring leaders of the nation. Schwinger is 23rd, with 164 points and a 20.5 scoring average. He is also 12th among the nation's leaders in field goal percentage, sinking 49.3 per cent of his shots in his first eight games.

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Keese Leads B Inf. Over Maroon Band, 19-6

Tom Keese, Harold Hudspeth, and Willy Minturn led B Inf. to a 19-6 football victory over Maroon Band, and finalists in Class B tennis and Class A horseshoes were decided in Wednesday's intramural action.

Two sparkling touchdown dashes of 60 and 70 yards by the swivel-hipped Keese counted B Inf.'s first and third touchdowns. Hudspeth set up the second score with a nice catch of a 40 yard pass and Minturn plunged over. Wert Love ran over the first conversion try. Ed Thomas notched Maroon Band's touchdown on a pass reception.

Sq. 15 and A Sig. meet for the Class B tennis championship, as Sq. 15 knocked A Cml. out of the title race Wednesday by a score of 2-1. A Sig. nosed out Sq. 2 2-1, Tuesday, to gain the title round.

A 2-1 decision over Sq. 11 put Sq. 14 into the Class A horseshoes final against A QMC. A QMC had beaten Sq. 7 to vault into the finals.

James Sexton and Rowland Hicks walloped Fred Schneider and Max King, 6-1, in the first set of Sq. 15's tennis match. D. K. Shipe and C. T. Davis clamped the lid on the win with a 7-5 victory over Harold Fox and Max Scott in the second set. Bob Zumwalt and Don Wheeler gained A Cml.'s only win, a 6-1 win over Jim Barr and Bob Alcock.

A victory by John Harris and Bob Williams in the last game gave Sq. 14 their horseshoes win over Sq. 11. Sq. 14's Jim Averie and Van Ballew had beaten Richard Baker and Dick Alexander in the first game, but Bill Utzman and Chuck Fenner whipped Dwane McCuiston and Sam Jones to even the score.

James Wise dumped in seven points as Sq. 6 rolled up a 14-6 win over A Ord. in yesterday's only basketball game. Buddy Smith, A Ord., laid in two first half field goals and was largely responsible for a 5-5 tie at the half. Wise's three goals and a free throw, all in the second half, were enough to pull the winners out in front to stay.

Sq. 19 outscored Co. G., 414-355, in a bowling match played Tuesday.

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