

Aggies Wind Up Season Against Owls Tonight

A & M's scrappy basketballers wind up their season here tonight against the up-and-down Rice Owls.

Tip-off time for the freshmen game is 6 p.m. and the varsity at 8. KORA will broadcast the contest.

Rice, 5-6 over the Southwest conference season, dumped A&M in

Houston earlier this season 61-41, and lost an 86-82 contest to SMU Saturday in overtime. SMU is tied for the conference lead with TCU.

The Owls are led by 6-4 forward Terry Telligman, fifth in conference scoring with 191 points. Telligman netted 20 points in the first meeting with A&M, high for the game.

JC Cage Tourney Set Here Wednesday

The second top prep-school basketball tourney in five days starts in White coliseum here Wednesday, with some of the best junior college teams in the state matched against each other in the Texas Junior College state tournament.

Last Saturday in the coliseum, San Marcos and Buna won high school class AA and A regional titles and a berth in the state tournament.

Three Wrestlers Place In Tourney

Three of six A&M wrestlers placed in the Pan-American games tryouts last week in San Antonio. Alvaro Clachar won fourth in the 114½ pound class. Don Burdick and Ken Jones were fifth in the 125½ and 174 pound classes, respectively.

Other Aggies entering the tourney, held to determine the American team at Mexico City March 12-26, were Kirby Meyer, Carlos Cazares and Joe Little. All are sophomores except Cazares, a freshman.

Coach Jim Griffith said 12 men who had won national titles were at the tournament, three in the 125½ pound division. Only two other college students were entered, and average age of the wrestlers was 27.

Next meet for the Cadets is with the University of Texas in Austin March 12.

This week, the champion and runnerup teams of the state's four JC zones get together. Lon Morris, the defending champ, meets South Texas of Houston at 2:15 p.m. Howard County of Big Springs meets Decatur Baptist college at 4.

Other first round pairings are San Antonio-Texarkana at 7 and Allen academy-Odessa at 8:45.

The title game is set for 8:45 p.m. Thursday, the third place contest for 7. The consolation title game will be played at 3 p.m.

In the high school tournament, San Marcos beat Teague 62-53 in the AA finals, its 22nd straight win. The Rattlers, who have a 30-2 season record beat Spring Branch 46-37 in the first round.

Teague downed Gatesville 47-39 in its opener. Center James Wells scored 31 points in the two games to AA win high point honors.

Buna spurted after only a one point halftime lead to easily defeat Llano 47-29 in the class A final. Center James Mellard scored 21 points and took the class A high point award with a total of 35.

Ag Baseball Team Readies For Opener

With good weather in sight the Aggie baseball team began working in earnest yesterday in preparation for Wednesday's season opener with Sam Houston State here.

Coach Beau Bell put hitting and hard work at the top of his program for this year.

"Our pitching is good," Bell told his 35 man squad yesterday, "so let's get those base hits."

Bell gained a 10th letterman from last year's team when junior outfielder Behn Hubbard decided to return to school for the spring semester.

This leaves only four lettermen left from last season's squad.

Among the sponmores' up from last year's Fish team that picked up nine wins and three losses are pitcher Dick Munday, shortstop Dick Bleckner, first baseman John Hoyle, second baseman Lupe Fraga and outfielder Bill White.

The Aggies take on the University of Houston nine Saturday as a part of Spring Sports Day activities.

The 1955 U.S. Atlantic Tuna tournament will be held from Naragensee, R.I., Aug. 9, 10 and 11.

Fish Swimmers Win Two

Varsity Drubs SMU, 52-32

A&M's varsity swimmers closed out their dual-meet season with a comfortable 52-32 win over SMU in Dallas Saturday, and the Fish kept their unbeaten string going with victories over the SMU frosh and Highland Park high school.

The varsity won eight of 10 events from the strong Ponies, who are expected to battle University of Texas and A&M for the conference title here March 10-12.

Junior Dick Weick and sophomore Richard Hunkler paced the

Aggies. Weick won the individual medley and the 200-yard breast stroke, and swam on the winning medley relay threesome. Hunkler took the two-length and 100-yard freestyle events and was on the winning freestyle relay team.

Other A&M firsts were won by Don Horne, 220-yard freestyle, and Norman Ufer, 200-yard backstroke.

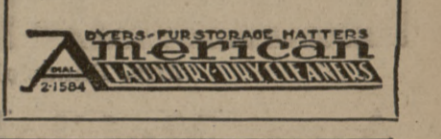
The Fish, previous winners over the Rice and Texas freshmen and the San Antonio Aquatic club, edged the Colts, 38-37, Friday night, then downed the Scotties, 40-35, Saturday.

SMU's freshmen also went into the meet undefeated, holding wins over the Owlets, Scotties, S.A.A.C. and Odessa high school.



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Fish-Colts

2-Length Sprint—1—Jose Merino, A&M; 2—Bob Stout, SMU; 3—Neal Velvin, SMU, 2:22.

100-Yard Breast Stroke: 1—Gage Pritchard, SMU; 2—Charles Price, A&M; 3—Larry Matlock, A&M; 1:07.8.

100-Yard Back Stroke: 1—Pedro Galva, SMU; 2—Ray Cook, A&M; 3—Charles Ostott, SMU, 57.9. Ties own pool record.

200-Yard Free Style: 1—George Ragsdale A&M; 2—Charles French, SMU; 3—Sippy Fletcher, SMU, 2:20.7.

100-Yard Free Style: 1—Jerry Mounts, A&M; 2—Willard Thompson, SMU; 3—Jimmy Dye, A&M, 56.3.

1-Meter Diving: 1—Ronnie Smith, SMU; 2—Willard Thompson, SMU; 3—Dubby Godfrey, A&M.

Individual Medley: 1—Ray Cook, A&M; 2—Laird Wolbridge, SMU; 3—Charles Price, A&M, 1:36.7.

Medley Relay: 1—SMU (Charles Ostott, Gage Pritchard, Charles French) 1:19.8.

Free Style Relay: 1—A&M (Jerry Mounts, George Ragsdale, Jimmy Dye, Jose Merino), 1:31.5.

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SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

Bone-weary and bruised after a rugged two-hour workout Saturday, A&M's experience-shy 1955 football team got a day off yesterday from spring practice, but goes back to work today.

It will be the sixth day of the 18 allowed Southwest conference teams in a 28-day period. (The Cadets started Tuesday.) Fans will get their first glimpse of next fall's squad Saturday night at the Maroon-White intrasquad game.

Saturday, head coach Paul Bryant worked his squad for an hour and five minutes on the practice field, then moved the team to Kyle field for scrimmages.

About 12 players, including quarterback Elwood Kettler, last season's starter, got the day off.

Bryant disclosed that the already thin list of returning lettermen had shrunk to 12. Fullback Bob Easley has decided to graduate with his class instead of using his remaining year of eligibility, Bryant said.

'Starters Until . . .'

After Saturday's scrimmages, Bryant said, "I thought we had a pretty good week of practice until we got them out there today in a game. In all fairness to the boys, however, don't forget we worked them about an hour and five minutes before."

Bryant named Kettler, fullback Jack Pardee and Gene Stallings as starters "until somebody beats them out."

"(Soph Bobby) Marks has more ability than Gene, but Stallings has an awful lot of desire," Bryant also had some nice words to say about Pardee's linebacking, then went on to compare his quarterback candidates.

Jimmy Wright and Bobby Conrad, who shared most of the man-under duties for the Fish last season, "both have more natural ability than Kettler," said Bryant. "Wright is a fine passer but weak on defense and he needs work on ballhandling. Donald Grant (a halfback who was switched to quarterback for the 1954 Short-horn game) has more natural ability than any of them, but he's brittle."

"I'll be very disappointed if Jimmy doesn't make us a very fine football player."

'Not Enough Old Folks'

With about 50 sophomores competing for a starting post and only "about 10 boys back who played a great deal last year", it's obvious that a lot is going to depend on development of players without any varsity time.

"Too many young men and not enough old folks is the way trainer Smokey Harper puts it.)

"Pick any position and we're inexperienced," Bryant says. "They're gonna be bottle babies. Sophomores stand a good chance of starting anywhere, any time."

It was suggested that a late start in recruiting last year hurt A&M's chances for 1955. Bryant replied, "Well, it seems like somebody was 'way later than that—about four years late."

Does lack of coeds here hurt A&M's chances of getting good football talent? "We're not looking for lovers, we're looking for football players," Bryant (See SPORT SHORTS, Page 4)

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