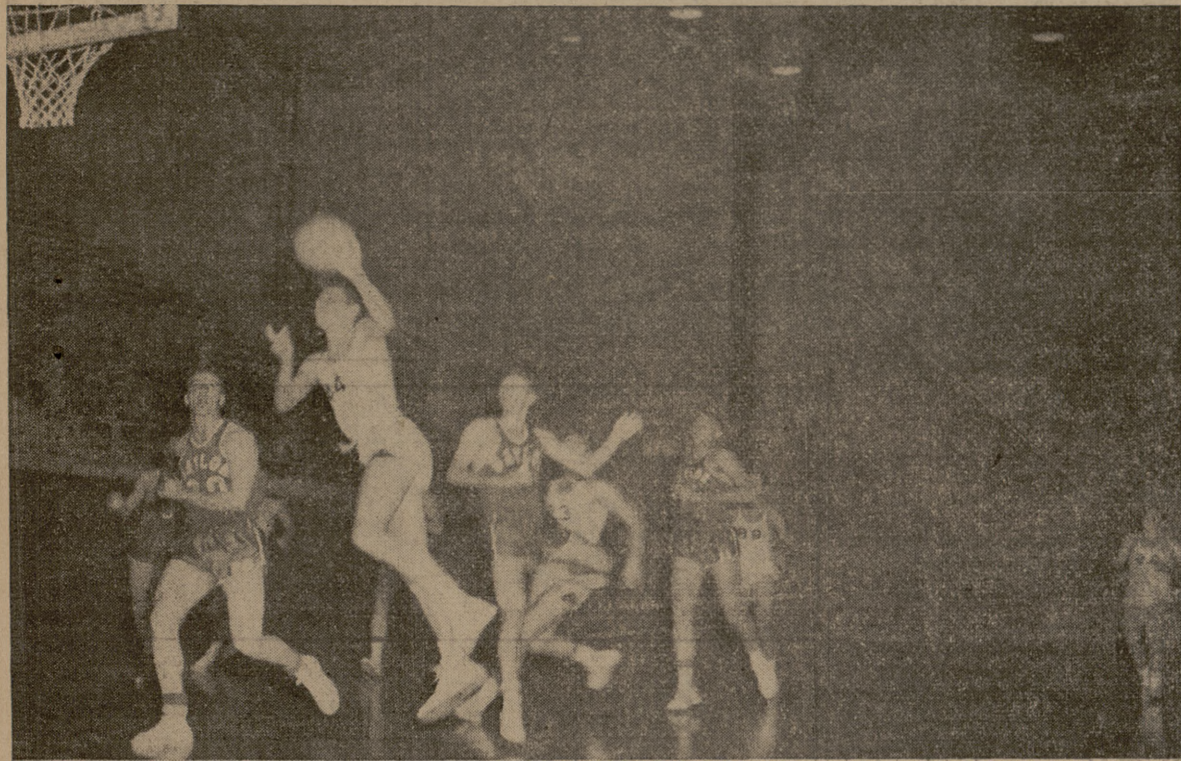


Aggies Test Longhorns, Austin Jinx, Tonight In 100th Meeting of Two Clubs



BROPHY BANKS IT—Aggie forward Bill Brophy is on the way up for a layin as Baylor guard Jerry Jordan (20) tries to keep him away from the bucket. Trailing the play are Baylor's Wayne Connally and Joe Don Dickson and Aggies Conley Phipps and Al Love.

Fish Meet Yearlings In Twin Bill Opener

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE

A&M challenges the University of Texas Longhorns and the Gregory gym jinx tonight in the 100th meeting of the two schools on the hardwood court.

The freshmen game will begin at 6 p.m. and the varsity at 8. The Shorthorns beat the Fish 75-64, here, the only home loss for the Fish. KORA will broadcast the varsity contest.

In the last 21 years the Aggies have managed only one victory at Austin, and that came in the 1951 Southwest conference playoff game. The Cadets eased past the Longhorns 33-32 on Leroy Miksch's last second free throw.

Tonight's game will be assistant coach John DeWitt's first trip to Austin with an A&M basketball team since the 1951 win, in which he played.

Coach John Floyd was pleased with his crew after sending it through a brisk scrimmage yesterday.

"They really looked good," said Floyd, and I was pleased with them."

A&M, 1-8 in the SWC, will play its usual man-for-man defense tonight, and will concentrate on throttling the point-making of Texas' Ray Downs.

In the Feb. 12 game here, Downs scored 39 points, including 23 free throws, a conference record.

The man guarding Downs will play behind him instead of in front, as in the last meeting with the Longhorns, now 2-7 in conference play.

Bill Brophy leads Aggie scorers in season play with 294 counters, and is second among the Cadets in SWC play with 119.

Sophomore center George Meahaffey has pushed in 129 points in SWC play to rank first in that department on the A&M squad.

Fish guard Bryan Sutherland netted 13 points in Saturday's Baylor game to run his total for the season to 154 points and keep him first among Cadet freshmen.

Ken Hutto is second with 105 markers in 10 games.

Saturday Baylor jumped to an 18-2 lead in the first six minutes and went on to down the Aggies 86-68.

Jerry Mallett and Murray Bailey helped spur the Bears to their early lead. The Bruins led at the half 56-30. Mallett led the scoring with 19 points.

Brophy and guard Ted Harrod bucketed 14 points each to lead A&M.

The freshman game was almost the reverse of the varsity contest, as the Aggie Fish jumped to an early lead and held on to win 62-56.

Carter Williams and Hutto paced Fish scoring with 14 points each.



ROOKIE AND COACH—Wally Moon (left), former Aggie all-conference outfielder who was National League Rookie of the year with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954, talks things over with his former coach, R. C. (Beau) Bell. Moon worked out with the A&M baseballers last week. One of his drives over the right field fence nearly hit track coach Frank Anderson, who was standing under the south goal posts of Kyle field.

Varsity Box			
	fg	ft	tp
BAYLOR (86)	32	22	14
Connally, G	7	1	1
Bailey, F	3	3	12
Dickson, C	3	1	5
Morgan, C	1	1	4
Mallett, F	3	2	19
Estes, C	5	2	0
Raines, F	1	1	0
Franklin, F	1	2	0
Jordan, G	0	0	3
Dalton, F	3	0	6
White, G	1	0	1
TOTALS	32	22	14
AGGIES (68)	22	14	8
Henry, F	5	1	2
Gattis, F	2	3	1
Fortenberry, G	2	1	3
Smith, G	4	0	1
Meahaffey, C	4	0	4
Brophy, F	6	2	1
Harrod, G	5	4	2
Love, C	0	0	1
Phipps, G	0	0	1
TOTALS	28	12	17

Fish Box			
	fg	ft	tp
CUBS (56)	15	5	7
Montero, G	3	0	5
Kelley, G	5	0	10
Dowell, F	1	4	4
Barnes, G	3	5	19
Hightower, C	1	0	4
Gilliam, G	0	2	1
Davis, F	1	0	0
Renfro, G	1	0	0
TOTALS	21	14	24
FISH (62)	22	15	20
Williams, C	5	4	3
Decker, F	0	0	6
Smith, G	2	2	2
Hutto, F	6	3	14
Sutherland, G	4	5	12
Lesikar, C	4	0	2
Elswick, G	0	0	0
Pomythe, F	1	1	2
Hood, F	2	0	1
TOTALS	22	15	20

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Merino Paces Fish Swim Win

Jose Merino, from Lima, Peru, set a pool and freshman record in the 100-yard freestyle and paced the A & M Fish swimming team to a 52-22 victory here over San Antonio Aquatic club Saturday.

Merino swam the 100-yards in 52.6 seconds, eclipsing the pool record of 53.2 which he set last year while swimming for A & M Consolidated high school. The old freshman record was 53.6, set by Aggie Dick Hunkler last year.

A&M's 160-yard freestyle relay team set a freshman record of 1:17.8, and Merino swam the first leg. Jerry Mount, George Ragsdale and Jimmy Dye backed him up.

The old mark of 1:17.8 was set last year by Hunkler, George Boyett, Ripsey Woodard and Ed Kasper.

San Antonio's Jody Grant won the only firsts for the visitors—the 200-yard freestyle and the 120-yard individual medley.

The Fish next meet the SMU freshmen in Dallas Friday night, then compete against Highland Park Saturday afternoon. The varsity takes on the Mustangs Saturday afternoon.

Fish Rifle Team Outshoots Allen

The Aggie freshmen rifle team defeated Allen academy Friday night 1808 to 1805 at the Allen range.

Paul Costa was high point man for the Fish and the match with 368 points. His teammates are Roscoe Van Zandt, Alfred Hurst, Bennett Todd, Clinton White and Dyek Boles.

Allen members were Jack Filiamson, Robert Rankin, Paul Giller, Gerry Mitchell, Louis Townsend and Marshall Bryan.

The win was the second this semester for the Fish over Allen.

Grid Drills May Start Today

A&M's spring football practice may start today after a three-day delay caused by weekend rains.

Originally scheduled to open last Saturday, the drills were called off by head coach Paul Bryant in the hope of getting a better break from the weather man.

Yesterday, the Aggie practice field was under water, but skies were clearing last night. Southwest conference teams are allowed 18 practice days within a 28-day period.

About 75 candidates are expected, including 13 lettermen. The annual Maroon-White intrasquad game is scheduled for the night of March 5, Sports Day.

Trotters Drew Biggest Crowd

The Harlem Globetrotters drew 6,544 fans to their exhibition in White coliseum last week, said C. G. (Spike) White of student activities.

A total of 7,424 seats were available, he said. General admission sales numbered 4,306.

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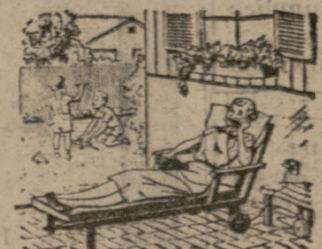
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