

Chafin Is Success As 'OK' Coach--Guy

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"If we can get by Snook tonight at the Consolidated gym, and then take Milano in the game there next Monday night, we'll be in good shape to take the district title. Snook and Dime Box are the teams that will give us the most trouble."

Coach O. V. Chafin believes that those two games hold the key to Tiger chances in the district basketball race for the current season.

Chafin, personable 29 year old head coach in all four major sports at Consolidated, came to the Tig-



O. U. Chafin

ers from Hearne in the fall of 1949, at which school he was head basketball coach and assistant football coach. Prior to his year at Hearne, he spent one year at Georgetown High as assistant football coach.

Coaching Record Outstanding

Since arriving at Consolidated, Chafin has established a fine coaching record in football, basketball, baseball, and track competition.

His Tiger quintet has a phenomenal season record thus far of 13 wins against a single loss, a 30-25 setback at the hands of Lovelady in a tournament at Madisonville. Their district mark is unblemished, with four straight victories.

Completing his fourth season at the Tiger football helm last fall, Chafin has seen his teams emerge as district champs, district co-champs, runners-up, and third place holders.

The 1949 football season ended with the Tigers runners-up to Calvert on a season record of seven wins, one loss, and one tie. In 1950 they were third behind Bastrop and Smithville and sported a record of five wins, four losses and one tie.

The Consolidated footballers were bi-district champs in 1951 with a season standing of 7 wins, four losses and a tie. Sugarland defeated them in the regional game. Last season the Tigers were co-champs with Hempstead, setting a mark of nine wins against one tie. That tie, unfortunately, was with Hempstead, who was awarded the scoreless game on penetrations.

Fine Basketball Record

Basketball records under Coach Chafin have been equally impressive. In 1950 the Tigers won the

district title, but were eliminated in the regional tournament at Huntsville. In 1951 Consolidated was runners-up to Milano for district honors with a team Chafin calls one of his finest.

The 1952 basketball season found the Tigers again walking off with the district banner, and again tasting defeat in the Huntsville regional tournament.

With the district divided into zones in 1950, Consolidated won the zone baseball title as a Class A competitor, but lost to Crockett in the district play-offs. The Tigers had a fine record of 11 wins against two losses.

In 1951, however, competing in Class B circles again, Consolidated baseballers won the bi-district (which is tops for the classification) with a perfect mark of 16 wins and no losses. This record was attained mainly on the great pitching of Roland Jones.

The past baseball season was a bad season by any standards, the Tigers posting two wins against eight losses. Coach Chafin finds some solace in the fact that he has eight lettermen back for this spring in the diamond sport. But he is turning the baseball reins over to Jim Bevans, and will concentrate his efforts on the remaining three sports.

In his battle for the district basketball crown, Chafin uses six players who carry almost the entire load during the games.

Jackson Controls Rebounds

Bobby Jackson, junior center and two year letterman, is a great rebound control man who uses his height to good advantage under the baskets. He has also earned letters in football and tennis.

At one forward post Chafin uses Joe Motheral, senior three year letterman with a good eye for the basket. Motheral is a fine dribbler and scores a lot from up under the basket, utilizing tricky ball handling. He is a baseball letterman.

The other forward position is capably manned by David Bommen, junior two year letterman. David is a really great defensive worker who keeps his man away from the basket and from shooting. He is a good rebound man who often gets the ball from much taller boys. Football, baseball, and track make David a four-sport letterman.

Byron Andrews at guard is a senior two year letterman who is a very good defensive man, a good dribbler, and a fine long-shot artist. He also possesses a baseball letter.

Settled at the other guard position is Fred Anderson, junior two year letterman who Chafin says is probably the best ball handler on the team. He dribbles well and is at his best when he is driving in for the basket.

Cooner Very Dependable

The sixth "starter" on the Consolidated basketball squad is Pinky Cooner, utility man who fills all positions. He is a very good shot who was directly responsible for a Tiger win over Hearne prior to the Christmas holidays. He bucketed a long shot in the closing minute to break a 36-36 tie, and followed with another basket to insure a 49-36 victory.



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