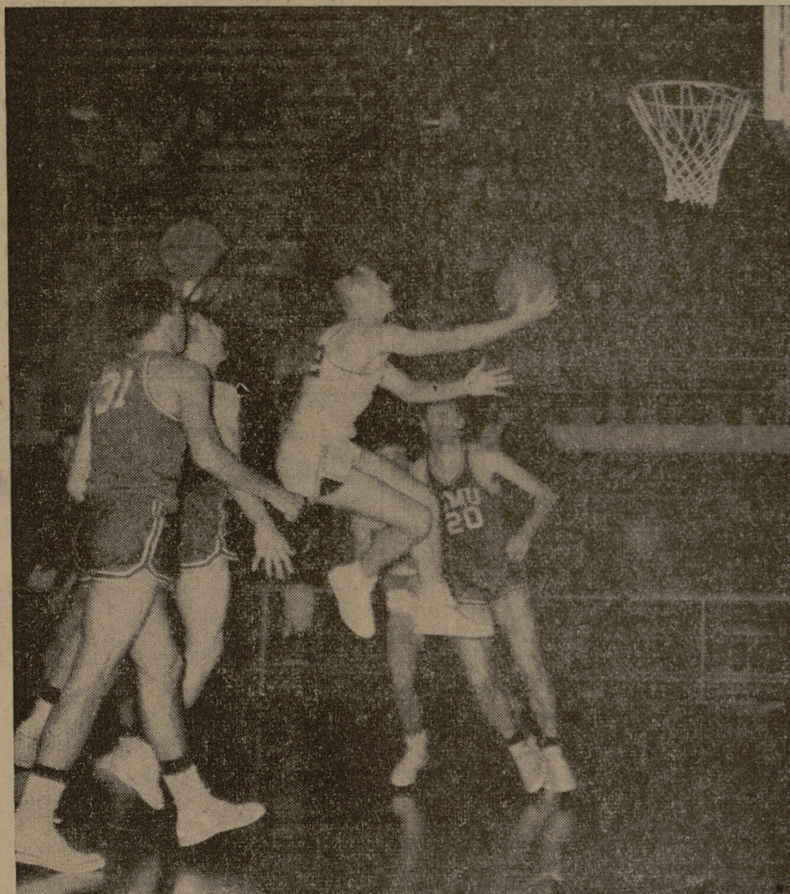


# Ponies Beat Ags 81-56 Behind Krebs



UP, UP, UP—Aggie guard Ted Harrod goes up for a layup in the third quarter of last night's game with SMU as Mustang's Joel Krog (20) and Tom Miller (31) get set to rebound. Harrod scored 23 points to lead A&M.

## Soph Scores 27 Before Fouling Out

By JERRY WIZIG  
Battalion Sports Editor

Center Jim Krebs, a 6-8 sophomore scoring machine, and senior guard Art Barnes, a 6-0 whirling dervish, swept SMU to an early 17 point lead, and the Mustangs went on to beat A&M, 81-56, last night in White coliseum.

The win gave SMU a 6-3 conference record and kept the Ponies within range of leading TCU, which downed Texas 75-56 last night.

Krebs, playing only his third year of basketball, dumped in 27 points before fouling out with 11:06 left in the game. He scored 21 in the first half, including 10 of SMU's first 22 points.

Nearly all of his 11 field goals came on shots close to the bucket. Coach John Floyd quickly widened it to 50-31 in the first five minutes of the second half. A&M made only two goals in the first nine and a half minutes of the second half, then made only two more before Conley Phipps sank one as the final buzzer sounded.

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Mehaffey and Bill Brophy, who started at a guard, scored only eight points between them. Captain John Fortenberry came out of his scoring slump with 15 points, 13 in the first half, and guard Ted Harrod sank 23 points to lead the Aggies.

A&M, now 1-7 in the SWC played a deliberate style offense in an attempt to slow down the high-scoring Mustangs, shot just 40 times—20 in each half—and made 13. SMU hit 24 of 72 and out-rebounded the Cadets, 67-51.

Guard Bobby Mills, who alternated with the slim Barnes, scored 14. Barnes had 12 but his play-making and defensive skill were his strong points.

With the score 14-7 SMU rang up 10 straight points while holding the Aggies scoreless. Larry Showalter sank one, then Krebs hit three layups in three minutes and Ronnie Morris made two free throws.

This spree gave the Mustangs a 24-7 lead with 9:07 left in the half. A&M sliced it to 22-31, the closest they came, after Harrod sank three goals in 95 seconds.

Rounding out the Trotter's team probably will be dribbling star Leon Hillard, Ermer Robinson and Clarence Wilson.

The Trotters will demonstrate their uncanny ball handling ability in a special exhibition before the game starts.

Not only will there be a high class of basketball performed to-night, but there will also be four top variety acts presented at the half-times of both games.

## Baseball Team Opens Season March 2 Here

A&M's baseball team set its second day of official practice today before opening its 1955 season here with Sam Houston State, March 2.

Nine lettermen return to give coach R. C. (Beau) Bell a firm nucleus around which to build his club.

Wally Moon, former Aggie all-conference outfielder who was voted the 1954 National League rookie of the year, will work out with the Aggies for a week before reporting to St. Petersburg, Fla., for spring training with the St. Louis Cardinals March 1.

All-conference catcher Jimmy Williams and pitchers Joe Hardgrove and Jerry Nelson indicate a solid battery combination for the Cadets.

Pitcher Tex Vanzura, infielders Joe Schero, Claude Northrup and Bob Pender, and outfielders Les Byrd and John Stockton are the other lettermen.

Dick Munday, who won five and lost one and posted a 1.4 earned run average on the 1954 Fish, is expected to strengthen the pitching staff.

The 1955 schedule is: March 2, Sam Houston state here; March 5, University of Houston here; March 8, Sam Houston at Huntsville; March 12, Texas Lutheran at Seguin; March 15, New Orleans Pelicans at Huntsville; March 19, University of Houston at Houston; March 21, Texas Lutheran here;

March 22, New Orleans here; March 25-26, Rice at Houston; March 29, TCU here; April 2, Baylor here; April 7-8, Sul Ross at Alpine; April 12, SMU at Dallas; April 15-16, Texas here; April 22-23, Baylor at Waco; April 29-30, SMU here; May 3-6, TCU at Fort Worth; May 10, Rice here; May 17, Texas at Austin.

## 'Goose' Heads Cast

# Trotters Headline Twin Bill Tonight

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE  
Battalion Sports Staff

Basketball will take on a carnival air tonight when the Harlem Globetrotters face the Philadelphia Sphas in the feature game of a doubleheader in White coliseum.

In the curtain raiser, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., the Toledo Mercurys battle the Washington Generals.

About 1,800 seats are still available for the contest. Reserved seats are \$2.25 and general admission tickets are \$1.25. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

The Trotters will be led by fabulous Reese (Goose) Tatum, "The Clown Prince of Basketball," whose court antics have delighted millions all over the world.

When the whistle blows Tatum may play with his own team, or he may suddenly put himself into the Sphas' lineup. He may run along the sidelines, or simply sit on the bench and shout encouragement to his teammates.

Despite all his clowning, the Goose is one of the finest players in the history of the game. His over-the-shoulder hook shot is almost impossible to defend against. Tatum will start as a forward.

At center for the Trotters will be Walt Dukes, the 7-foot giant who made basketball history during his college career at Seton Hall.

## Cage Scores

Rice 80; Baylor 75; North Carolina State 84; Duke 75; Furman 100; South Carolina 79; Lehigh 67; Temple 57; Miami, Ohio 91; Ohio University 79; Georgetown (D.C.) 78; Seton Hall 73; Maryland 68; Clemson 66; Maryville 74; Chattanooga 66; Northwestern St. 58; La. College 55; Fordham 78; City College 59; Findlay 80; Lawrence Tech 68.

## Four Ag Students Injured Saturday

Four A&M students were injured Saturday when a Katy freight train and an automobile collided at a crossing between Hico and Iredell.

Hospitalized at Hico were Joe Ed Collins of Petrolia, with two cracked ribs and cuts, and Bob Ring of Wichita Falls, with cuts on the knee and ear. Collins is a freshman petroleum engineering major, and Ring is a freshman chemical engineering major.

Douglas Mullins of Wichita Falls and John Hoyle of Longview were treated for cuts and bruises and released. Mullins is a sophomore business administration major, and Hoyle is a sophomore physical education major.

Collins was driving the car, according to the Waco News-Tribune. The train was heading for Waco when the accident occurred at 2:50 p.m.

## Rumors Stilled

# Grid Drills Start Sat.

Paul (Bear) Bryant, A&M head football coach and athletic director, announced yesterday that spring football practice will begin here Saturday, thus squelching rumors that he plans a move to Louisiana State university.

About 75 or 80 candidates are expected for the drills, limited to 18 practice days within a 28-day period. This would make March 18 the last day of practice if the Cadets take all 28 of them.

Bryant also announced several position changes. They are:

Halfback Bobby Drake Keith and guard James Burkhart to left end; Fish guards Gene Baker and Dick Sawyer to tackle; tackle Dee Powell to guard; Fish fullback Bill Gillespie to center.

### Nine Seniors

Bryant expects nine seniors, 15 juniors, 53 sophomores and four freshmen to report. Some of the candidates are prospects from the corps who tried out for the squad all last season.

The annual Maroon-White intrasquad game will be held at Kyle field the night of March 5, Sports Day. "There won't be any other public scrimmages," Bryant said.

Workouts will range from one hour, 40 minutes to two hours long. All probably will be in the daytime.

### 13 Lettermen Return

The Aggies lettered 25 varsity players in 1954, and 12 of them return, along with tackle Jack Powell, a '53 letter-winner. Heaviest losses are in the line.

Returning lettermen are—Keith at left end; Darrell Brown at left tackle; Dee Powell at left guard; Lloyd Hale and Herb Wolf at center; Dennis Goehring at right guard; Jack Powell at right tackle; Gene Stallings at right end;

Elwood Kettler at quarterback; Don Watson and Billy Pete Huddleston at left half; and Jack Pardee and Bob Easley at fullback.

Due to report Saturday are (lettermen in bold-face):

Left ends—Seniors Bobby Drake Keith, Don Robbins (sqd.), sophomores Hollis Pollard, Dean Meeks, Richard Sorrells, Dub Kendrick, James Burkhart, (sqd.)

Left tackles—Junior Harrod Brown; sopho Charles Krueger, Don Hancock, Gene Baker, Frank Liles.

Left guards—Junior Dee Powell, sopho Jim Stanley, Murray Trimble, Phil Beeson, Jimmy Pace, Joe Howell.

Centers—Senior Herb Wolf; Junior Lloyd Hale; sopho Dick Smithwick, John Gilbert, Garry Martin, Bobby Holder, Bill Gillespie.

Right guards—Senior George Johnson (sqd.), juniors Jack Powell and Bobby Lockett (sqd.), sopho A. L. Simmons, Dick Sawyer, Ray Vincent.

Right ends—Junior Gene Stallings; sopho Bobby Marks, Nolan Hutchinson, Peter Humber, Joe Bright, Orison Hungerford, Fred Maples.

Quarterbacks—Senior Elwood Kettler and Ronald Robbins (sqd.), sopho Donald Grant, Bobby Conrad, Jim Wright, Caesar Fulton, Pat Patrick.

Left halves—Senior Billy Huddleston; Junior Don Watson; sopho Bill Dendy, Billy Stevenson, John Crow, Jim Ridgeway, Carlos Esquivel.

Right halves—Senior Gene Henderson, (sqd.); sopho Ed Dudley, Loyd Taylor, Bob Stoulsky, Don McClelland.

Fullbacks—Senior Bob Easley; juniors Jack Pardee and Billy Granberry (sqd.); sopho Ken Hall, Bob Ewell, Roddy Osborne, Lloyd Wasserman.

## Band Selected For Fish Dance

The Aggield Orchestra will play for the Freshman Ball March 5 in Sbis hall, announced Ed Carroll, chairman of the dance committee. The dance will last from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Freshmen wishing to enter their girl friend's picture in the sweetheart contest should turn them in to student activities office in Goodwin hall before Feb. 24. All pictures will be returned, said Don Elledge, chairman of the sweetheart committee.

Students should fill out blanks provided at the office. Pictures do not have to be of any specific size, he said.

To finance the dance, \$1 will be collected from each corps freshman by the first sergeant of each outfit, said Ted Lowe, co-chairman with Don McGinney of the ticket and finance committee. Any civilian freshman wishing to attend the dance can go by the student activities office and give \$1 to the class fund. They will receive a complimentary ticket to the ball, said Lowe.

## Three Aggies To Fight In State Meet

Three A&M boxers go to the state Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Fort Worth today.

Leaving from Waco this morning were lightweight Jim Earle, welterweight F. L. Discharle and featherweight Connie Eckard. They won regional titles in Waco last month.

Two other Aggies who won regional titles will not compete in the state meet. They are bantamweight Ken Duncan and light heavyweight Jackie Fowler.

The meet starts tonight, with finals set Monday night.

## Selective Service Names Test Date

Tests will be given April 21 for draft deferments, according to Brig. Gen. Paul L. Wakefield, state selective service director.

Applications must be postmarked not later than midnight, March 7. Later postmarks will not be accepted.

Applications can be made to Science Research Associates, Chicago, Ill., in addressed envelopes, obtained from local boards.

# O'Neal, Frogs Win Over Texas, 75-56

AUSTIN, Feb. 15—(AP)—Dazzling Dick O'Neal broke the Southwest conference season record for free throws last night as first-place Texas Christian won an easy 75-56 basketball victory over the University of Texas.

O'Neal scored 36 points, 12 on free throws, for a total of 105 free throws in nine conference games. The old mark was 94 by John Starkey of Baylor and James Addison of A&M.

The 75 points were the most ever scored by the Frogs against Texas in Gregory gym here. The previous record was 60 in 1949.

O'Neal, the conference scoring leader, came out ahead in his duel with Raymond Downs of Texas, second in conference scoring. Downs dropped in 22 points in leading the Longhorns.

TCU jumped into a quick lead and never gave it up. At halftime the Frogs held a 39-23 edge, mostly on O'Neal's 20 points. For the first 18 minutes of the game, the sensational TCU center outscored the entire Texas team.

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