

Aggies Bow to Bearcats 9-3

Allen Wins 76-67

'Cats, Texarkana Named Favorites

Lon Morris and Texarkana are favored to meet at 8:45 tonight in White coliseum in the finals of the Texas Junior College state basketball tournament but faced tough assignments in morning games.

The Bearcats met tough Howard County at 9 a.m. today and Texarkana played Allen academy at 10:45. The winners of those games play for the title. The losers meet at 7:15 tonight for third place.

Consolation bracket games this morning matched South Texas and Decatur Baptist at 9, San Antonio and Odessa at 10:45. The consolation bracket title game will be played at 3 p.m. in DeWare field house.

Lon Morris had a 12 point lead early in the second half but Houston cut it to 60-55, the 'Cats upped it to 15 with 7:30 left and Houston sliced it to 80-73 with 2:47 left but couldn't catch up and lost 88-79.

Lon Morris center Kenneth Roach, 6-7, scored 25.

Howard County, 28-3 over the season, was almost upset by Decatur, which had a 10-15 record, finally edging the Indians 55-51.

Decatur's zone defense slowed the Jayhawks, who also used the zone in the second half. Trailing by two points, Decatur missed the tying goal with 26 seconds left.

Decatur guard Ansel Fortenberry had 17 points, Jayhawker Jim Knotts 16.

Texarkana raced to a 32-12 lead and easily drubbed San Antonio 90-54. The East Texans led 58-21 at the half.

Allen had trouble with Odessa for 29 minutes before pulling into an 11 point lead five times in the last 11 minutes and winning 76-67. Even then, Odessa cut it to five in the last two and a half minutes.

Center Wayne Lemons, 6-5, scored 19 for Allen to raise his season total to 718. Carlos Montemayor scored 22 to lead Allen, however. Guard Virgil Trower scored 29 for Odessa, high for the day.

Lon Morris and Allen academy play at 8:45 tonight for the tournament title.

Allen beat Texarkana 69-67, staving off a rally in the last two minutes after Wayne Lemons fouled out.

Lon Morris drubbed Howard County 84-73 as Dean Evans scored 33 points.

Third Inning Uprising Spoils Opening Game

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE
Battalion Sports Staff

A third inning barrage by the Sam Houston Bearcats spoiled A&M's baseball opener here yesterday 9-3.

The Bearcats pushed across six runs in the big inning on four hits, including a double, triple and homerun. Ten men came to bat for Sam Houston before relief hurler Tex Vanzura finally quelled the rally.

Big men in the Bearcat uprising were third baseman Dick Garcia and outfielder Joe Pearson. Garcia lofted a ball over the left field fence after Pearson had tripled, to make it 6-0.

Starter Jerry Nelson was taken out in the third after giving up two hits and four runs, all of them earned. He was the losing pitcher.

The Aggies nicked starter Hubert Boales for only five hits and two runs. Three of A&M's hits were for extra bases.

Sam Houston picked up three more runs in the top of the seventh. Bob Casey lined a long single to left driving in Boales and Garcia, and scored on a one bagger by Clarence Shimmfessel.

A&M finally found its batting eye in the bottom of the seventh frame, and hustled across two runs. First baseman John Hoyle led off with a stand-up two bagger and tallied on a two-base smash by catcher Jimmy Williams. Williams scored on a single by Dick Bleckner.

The Cadets put together their final run making efforts in the last of the ninth. Williams, Bleckner, and Joe Schero were issued free passes by reliever Hap Roberts to load the bases, and Williams scored on a force out.

Hurdles and weightmen are expected to garner most of A&M's points in this meet and the rest of the season. Even with Gross and Cox injured, Tommy Bonorden and Herman Johnson are a definite threat in the weights class.

Johnson had an undefeated season last year as a freshman and is already pressing the other three, all of whom have tossed over 50 feet.

Jim Hollingsworth and Harley Hartung are strong conference contenders in the hurdles if TCU's Bill Curtis remains out of school. Wally Klebs sports the only Aggie letter in the 880, and Verlon Westmoreland, fourth in the conference meet, is back for the two-mile.

Texas sprint stars tend to point to the defending SWC champions as the team to beat. A familiar face returns to the Longhorn front at Dean Smith, co-holder of the conference 100-yard dash record of 9.5, returns after a year's layoff.

U of H brings a good array of middle distance runners and hurdles into the meet and appear about as strong as last year. In this meet last year, Texas finished seven points above the Aggies, and the Cougars followed about 10 points behind A&M.

Anyone that plays or is interested in learning how to play polo should contact Tony Campos, 252-Bizzell, or Willie Davis, Mitchell-4. They are trying to form an A&M Polo club.

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Bryant High On Three Ag Lettermen

After sending a squad now numbering 65 through their seventh day of spring football practice yesterday, head coach Paul Bryant praised the showing of three lettermen.

They were fullback Jack Pardee, end Gene Stallings and tackle Jack Powell. "They're setting the pace, particularly Stallings and Pardee, and I'd like to give them a pat on the back," Bryant said.

Bryant thought the Aggies "had a real good day" Tuesday but "looked a little ragged" yesterday. "Our quarterback operation is still holding us up, but they're coming along," said Bryant. "We'll try to have a little more team drills and concentrate more on offense."

"We have about 23 or 24 boys we know have got to play, and we're going to have to start getting them ready."

Bryant was pleased with the way players involved in position switches were coming along. Bobby Drake Keith, a halfback last year, changed to end, "is coming along fine there—(former fullback Billy) Granberry too, we just moved him yesterday or the day before. Dee Powell (a 1954 tackle) is all right at guard."

Most serious injury suffered so far has been sophomore center John Gilbert's hurt knee.

Yesterday the Maroons had Elwood Kettler, 1954 starter, at quarterback, letterman Don Watson and soph Ed Dudley at halfbacks and Pardee at full.

The line was Keith and Stallings, ends; soph Charles Krueger and Jack Powell, tackles; senior Henry Clark and soph Paul Lillard, guards; and senior letterman Herb Wolf, center.

Ag Track Teams Open in Austin

By BILL THOMAS
Battalion Sports Staff

The 1955 edition of A&M's track team tastes competition for the first time Saturday when the Ag-

LOUISIANA (88)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Samuels	1	3	5	5
Emerson	5	2	1	12
Tubbs	5	3	2	13
Evans	6	5	4	17
Reach	12	1	4	25
Moore	1	2	3	4
Barron	2	2	0	6
Vasquez	2	2	1	6
Ward	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34	20	20	88

SOUTH TEXAS (79)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Wright	3	0	3	11
Geroney	2	0	2	4
Barcello	10	2	4	22
Williams	2	4	0	20
Slaugh	6	4	3	16
Thompson	0	0	1	0
Lilly	1	0	2	4
Lankford	1	2	2	4
Laurel	0	0	0	0
Sweater	0	0	0	0
Bradley	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	17	17	79

Half Time Score: 44-37 Lon Morris.

ODESSA (67)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Stapleton	3	0	2	6
Webb	1	1	3	3
Johnson	2	7	3	11
Coulter	2	6	3	10
Trower	12	6	3	29
Zellers	1	2	0	4
Gillespie	2	0	1	4
Bradley	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	21	18	67

ALLEN ACADEMY (70)	FG	FT	PP	TP
Mosley	3	1	4	7
Lilley	3	2	0	8
Montemayor	8	2	22	22
Carolan	7	1	3	15
Lemons	12	7	4	19
Rodriguez	2	1	3	7
Williams	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	20	16	76

Half Time Score: 39-33 Allen.
FTM—Odessa: Johnson 4, Coulter 2, Trower; Allen—Mosley 2, Montemayor 2, Lemons 2, Rodriguez 2.



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