

# Defense Stressed In Cage Workouts

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Defense is being stressed in basketball workouts this week as the Aggies get ready for Saturday night's game with Trinity University at DeWare field house.

In losing the season opener to Lamar Tech, 88-68, Tuesday night in Beaumont, the Aggies committed the usual first game mistakes, Coach John Floyd said, and the Cardinals were much better than was expected.

He added that Lamar Tech had already played two games and had the home court advantage, and that the Aggies would show improvement in their first home game.

Asked to comment on several of the players, Floyd said all the players on the squad have been working hard, and that the team would win its share of the games.

### Martin Improving

He said Roy Martin looks very good so far and is improving rapidly, and that Martin scored a lot of points last Tuesday for the time he was in the game.

Rodney Pirtle is a good, all-around player and is probably our best player, Floyd said. Pirtle can play well offensively and defensively, and was high point man in Beaumont, playing a very good offensive floor game.

James Addison, Floyd continued, plays either center or forward, and should be our best rebounder in the very near future. He is capable of scoring a lot of points and has a good eye for the basket.

### Moon Ball of Fire

The ball of fire on the ball club, Floyd said, is Don Moon. He should be the boy to keep us going, and should get us six or eight points in every game. His shooting eye has improved greatly over last year.

John Fortenberry, Floyd went on, will develop into a very versatile individual. He has the potential of scoring 16 to 20 points in some games, plus the ability to stop any opponent on defense. Fortenberry has spent the early season breaking into the starting lineup and adjusting to varsity ball.

Joe Hardgrove is the best ball handler on the club, Floyd said.

## Ag Wrestling Club Outlook Is Bright

The A&M Wrestling club has seven returning lettermen this year, and season prospects look good, said Coach James W. Griffith.

About 30 students are in the club. They have been working out in the little gym since the start of school.

The club's first match will be with Baylor university in Waco the first week-end in February. Two matches are planned with the University of Texas, but definite dates have not been scheduled, said Griffith.

The wrestling club will enter the National Wrestling tournament at the University of Oklahoma March 22. The seven returning lettermen and their weight division are Bob Beattie, 123 pound; Dick Cappel, 137 pound; Bill Gilbert, 137 pound; Jerry Pyle, 147 pound; Rudy Henson, 147 pound; John Johnson, 157 pound; and John Huff, 191 pound.

George Kell of the Boston Red Sox has hit over 300 for the last eight seasons.

He's not an outstanding shooter, but is capable of hitting his good shots on any given night. His defense is improving each day and he should do a very good defensive job by the time conference play rolls around.

Floyd said Pat McCrory is developing into a very fine relief man at either forward or guard, and because of his terrific speed, is always dangerous from an offensive standpoint.

Other squad members who are expected to add reserve strength to the team are Howard Honeyey, Earnest Kennedy, Frank Miller, Ken Murray and John McIlhenny.

Footballers Joe Boring, Don Ellis and Fred Broussard have recently joined the squad and are expected to lend valuable help to the team after they have rounded into shape for basketball.

## Marshall Is Elected Head Of Tumblers

Gerald Marshall was elected president of the A&M tumbling team Wednesday at its election of officers.

Louis Hampton was elected vice-president. Other officers are Ronald Parker, secretary-treasurer, and Dan Mariarty, reporter.

The tumbling's team first meet is with the University of Texas Feb. 27 in Austin. Workouts will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Three open meets have been scheduled. They are the Gulf AAU here March 13, the Southwest AAU April 23-24 in Fort Worth and the State Texas meet April 30 to May 1 in Austin. In open competition, scores are counted individually, not on a team basis.

A four team meet is set March 24 at Northwestern Louisiana State college. The Cadets will compete against NLSU, Mississippi Southern and the University of Texas.

## Ag Fencers Go to Dallas For 'Y' Meet

The A&M fencing squad will travel to Dallas this week end to participate in the Dallas YMCA's Open Invitational Fencing meet.

This meet will have individual competition in all weapons, foil, sabre and epee, for both men and women.

Schools expected to have students competing include SMU, TCU, and TSCW.

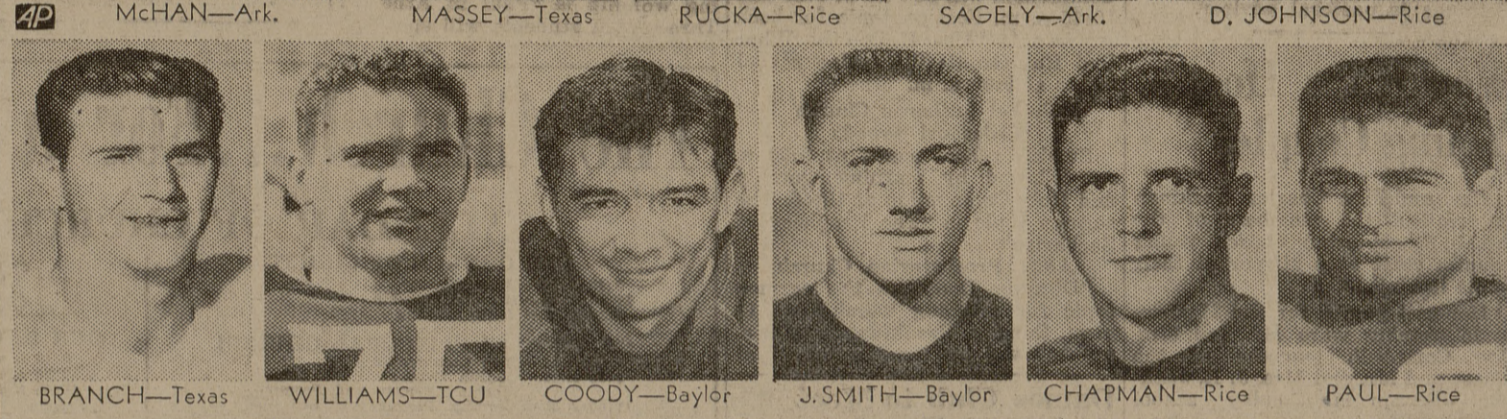
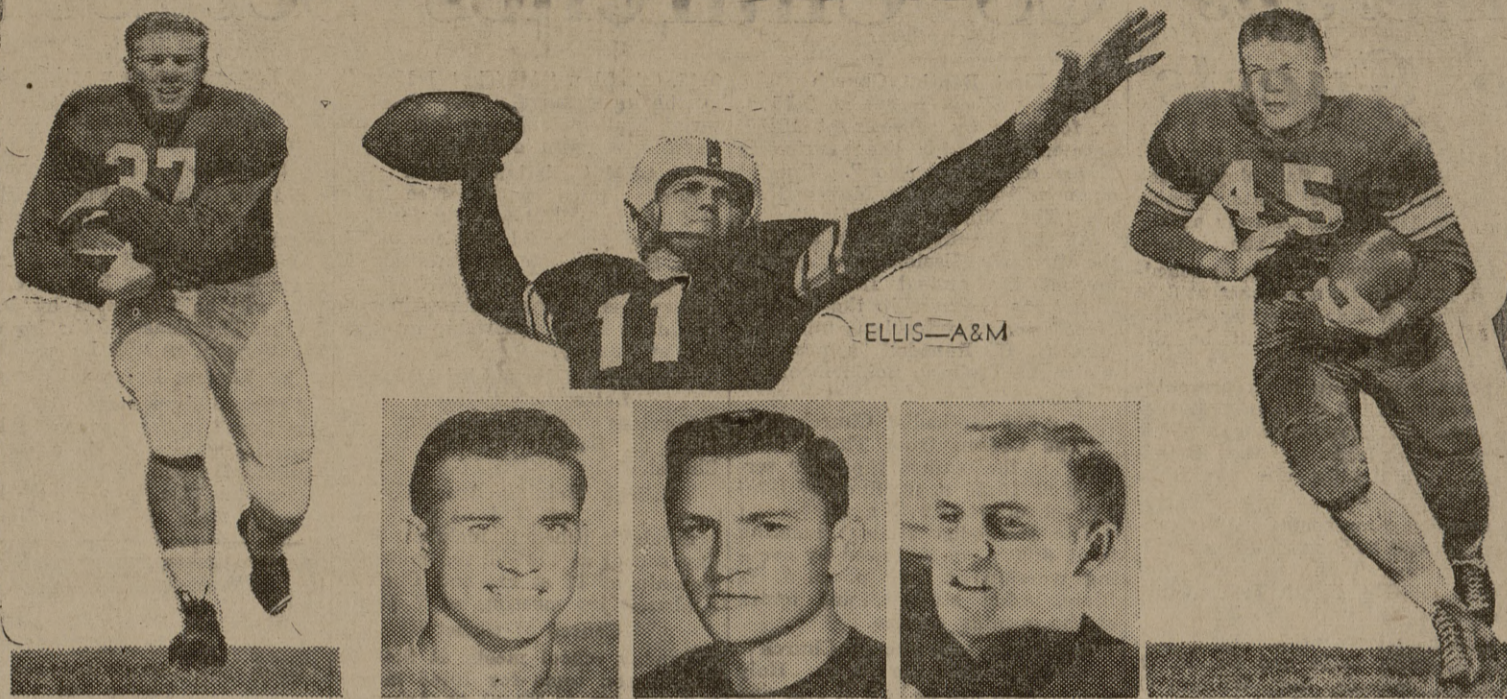
Others matches scheduled by the Aggies include Rice, Corpus Christi YMCA and the University of Miami.

The members of the squad who are planning to attend are co-captains Bob Braslau and Gus Wuffman, Bob Ruiz, Jerry Ramsey, Ken Jones, Jim Pigg, Walter Anderson, Art Garner, Bob Zarbock, Neal Farmer and John Yates.

Others Cadets giving to the meet are Carroll Forrester, Bill Huettel, Richard Forrester, Ed Fries, Bill Fink, Roger Clark, Russ Goodale, Don Roth and managers Bill Grigg and Richard Bean.

Walt Duges, former Seton Hall basketball star, toured Europe and North Africa last summer with the Harlem Globetrotters.

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## Mathews to Clown At 12th Man Bowl

Bud Mathews, physical education instructor, will be a clown at the half time activities during the Twelfth Man bowl game Dec. 17 on Kyle Field.

There will also be performances on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and the trampoline by members of the A&M gymnastics team, Mathews said. N. A. Ponthieux and Mathews are co-sponsors of the team.

Mathews, who hails from Syracuse university, Pennsylvania, has been in gymnastics for about 15 years. In 1950, the Syracuse team of which Mathews was a member, tied for the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Championship and were rated seventh in the nation. Mathews was runner-up for the top place in tumbling.

## Unbeaten Rifle Team Fires In Hearst Postal Match

The undefeated A&M rifle squad, winners of the Southwestern Rifle association title, will shoot in the nation-wide William Randolph Hearst postal match tonight.

Members of the squad who will fire include Guy Andrews, Howard Mims, Alfred Williams, Fred Galley, Dan Grissom, Sidney Ferrell, David Allen, Harry Gayden and William Durrill.

Three teams each from the Army and Air Force consisting of freshmen and upperclassmen will participate in the match.

Col. John A. Way, PAS&T, will be present to witness the firing of the meet. Col. S. P. Myers Jr., PMS &T, will review a second match Wednesday night.

The scores of the matches will

## Ag Soccer Team Plays Aircraft Co.

The A&M soccer team will play the Chance Vought Aircraft corporation of Dallas at 2 p. m. Sunday on the Soccer field west of Law hall.

Juan Letts of Peru will captain the Aggies in place of Guillermo Cardenas. Cardenas broke his ankle two weeks ago against Bryan air force base.

A&M has won two of three games this season.

## Tigers Open Court Season In Navasota

A&M Consolidated high school tonight pulls the curtain off its basketball season in Navasota with varsity and B team games.

Game time for the varsity tilt is 8 p. m. The B team game will start at 6:45.

Three of last year's lettermen will start for the varsity. Another is expected to join the squad next week.

Bobby Jackson, Fred Anderson and Pinky Cooner are the lettermen who will be in tonight's starting lineup. David Bonnen, the other letter-winner, has missed practice all week because of illness.

Rounding out the starting varsity lineup will be J. B. Carroll and Roland Beasley. They were on last season's B team.

Probable starters for the B team are John Ray Perryman, Norman Floeck, Manuel Garcia, Jerry Oden and Bubba Engelbrecht.

The varsity scrimmaged the B team Wednesday and Thursday and looked sharp. The teams have only been practicing since Monday.

Consolidated is scheduled to play in two tournaments before district play begins. They will compete in the Bryan tournament Dec. 11 and 12 and in the College Station Kiwanis Club Invitational Jan. 8 and 9. Spring Branch will be the first opponent in the Bryan tourney.

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