

Varsity Beats Fish 67-52 In Warmup for Cougars

A&M's varsity basketball team shot out a 67-52 victory over the freshman team last night before about 2,500 in G. Rollie White coliseum in a prelude to its season opener here Thursday night with the University of Houston.

Coach John Floyd opened with a senior, two juniors and two sophomores in his starting lineup. The Cadets started slow, then opened up a 36-27 lead at the end of the first half. They kept that margin through the first 13 minutes of the second half, then the Fish, coached by John DeWitt and his assistant Joe Hardgrove, fought to within 50-44.

Guard Roger Harvey, soph, sank nine points in the last seven minutes as the varsity pulled far ahead.

For the Cadets, center George Mehaffey, 6-4, made 16 points, high for the night, before fouling out with eight minutes, 40 seconds to play. Forward Fritzie Connelly, 6-2 1/2, scored 15 for the Fish. He'll be eligible for the varsity next semester.

Forward Bill Brophy, a transfer from Allen academy, where he starred last year, scored 13, and Harvey had 10.

Brophy and cocaptain John Fortenberry, both juniors, started at forwards, Mehaffey at center, cocaptain Pat McCrory and Bob Gattis at guards. McCrory is a senior, Mehaffey and Gattis are sophs.

Center Jeff Penfield, 6-6 soph, broke his ankle in practice and will be out for about six weeks.

The varsity trailed through the first seven minutes until Mehaffey's goal from the corner put them ahead 7-6. Mehaffey, Fortenberry and Gattis shot the Cadets into a 17-10 lead.

Then Connelly scored six points as the Fish closed to within 23-20 with 6:30 left in the first half. Here McCrory, Mehaffey and Brophy made baskets and forward Don Bilbrey and Brophy sank two free shots to put the varsity ahead 33-20.

Led by Mehaffey, who scored six points, the varsity led 46-36 in the second half, then Mehaffey went out and the Fish narrowed it to 50-44 with seven minutes to play on two free shots by Connelly.

Gattis and Bilbrey sank a pair

of free shots each, Harvey laid in two baskets and three free shots, McCrory made two charity shots and the varsity led 63-48.

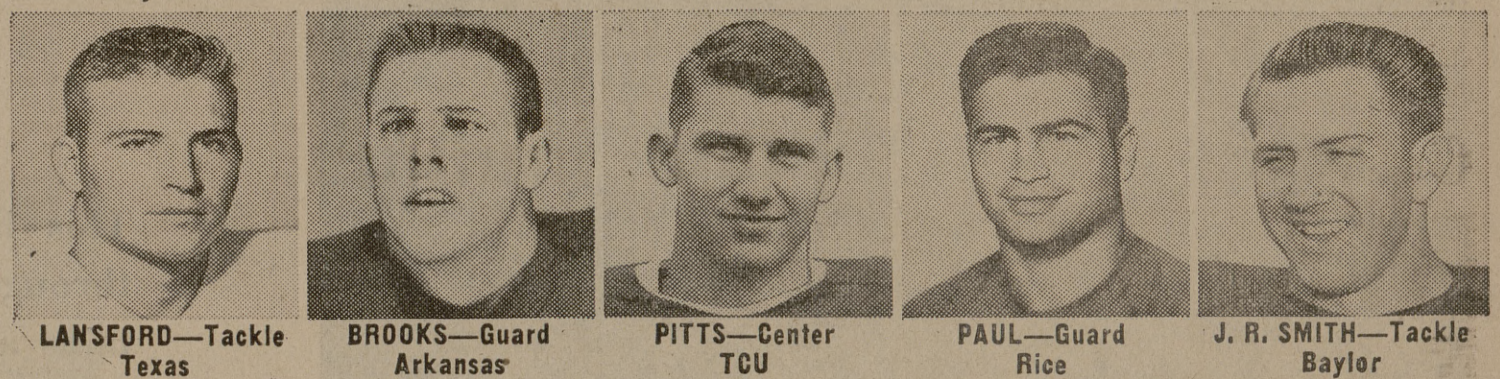
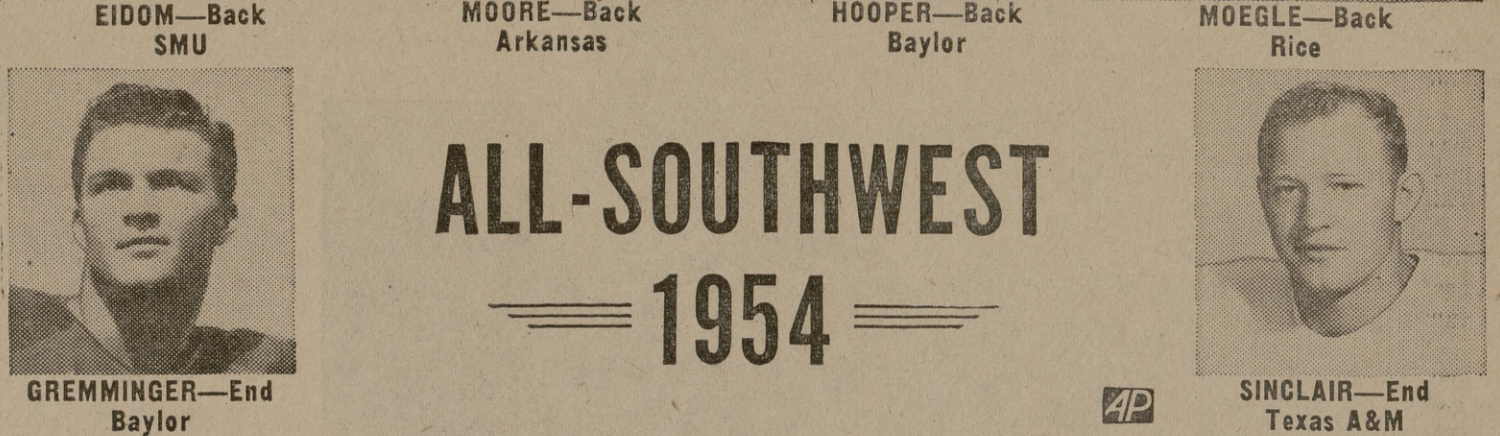
Harvey and guard Ted Harrod, another sophomore, each sank two free shots in the last minute after a goal by Connelly and two free tosses by guard Willard Hutto.

The Freshmen, short on height, gave the varsity trouble at times with a hard-pressing, ball-hawking defense.

Varsity (67)	fg.	ft.	fr.	tp.
Harrod, g.	0	6	1	6
Smith, g.	0	2	0	0
Harvey, g.	2	6	1	10
Sawyer, g.	0	0	0	0
Brophy, f.	4	5	1	13
McCrory, g.	1	3	5	5
Mehaffey, c.	8	0	5	16
Bilbrey, f.	0	4	4	4
Fortenberry, f.	1	2	5	4
Gattis, g.	1	7	1	9
Love, f.	0	0	0	0
Henry, f.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	33	28	67

Fish (52)	fg.	ft.	fr.	tp.
Connelly, f.	3	9	1	15
Williams, c.	2	0	5	0
Collier, g.	0	2	5	9
Elwick, g.	0	0	1	0
Sutherland, g.	3	5	5	9
Archer, g.	0	0	2	5
Wells, f.	0	0	2	0
Ewert, f.	0	0	1	0
Smith, g.	1	5	3	3
Hutto, g.	3	3	1	9
TOTALS	13	26	24	52

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Aggie Riflers Defeat Texas For Title

Guy Andrews fired a 278 to lead the Aggie rifle team to a one point win over the University of Texas and the Southwest conference title in Austin.

The match was held Thanksgiving Day.

Under the direction of M/ Sgt. John Collins, the Cadets nosed out Texas 1382-1381. The win gave A&M a 5-0 record, while Texas finished with a 4-1 record.

Aggie shooters were Sid Ferrell, Charles Bombardier, Fred Galley and Dan Grisom. Dan Barney of Texas was high point man with 282.

CHS Tops Caldwell In 37-31 Opener

A&M Consolidated high school fought off a late third quarter rally and pulled away in the final minutes of the game to defeat Caldwell 37-31 last night in its season opener in G. Rollie White coliseum.

Led by the outside shooting of guard J. B. Carroll and the work under the baskets of forward Norman Floeck, the Tigers pulled out of a 21-22 deficit late in the third period.

Carroll's long one-hander from the side with three minutes, 12 seconds left in the quarter put CHS ahead to stay. Floeck and guard Manuel Garcia then hit a basket each, and Carroll made another long one as the Tigers led 29-42 at the end of the period.

In the fourth, Caldwell pulled up

to 31-28 on two goals by center Perry Schwierzke. Then Floeck and Garcia sank one each and the Tigers were out of trouble, although two free throws pulled Caldwell to 35-31 with 47 seconds to play.

CHS overcame a nearly deficit to take an 8-4 lead at the end of the first period. The two teams traded almost point for point in a hot second quarter which found the Tigers still ahead 16-14.

Floek was the game's leading scorer with 16 points. Schwierzke had 13 and Carroll 11.

CHS (37)	fg.	ft.	fr.	tp.
Floek, f.	7	2	2	10
Garcia, g.	4	1	1	9
Oden, c.	0	1	2	1
Carroll, g.	5	1	3	11
Hickman, f.	0	0	0	0
Engelbrecht, g.	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	16	5	8	37

Caldwell (31)	fg.	ft.	fr.	tp.
Sebesta, f.	0	2	0	0
Heldman, f.	2	0	1	8
Schwierzke, c.	5	3	3	33
Howry, g.	1	0	0	2
Urbanosky, g.	2	0	4	4
Fedora, f.	1	2	1	4
TOTALS	12	7	6	31

Penalty Costly as Ags Lose To TU

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

A five-yard penalty rubbed out a touchdown run by fullback Don Kachtik and may have cost the Aggies the game they wanted to win most of all. Instead, the University of Texas preserved its untarnished Thanksgiving Day Memorial stadium record and downed the battling Cadets, 22-13.

This was the second worst season in A&M's football history. The Aggies finished with a 1-9 mark. The 1948 team had a 0-9-1 record, the '49 team, 1-8-1.

The costly penalty came with about two minutes to play in the first half and A&M trailing 13-7. A beautiful 49-yard punt return by Bobby Keith had given the Aggies a chance from the Steer 11.

A pass from quarterback Elwood Kettler to Keith put the ball on the 5, then Kachtik, who had another great day for the Cadets, pounded

over the goal as a red flag went down. The officials ruled the Aggie backfield was in motion before the snap.

After this, Kettler and Ronald Robbins lost a total of 24 yards in pass attempts, and the Steers took over.

Trailing 19-13 in the fourth quarter, the Ags took over on their 20 and started upfield toward the tying touchdown. With Kettler throwing to all-conference end Benjie Sinclair for 18 and 14 yards, the Cadets reached the Texas 24.

On first down, Kettler went back to pass, and Steer guard Herb Gray roared through to throw him for a 10-yard loss, another of the game's big plays. Facing fourth and 13 after a 7-yard pass to Keith, Kettler threw to Sinclair in the end zone, but the rangy end could only tip it as it fell incomplete.

Kettler, who completed 7 of 14 passes for 75 yards, finished the

grabbed a fumble on the Texas 30. Three plays later, Kachtik burst 26 yards on a draw play, the longest scoring run from scrimmage an Aggie has ever made in Memorial stadium.

Sinclair, who caught four passes for 60 yards Thursday, finished third in pass catching, with 22 good for 293 yards.

Texas got started early as Chester Simcik intercepted a Kettler pass on the Aggie 38. Ten plays later fullback Billy Quinn, the game's leading gainer with 106 yards in 16 carries, smashed over from the 1. Buck Lansford's kick was low.

Early in the second quarter, Texas went 61 yards in four plays after recovering a fumble by Aggie Joe Schero. Quarterback Charley Brewer pitched 36 yards to end Menan Schriever, then threw 20 yards to halfback Joe Youngblood for the score.

Youngblood converted.

Bob Easley scored A&M's first touchdown on a 2-yard plunge after a 25-yard punt return to the 31 by Gene Henderson.

Texas went ahead 19-7 in the third quarter, Brewer throwing 34 yards to Schriever for the score, ending a 91-yard drive. Later in the period, A&M tackle Dee Powell

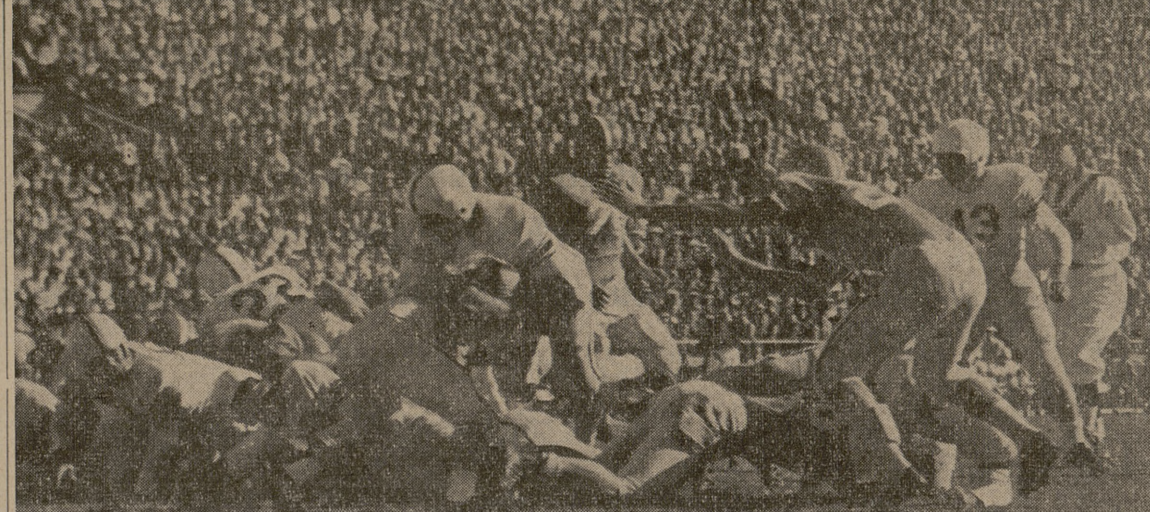
Teams Start Drills For 12th Man Bowl

Workouts start today for the army and air force teams who will meet in the third annual 12th Man Bowl game at Kyle field Dec. 16.

The two squads will drill for two weeks in shorts and shoes, then will be issued pads Dec. 13.

Game proceeds will go to the student aid fund and the 12th Man scholarship. The student aid fund makes loans for emergency medical treatments, buys eye glasses for some students and sends flowers to student funerals.

Tickets are 50 cents and will be sold by unit athletic officers. Last year's game brought about \$1,740, the 1952 game about \$2,000.



FIRST FOR AGS—Fullback Bob Easley takes a handoff from quarterback Charley Scott (13) and crashes into the Texas end zone from two yards out. It was A&M's first touchdown Thanksgiving Day and was set up by Gene Henderson's 25 yard punt return.

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Handball Team Loses To Texas

A&M's handball team suffered its first defeat of the season, to University of Texas in Austin Wednesday night.

Six singles and two doubles were played. Jim Mathis and Johnny Johnson won the first doubles. Texas won the other matches.

Games are being planned with Baylor and Rice, but dates have not been set. Plans are also being made for the four top players to attend the national collegiate handball tournament at Chicago.

Adams Scores 14, B Infantry Wins

Jim Adams scored 14 points to lead B infantry to a 34-18 victory over squadron 17 in upperclassmen intramural basketball yesterday.

In other games, A infantry won over squadron 20, 23-7; squadron 19 won over A quartermaster, 18-12; and squadron 18 won over squadron 11, 21-19.

In freshmen football, squadron 5 beat A ordnance, 26-6; squadron 13 beat A infantry, 19-14; and B anti-aircraft artillery beat A chemical, 13-6.

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