

Varsity Cagers Have Long Drill for U of H

The Aggie basketball team went through a long workout yesterday, stressing offense for their season opener with the University of Houston in G. Rollie White coliseum Thursday night.

With only one senior and two lettermen on his squad, Coach John Floyd divided his varsity and alternated seven men against a team of reserves.

Floyd had Pat McCrory, John Fortenberry, Bob Gattis, George Mehaffey, Bill Brophy, Don Bilibrey and Roger Harvey alternating on the first string.

McCrory, a senior, and Fortenberry, a junior, are the only lettermen on the 13-man squad, cut to 12 now that soph center Jeff Penfield is out with a broken ankle. Penfield, 6-6, is the team's tallest player.

Mehaffey, 6-4 sophomore, started at center in Monday night's intersquad game with the Fish and scored 16 points. Brophy and Bilibrey are junior college transfers, Harvey and Gattis sophs.

The Cadets lack an experienced big man, and the Cougars will have

one as big as they come Thursday in seven-foot Don Boldebuck, a transfer from Nebraska Wesleyan. He was held out of competition last season, so still has two years of eligibility.

Houston has seven returning lettermen, including four seniors.

The veterans are guards Jackie Bell, 5-11, Lupe Lopez, 5-11, Herb Hoskins, 6-2, and Jose Palafox, 6-1; and forwards Jim Hatton, 6-4, Jack

Foster, 6-2, and Jerry Pettiette, 6-3.

Seniors are Hatton, Hoskins, Pettiette and Bell.

Four sophomores are expected to give the Cougars added scoring punch. They are Jimmy Ash, leading scorer on the frosh team with a 15.7 average, Bobby Powers, a 6-5 all-stater from Oklahoma, Andy McElveen, a Louisiana all-stater in high school, and Granville Hambricht, 6-4 former Texas all-stater.

Aggies To Enter Pistol Tourney

Six A&M students will go to the Alamo City Pistol Tournament in San Antonio Saturday and Sunday, according to Sgt. R. G. Cox, trainer of the pistol team.

The team had planned to go to West Point, but was forced to cancel the trip because a plane could not be obtained.

Students making the trip to San Antonio are required to pay all expenses other than entrance fees, Cox said.

Stephens Scores 15 In B Eng. Victory

Jim Stephens scored 15 points to lead B engineers to a 25-24 victory over C anti-aircraft artillery in upperclassmen intramural basketball yesterday.

In other games, A signal corps won over squadron 5, 19-15, and squadron 15 won over squadron 3, 31-15.

In freshmen football play-offs, squadron 13 beat squadron 9, 26-6; squadron 17 beat squadron 5, 13-7; and C armor beat B anti-aircraft artillery, 6-0.

In freshmen horseshoes, squadron 7 beat maroon band, 2-1; squadron 12 beat A armor, 2-1; and A athletics beat B infantry, 2-1.

For 12th Man Bowl

Kettler, Sinclair Will Coach Teams

Elwood Kettler and Bennie Sinclair are the head coaches for the third annual 12th Man Bowl football game between the air force and army set for Dec. 16 at Kyle field.

Kettler, named at quarterback on at least one all-Southwest conference team, will head the air force. Sinclair, selected at an end on The Associated Press all-conference team, will guide the army squad.

The two coaches met their teams for the first time yesterday, as drills started for the benefit game. All proceeds will go to the student aid fund and the 12th Man scholarship.

Tickets are 50 cents and will be sold through unit athletic officers and the office of student activities in Goodwin hall. They also will be sold at the stadium the day of the game.

The contest, which first originated in the early 40's, then died out during the war, was begun as an annual event in 1952. Since then, it has brought about \$3,700 into the student aid fund.

Both squads started workouts with about 60 players. The coaches will cut their teams to 35 or 40 before Dec. 13, when pads and uniforms will be issued. Until then, the squads will work out in shorts.

The game will be played under high school rules—unlimited substitution and 10 minute quarters. Starting time will be announced later.

Tickets will be issued in a meeting Dec. 9 to athletic officers for distribution to their units.

Air force supporters will sit on the south end of the west side during the game, army rooters on the north end of the same side.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

With the tail end of the football season still hanging around, Southwest conference basketball teams open their season this week with TCU, Baylor and SMU accorded the top spots in pre-season polls.

Those three teams, Texas and Rice play their first game tonight. A&M and Baylor open tomorrow night. Arkansas got an early start beginning Monday with a win over Northwest Louisiana State at Fayetteville.

The Frogs meet Abilene Christian at home. Other opening contests are Baylor—Hardin-Simmons; SMU—Austin college; Texas—Hardin-Simmons; Rice—Lamar Tech; A&M—Houston.

No Big Favorites

In marked contrast to the preceding games last year, lacks the experience and height needed to be a title contender, but the Aggies are likely to give anybody a battle on one of their good nights.

TCU and Baylor have eight and seven returning lettermen, respectively. The Toads will have three seniors, a junior and a soph in the starting lineup. That sophomore, center Richard O'Neal, might develop into one of the great players of the SWC.

Seniors Ray Warren, 6-6, and Sonny Lampkin, 6-2, are the forwards, senior Bryan Kilpatrick and junior Bill Estill the guards.

Charles White, 6-5 senior forward, and senior guard Buddy Brumley probably will be top subs in Buster Brannon's fast-break offense.

Baylor coach Bill Henderson has the tallest captain in Bear court history, 6-8 center Don Dickson, and forward Murray Bailey, one of the top scorers in the conference last season. Four of last year's starters return, including, besides Dickson and Bailey, forward Bill Dalton and guard Ken Morgan.

Soph forward Jerry Mallett probably will see considerable service, also. Reserve centers Louis Estes, 6-6, and Fred Gottlieb, 6-4, provide depth in the middle.

High Scoring Ponies Return

Doc Hayes has back nearly all his hot-shot basketkeepers who set a couple of conference scoring records last season at SMU, plus at least four sophs of whom great things are expected.

The yearlings are 6-3 Larry Showalter, 6-8 Jim Krebs, 6-2 Oscar Furlong, the Argentine Olympic standout, and 6-0 Bobby Mills.

Then there are players like Art Barnes, Bob Clayton, Ronnie Morris, Tom Miller, Joel Krog and Carl Scharfenberger. Quite a crew.

Key boy at Texas is sophomore center Ellis Ohlmshead, 6-11. He is the only really tall boy the Steers have, with Billy Powell, Bob Waggener and Fred Saunders lost by graduation.

Texas' four lettermen are George Gage, John Schmid, Philip Kidd and Jiggs Buchanan.

Hogs Have Five Lettermen

Arkansas has four of its top six scorers of last year back, and five lettermen. Cocaptains Norman Smith and Carroll Scroggins are the top men, along with Buddy Smith, the team's best scorer as a soph last season.

Soph center Charlie Brown, 6-9, is the only especially tall boy for the Razorbacks. Transfers Walter Butler, 6-4, and Joe Kretchmar, 6-0, may help coach Glen Rose surprise the league like his colleague Bowden Wyatt. Right now, however, the Hogs appear to have lost too much good talent from last year to be anything more than a

He Knows How

Winning Just Habit With John DeWitt

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE
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If John DeWitt can instill some of the winning habits he has had into his players, A&M's basketball fortunes should rise.

DeWitt, A&M's assistant basketball coach, was on three Aggie teams that either won or tied for Southwest conference championships.

In 1951 he was a member of two championship teams. He helped spark the Aggie basketball team to a tri-championship with Texas and TCU. DeWitt was also a member of the co-champion baseball team that was rated fifth in the nation. In both cases, A&M represented the SWC in national tournaments.

DeWitt wound up his brilliant athletic career at A&M as a member of the powerful track team of 1952. This team was ranked second in the nation, and first in the conference.

He earned seven varsity letters, in three sports, while at A&M. He received three each in baseball and basketball, and one in track.

DeWitt was awarded all-SWC honors for his outfield play on the 1951 baseball team. He made the second team all-SWC in basketball for three successive years.

The 6 foot-5 DeWitt broke into the starting lineup of the 1949 basketball team, as a sophomore, and held that position for three years. He was the only sophomore on the starting team that year.

One glance at his record in 1949 shows why he was chosen the team's most valuable player. He was the leading scorer for the Aggies, and ranked eighth in the conference, with a total of 143 points. He had an average of 11.9 points per game against SWC teams. Over the full season he tallied 248 points.

1949 was a big year for DeWitt. He also made the starting lineup

on the baseball team. Of the 22 hits he got that year in SWC play, 10 were for extra bases.

He had his best year on the baseball team in 1950. He batted .304 in conference games, and banded out four home runs.

DeWitt came back to A&M in the fall semester of 1952, and helped the Aggie track team win their fifth straight conference championship. He won the 440-yard dash in the SWC meet at Dallas, and was a member of the first place mile relay team.

He was an all-state basketball performer at Waco high school in 1947. He enrolled as a freshman at Rice, but luckily for A&M he changed his mind, and decided to come here.

DeWitt was recently discharged from the air force.

Cage Tourney Set Jan. 7-8

The College Station Kiwanis club will sponsor its eighth annual invitational basketball tournament in the A&M Consolidated gymnasium January 7 and 8, said J. B. (Dick) Hervey, club president.

Eight teams will participate in the tournament. Those who have accepted invitations are A & M Consolidated, Sealy, Hempstead, Navasota and Somerville. Three others will be selected.

Money made from the tournament will be used for civic purposes such as aiding underprivileged children in the College Station area.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and consolation winners. An all-tournament team will be selected and medals given to its members.



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Four Outfits Win Mural Titles

Squadron 14 defeated B armor 2-1 in upperclassmen intramural tennis to win its league title.

Squadron 3 blanked squadron 19, 6-0, and C field artillery downed squadron 8, 6-0, to win their league championship in freshman football.

Squadron 4 beat B infantry 2-0, and squadron 12, 2-1, in freshmen horseshoes for another league championship.

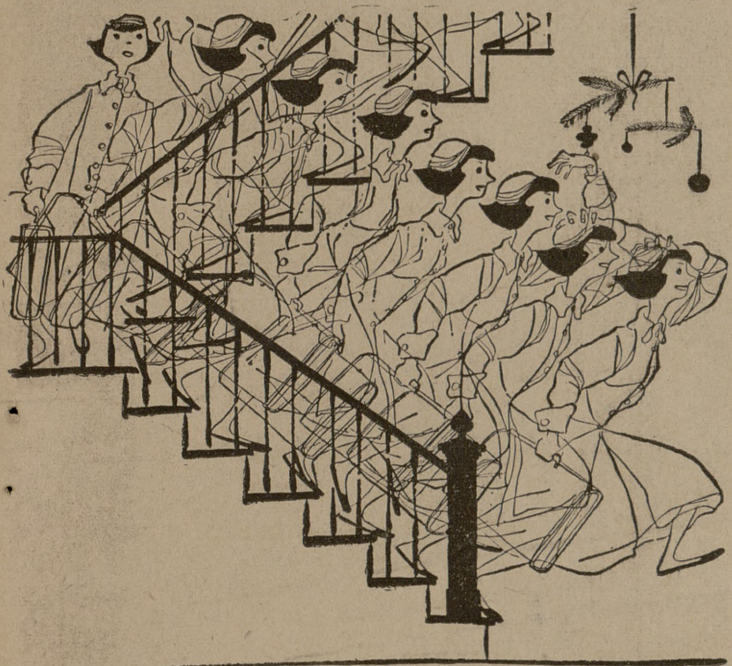
Slicer's Nightmare

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—For years golfers and duffers alike swore loud oaths at a lone pine tree on the par-4, fifth hole of the municipal golf course.

The natural hazard was known as a "slicer's nightmare." But not so any more.

City workers removed the tree nearly hacked through by an unidentified axe wielder.

Bob Sturm is only 5 feet 9 but is a good passer and runner as George Washington's quarterback.



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