

Aggies Prepare For Friday Tilt With TCU Here

Inspired by their fine showing against the Longhorns Tuesday night, the Aggie cagers began looking forward to Friday night's game with TCU at DeWare Field House.

Ag Fencers To Resume Play Feb. 6 in MSC

A&M's fencing team will resume play Feb. 6, competing in an Amateur Fencing League of America meet in the Memorial Student Center.

The Aggies will meet the University of Miami Feb. 13 at Miami and will participate in the Southwest conference meet in May. The date and place of the conference tourney have not been set.

In the last two years only Rice, Texas and A&M have had fencing teams, so a conference meet was not held. This season, TCU has promised a team, making it possible to resume the tourney, said Col. Frank Vaden, team sponsor.

A&M defeated Texas Tech by one point in October, its only team competition of the season. Team members have competed in several AFLA meets, which are held on an individual, not a team, basis.

The Cadets have no official coach, learning from experience and practice. Col. Vaden named Captains Bob Braslau and Gus Wulfmahr as outstanding members of this season's team. He picked Arthur Garner and William Huetel as promising prospects for next season.

Coach John Floyd plans to start Roy Martin at center and James Addison at one of the forward positions. The other forward will be either John McIlhenny or Howard Homeyer. John Fortenberry will hold down one guard post while the other is a toss-up between Joe Hardgrove and Pat McCrory.

Fortenberry and McCrory were on the ailing list for Wednesday's practice session. Fortenberry suffered a forehead gash requiring stitches in the Tuesday game when Gib Ford's active elbow caught him over the left eye.

McCrory was slightly ill Wednesday and did not work out, but Floyd expects both Fortenberry and McCrory to be ready for the TCU encounter.

In the grueling 49-46 loss to Texas, Addison also suffered a cut over his left eye, but did not miss any workouts.

Floyd was visibly pleased with the battle which nearly resulted in an upset Aggie victory.

"The boys just played their hearts out. They were tired out at the end, but they never slowed down. I was never more proud of a bunch of boys in my life," Floyd said.

After Friday's game with TCU, the Aggies will put down the basketball and pick up their books for a week-long bout with final examinations, followed by a week off between semesters.

They resume their conference schedule on Feb. 1 when they journey to Fayetteville for a game with Arkansas Razorbacks.

The same night, the Aggie freshmen, with a six win one loss record, will take on Lon Morris in Jacksonville. The Fish downed Lon Morris on the home court earlier in the season.

After Texas Game

Fans Owe Cagers Big Pat on Back

By JERRY WIZIG Associate Sports Editor

A&M sports fans today owe a big pat on the back to 10 basketball players and one basketball coach, even though the Aggies lost to Texas 49-46 Tuesday night.

Amid wild speculation of "Who will Floyd play now?" and "Wonder how bad Texas will beat them?", the Cadets took the court before the largest home crowd of the season and played the heavily-favored Steers off their feet.

Sure, Texas had an off night (they made only 15 of 54 field goals—but a tight Ag defense had much to do with the poor field goal record and 19 of 37 free shots). But think of the pressure the Aggies and Coach John Floyd were under.

Playing without two starters who quit the team and blamed the coach in their resignations don't exactly give a squad a solid state of mind, especially when reports have it that all or most of the team was on the verge of quitting several weeks ago.

So, about 2,500 fans turned out, many of them undoubtedly curious about how bad the Cadets were going to be submerged under a top-heavy score, and got the thrill of the season.

Two Started for First Time

Starting Pat McCrory and Howard Homeyer, two players who never opened a varsity game before, the Cadets led most of the contest, mainly because of a driving close-guarding and hustling game that at times had the Steers looking rather bewildered.

It wasn't until the last four minutes of play that the Steers got over the hill, after drawing into a 40-40 tie with 4:46 to play. Then Gib Ford dropped in a free throw and Billy Powell sank a layup after stealing a Cadet pass and counted four straight free throws.

Addison Fouls Out

Forward James Addison, 6-6, fouled out in the third quarter with 7:28 to play, after putting on a fine performance under both baskets. He took off 6 rebounds, second highest for the night.

Center Roy Martin, 6-8½, had to play most of the fourth quarter with four fouls, so the Aggies obviously were seriously hurt on the backboards. Martin had 7 rebounds, tops for the game. Longhorn Bob Waggener also took off 7.

Kennedy, McIlhenny Played Well

Two other sophomores, 5-9 Ernest Kennedy and 6-3 John McIlhenny played some fine ball for the Cadets. Kennedy gave the Cadets a 32-27 lead near the end of the third quarter on a play that should stand as one of the most freakish of the season. A rebound bounced off of a Texas player, and Kennedy pushed it into the basket from about 15 feet out.

McIlhenny played a good defensive game and garnered 5 rebounds.

The amazing McCrory, who comes from Leroy Miksch's home town of Waelder, dunked in 12 points to lead the Aggie scoring and made good on 5 of 9 field goal shots. He literally was all over the floor on defense and poured in three straight jump shots early in the fourth quarter to give A&M a 38-37 lead with 7:23 left.

Fortenberry Shaken Up Twice

John Fortenberry, twice shaken up by flying stray bits of anatomy belonging to Texas players, made two free throws for a 40-38 Aggie lead, their last of the game. Just before this, Texas' John Schmid had dropped in a free shot to tie the score at 38-all.

The lead changed hands 13 times during the game and the score was tied 10 times.

The results of this afternoon's meeting of the athletic council at which the basketball program was to be discussed, were not known as this was written. Whatever the results, if any are announced, let's hope the council gives some serious thought to the Texas game.

Tigers Prepare For Friday's League Opener

Undeclared A&M Consolidated high school yesterday began preparations for its first district 25-A basketball game, scheduled for Friday night against Bellville in the Tiger gym.

The Tigers will compete in the district's west zone with Sealy, Bellville and Waller. Katy, Cypress-Fairbanks, Tomball and B. F. Smythley will play in the east zone. The two zone champions will play at the end of the district season for the district title.

Consolidated will play six district games, meeting each district team once at home and once on the road. A non-conference game with Somerville is scheduled there Feb. 8.

Players Want Mike For Head Coach

By BOB BORISKIE Battalion Sports Editor

Aggie football players have adopted a stay-in-our-own-backyard attitude toward the naming of a head football coach at A&M.

Mike Michalske, line coach last season, has moved up among prospects being mentioned for the job, and that's just fine with the players who worked under him.

Never a head coach, Michalske's experience comes from staff jobs at Lafayette College and Iowa State before moving into the professional field with the Baltimore Colts and Green Bay Packers. From pro coaching, he moved to Baylor in 1950 and then came to A&M for the 1953 season.

Interviews with several of last year's starting eleven disclosed that Michalske was the first choice of the players in every instance.

Further indication of this sentiment among players who will work under the new head coach came when two of them asked if he was being considered.

Further investigation revealed Michalske was not only a highly capable line coach last season, but also was very popular with the football squad.

Michalske Logical Choice

They said Michalske would be an excellent choice for several reasons. He has worked with the players and knows their individual abilities. He is stern but fair in handling them.

Moreover, they discovered he knows a great deal more football than is required to produce good line play.

With a good staff of assistants, they believe Michalske could mold offensive and defensive units that would put A&M back among the leaders.

If selected, Michalske would be the third straight assistant coach to take over the head coaching chores.

Harry Stiteler was assistant to Homer Norton when Aggie exes purchased the remainder of Norton's contract in 1948, and Stiteler took over after one year on the Aggie staff.

George Takes Over

After three years at the helm, Stiteler suddenly was dismissed in the spring of 1951 and Ray George, line coach for one month, was moved to head coach.

Now, another three years later, George has resigned as head coach to go into private business, and A&M must find a coach on short notice to lead the coaching staff.

The players apparently feel Michalske is the best man for the job.

Which is exactly what A&M needs.

Squadron 7 Wins 12-0, Takes Football Title

Squadron 7 yesterday shut out a favored A athletic squad, 12-0, to win the intramural football championship on a muddy field.

Jake Magee made both scores. Squadron 7 scored the first time it got the ball.

Magee took the ball around end and stumbled all the way to the goal line on the wet field.

A athletics threatened twice but was stopped on the squadron 7 20 and 25 yard line.

A athletics' Ed Hennig's pass to squadron 7's 20 yard line was intercepted by Magee, who returned for 10 yards and stopped a first half threat.

Late in the second half, Hennig, standing in his end zone, passed to Bob Briggs who scampered to squadron 7's 40 yard line.

Squadron 7's Tom Robert intercepted the next pass by Hennig to

clinch the game for his squadron. The first downs in the game were tied at 3-3.

In the other game played, company B's Ken Kuykendall circled his left end to score the touchdown which helped his unit defeat company C, 6-0.

Company B will meet squadron 21 for the freshman intramural football championship at the intramural grounds this afternoon.

In horseshoes, A quartermaster's Ernie Entoe, Don Lacy, Don Lowry and Harry Landrum won their matches to help their unit defeat B infantry, two matches to one.

Handballers Lose To Steers, 2-6

The A&M Handball club Monday night lost, 2-6, to the University of Texas Handball club in Austin.

A&M won one of five singles matches and one of three doubles matches. Playing for the Cadets were John Centilli, club president, Larry Laskoskie, Johnny Johnson, Dickie O'Connor and Phil Randol.

Phil Collins of Bryan air force base, rated the fifth best handball player in the nation, accompanied the Aggies and gave an exhibition match.

Council Discusses Coaches, Basketball

The A&M athletic council met at 1 p. m. today to hear reports on contacts made with various prospects for the head coach position.

Also to be discussed at the meeting was the basketball program. The Battalion went to press before the results of the meeting were announced.

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