

Aggies, Owls To Battle For First League Win

Faced with the large task of stopping Gene Schwinger, brilliant Rice center, the Aggie cagers travel to Houston Saturday for their second conference encounter. Schwinger, 6-6 high-scoring Owl senior, is far ahead of the field in scoring to date. He plunked in 35 points against the SMU Mustangs Tuesday night in a losing effort, and scored 38 points against the Mustangs in the pre-season SWC tournament in December.

Although the Owls won the tournament contest in a wild 80-79 overtime melee and lost Tuesday's conference tie by a 79-66 margin, Schwinger's scoring represented nearly one half the team's total in the tournament tilt, and over one half the Owl score in the league game.

Lance Other Half
The other half of the Rice 1-2 scoring punch is Don Lance, 6-3 forward. A senior and two-year regular, Lance was unanimous all-SWC last winter on the team selected by league coaches. Held to six points in this week's game with the Mustangs, Lance is expected to return to the higher scoring brackets in future games. Remainder of the Rice starters are Monte Robicheaux, 5-9 guard; Bobby Brashear, 5-11 guard; and Joe Durrenberger, 6-6 forward.

Countering the tall Owl aggression for the Aggies will be Roy Martin, 6-8 1/2 center; James Addison, 6-6; and John Fortenberry, 6-3, forwards; and Joe Hartgrove, 6-2, and Rodney Pirtle, 6-2 1/2, guards.

Martin, leading Aggie scorer through 10 games with 123 points, will have the assignment of guarding Schwinger. Off form in the Tuesday loss to Baylor, Martin was held scoreless in the first half and didn't return to action after the intermission.

If Martin can hold down the high-scoring Schwinger, chances for an Aggie upset win will be greatly improved.

Fortenberry hasn't reached the scoring potential displayed last season when he scored 172 points for a winless freshman team. When he adds six to eight points per game to his scoring, the difference can spell victories for the Aggies.

His scoring average is 7.4 through the first 10 games.

Addison has shown much improvement over last season and has

rebound play has been outstanding in several games. He has scored 96 points for the Aggies in 10 games.

Pirtle, moved to guard this season to add height to the starting lineup, is fast, and his defensive play has stood out in this year's contests. He closely follows Addison in team scoring with 95 points.

Hartgrove, also playing the guard position for the first time this year to give A&M a taller starting lineup, has a good eye for long push shots and adds defensive strength to the team.

After Saturday's game, in which the Aggies and the Owls will be seeking their first conference win to match setbacks in opening games, the Aggies will return home to host Texas on Tuesday and TCU on Friday.

Fish Swimmers Open Season Tomorrow

A talented Fish team tomorrow opens A&M's swimming season, hosting the Houston YMCA and the San Antonio aquatic club at 2:30 p. m. in P. L. Downs jr. natatorium.

The meet is open to the public, and no admission will be charged. Interscholastic rules will be followed.

Four of last season's best high school swimmers will bolster Coach Art Adamson's Fish. They are Norman Ufer, Dick Hunkler, Wal-

ter Penberthy and Tom Barlow. Ufer, state backstroke champion at Houston Reagan, was selected on the All-America high school team. Hunkler, also from Reagan, was the state's 100 yard freestyle champion.

Penberthy, from Bryan, was the second place winner in the state high school breaststroke. Barlow, from College Station, was third in the backstroke.

Fish competitors in the freestyle will be George Boyett, Jimmy Cashion, Clifton Hankins, William Parsons, Gayle Watt, William Taylor and Edward Kasper.

Kasper won that event in the freshman division of the intramural swimming meet.

Martin Head Divers

Backstrokes will be William Crawford, brother of last year's varsity captain, Robert Lamson and Jerry Marchbanks.

Divers will be Lee Hilgartner, Elmer McCullough and Bob Martin. Martin was first in the freshman intramural diving meet.

The varsity will open its season next Friday, when it hosts the Southwest conference relays in the natatorium.

Varsity trips will include Emory university in Georgia, Jan. 28; Georgia Tech at Atlanta, Jan. 30; University of Florida at Gainesville, Feb. 1; Florida State university at Tallahassee, Feb. 2; and Northwestern Louisiana at Natchitoches, Feb. 4.

Tigers Rank At Top as Tourney Opens Today

The undefeated Tigers of A & M Consolidated high school today opened the eighth annual Kiwanis club-consolidated basketball tournament and ranked as one of the title favorites.

Consolidated played Waller at 1 p. m. in the Tiger gym, site of all of the games.

Five other games are set for today, and four for Saturday. Championship finals will be played at 8:30 Saturday, preceded by the consolation finals at 7.

Here is today's schedule:

2:30 p. m.—Katy vs. Hempstead; 4 p. m.—Cypress-Fairbanks vs. Sealy; 5:30 p. m.—Calvert vs. Somerville. The losers of the Katy-Hempstead and Consolidated-Waller games play at 7 tonight, and the two winners play at 8:30 tonight.

Losers of the Cypress-Fairbanks-Sealy and Calvert - Somerville games play at 1 p. m. Saturday. The two winners play at 2:30.

Calvert and Cypress-Fairbanks are expected to give the Tigers the most trouble. Calvert has won nine of 11 games this season.

B Field Slips Past Sq. 5; A Athletics Beats B Armor

B field artillery edged squadron 5 in a 6-6 tie on penetrations, 2-1 in intramural football yesterday.

B field scored when Gerald Cunningham caught a pass over center and ran 50 yards for the touchdown.

Squadron 5 came back steadily but could only score once when James Wither caught a pass on the five yard line and went over.

After two plays in the second half, Bobby Briggs of A athletics caught a pass to score the first touchdown and help his unit defeat B armor, 12-0.

The second score came on a 50 yard pass to Les Byrd.

Blocked Punt Wins

Speedy Jerry Moran blocked a fourth down kick in end zone to help squadron 11 win over squadron 3, 6-0.

A Ordnance defeated squadron 15 in a 20-20 tie on penetrations, 2-1. In basketball, Huffman scored 10 points to help Mitchell hall slip past College View, 14-13.

Jim Bean was high man for the losers with seven points.

Horseshoes

Company K's Joey Brown, Bill Coblentz, John Schmidt, Gene Wismer, James O'Connell and Lee

Roy Sowden won their matches to help their unit blank squadron 25, three matches to none.

John Jourde, Arthur Medberry, Don Poole and John Janak won matches to help squadron 21 defeat company F, 2-1.

Squadron 24's Solorio, Crockett, Foster, Marshall, Pickett and Rhodenbaugh won matches to help their unit beat company G, 3-0.

In other horseshoes matches, company A defeated squadron 19, 2-1 while squadron 22 blanked company I, 3-0.

Playoffs Begin

In the tennis playoffs for the upperclassmen championship, squadron 6 will match with squad-

ron 14 while for the freshmen's title company F will play company L.

On Monday squadron 7 versus B infantry; the winner of the A athletic - squadron 16 game versus the winner of the squadron 11 - A quartermaster game; and squadron 21 versus company A.

The winner of the squadron 7-B infantry game versus the winner of the A infantry - squadron 10 game will meet on Tuesday and company B will meet company C.

The championship game will be played on Wednesday for the upperclassmen while the championship for the freshmen will be Thursday.

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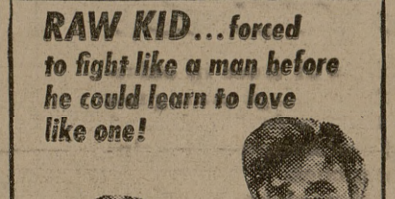
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Pirtle Sees Upturn In Ag Cage Future

By TERRY MICHAEL
Battalion Sports Staff

A&M fans can look for a lot of improvement in the Aggie basketball team, said Rodney Pirtle, one of the Cadets' top players.

Pirtle explained that the Aggies are developing a new type of "set" offense that features a better chance for rebounds and a safer defensive set-up.

"Our plays are working," he said. "We're working the ball in and setting up our plays, but we aren't making our shots. We'll go when we start hitting our shots."

"If we have a good night, we can beat any team in the conference," Pirtle added. "We'll win some at home. The Aggies are always good at home—last year all of our wins were home games."

Rates Schwinger Best

When the Cadets play Rice Saturday night, Pirtle will be playing against one of the best players he's ever seen. He considers Gene Schwinger the best in the Southwest conference.

Pirtle thinks Texas probably is the best team in the conference. "We play them here next Tuesday, and that's one we'd sure like to win," he said.

The best game he's played was against Rice in his freshman season, but the Texas game here last year is his biggest basketball thrill.

Baker Wins Third At Sugar Bowl Meet

James Baker, former Aggie track star who finished his collegiate eligibility last spring, placed third in the open 440-yard dash of the recent Sugar Bowl meet. Baker was one of the nation's better quarter-milers last year.

CHS Kittens Drop Two Tilts Thursday

The A&M Consolidated junior high Kittens lost both A and B basketball games to Madisonville, 20-11 and 13-8 at the CHS gymnasium Thursday.

The Kittens' high men for the respective games were Alton Arnold with seven points and Buddy Holie with four while Harry Manning with nine points and Wilton Johnson with seven were high for Madisonville.

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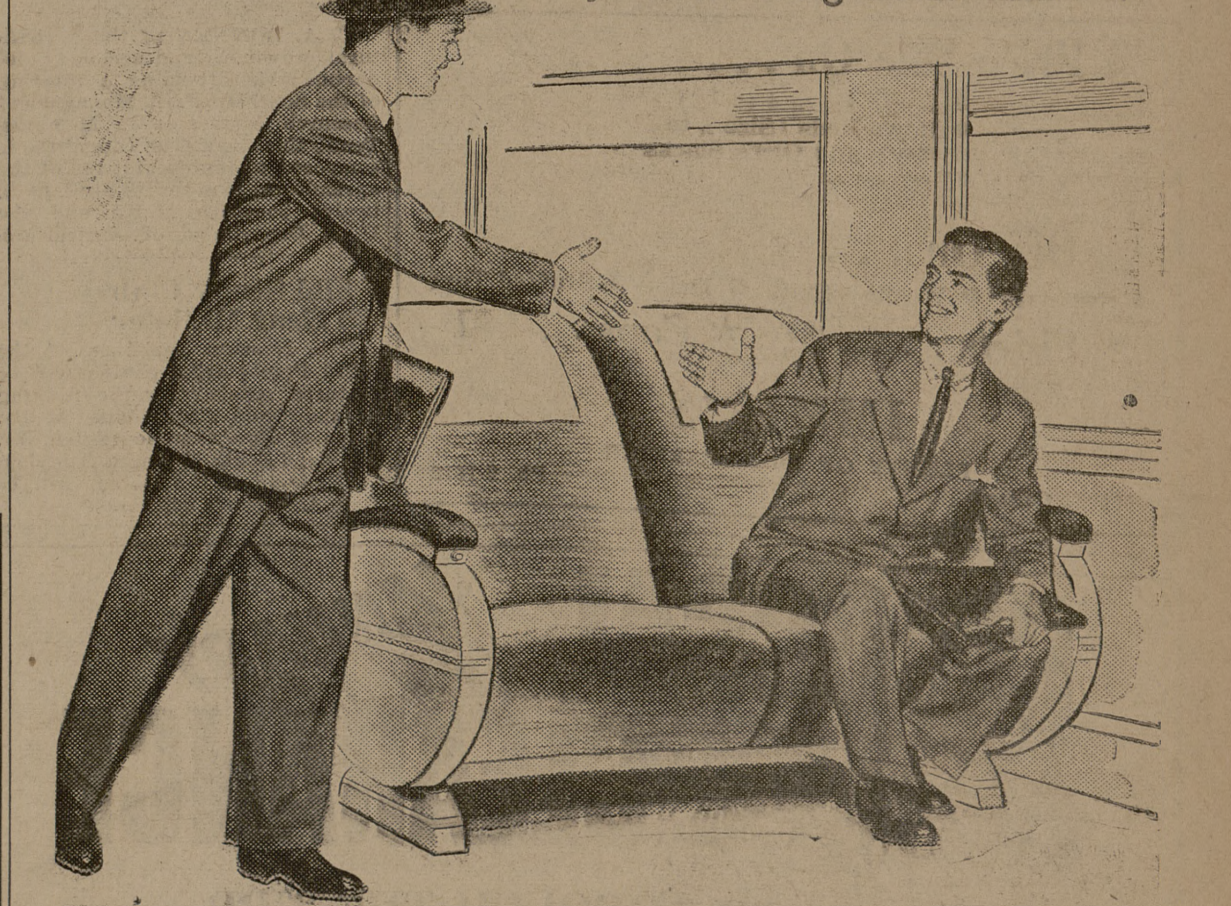
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