

# AP ALL SOUTHWEST - 1955



# Cadets Can Go Places Under Loeffler's Wing

By RONNIE GREATHOUSE  
 Ken Loeffler, A&M's brilliant basketball mentor, has been at Aggie land only a short time and already the Cadets are going places. Tomorrow they take on the Tulsa Hurricanes at Tulsa. Saturday the Aggies play Vanderbilt at Nashville and Monday, Dec. 5, they meet Memphis State at Memphis.

Loeffler plans to take 10 players on the three-game tour before opening the season here Dec. 10 against LSU. Others making the trip this week are Carter Williams, John Henry, Ted Harrod, John Fortenberry and Bryan Sutherland. "We have two boys, Ken Hutto and John Lesikar, who are breath-

"To use an old press term, we're going to try and play the 'spoiler' role' this year. I hope we can spoil something except ourselves, though," said Loeffler.

Loeffler, who came here after compiling a phenomenal record at LaSalle College in Philadelphia, takes over the reins of an Aggie basketball team that has won only six games in the past two seasons and only one in Southwest Conference action.

During his six years at LaSalle, Loeffler's teams won 145 games and lost only 30, and played in a post-season tournament every year. LaSalle won the NCAA title in 1954 and was the runner-up last year.

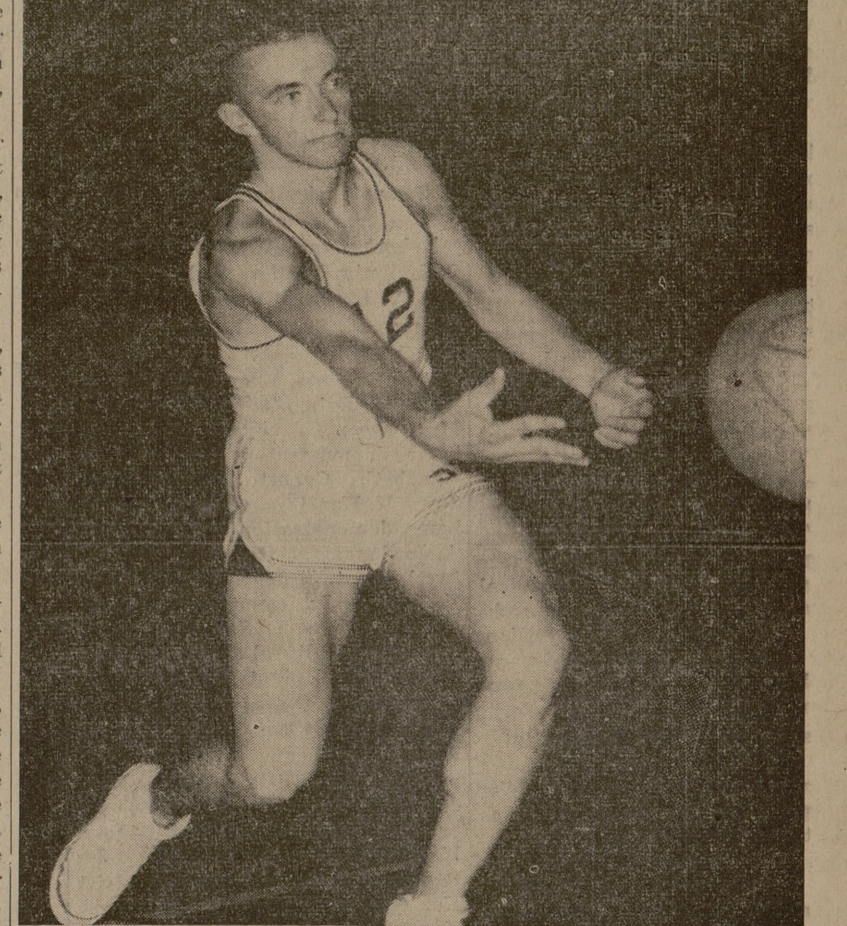
The Aggies will leave by plane for Dallas today and catch a train for Tulsa tomorrow.

Only one sophomore gets Loeffler's starting nod tomorrow night. Two seniors and two juniors round out the first team.

Sophomore Fritzie Connally, A&M's top high jumper during the track season, brings his 6-3 frame into his first starting role on the varsity. Although playing little more than half the season as a freshman, Connally finished as the Fish cager's third ranking scorer with 122 points in eight games. He averaged 15.2 points per game.

Bill Brophy, 6-3, and Al Love, 6-5, are the two seniors on the No. 1 team. Brophy was the varsity's leading point maker last season with 336 points, and averaged 14 points a game. Love played in only 15 of A&M's 24 games last season, but has shown great improvement this year.

Two juniors, Roger Harvey, 5-11, and George Mehaffey, 6-4, complete the starting team. Harvey, one of the best defensive men in the conference last year, seems to have recovered from a knee injury that hampered him last season. Mehaffey was third among A&M scorers, and was a standout during the latter part of last season. He scored 268 points and was second in rebounds with 180.



ROGER HARVEY, shortest man on the Aggie basketball team will be in the starting line up against Tulsa Dec. 1. The 5-11 junior is a defensive wizard.

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# Tigers, Kittens Open Season With Double Loss to Bobcats

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A&M's Consolidated Tigers opened the 1955-56 high school basketball season with a double loss to the Cypress-Fairbanks Bobcats as the "A" team was edged, 28-32, and

the "B" squad lost by 21-33 last night in Tiger gym.

Cypress-Fairbanks scored first, but the lead was short-lived as Consolidated tied it up immediately and led at the end of the first half, 14-11 as both teams swapped field goals and saw the lead change hands five times.

Leading by a single point, 21-20, at the start of the fourth period, the Bobcats pulled away to 31-24, the largest lead of the evening, despite the Tiger's full-court press.

The Kittens played the Cypress-Fairbanks "B" team to a 9-9 stand-off at the end of the first half, but the visitors ran wild in the final two periods, hitting for 24 points to but 12 for Consolidated. Ronnie Engle lead the "B" team scorers with 11 for the Bobcats, with the Kittens' Don Avera meshing nine.

TIGERS					BOBCATS				
fg	ft	pf	tp	pts	fg	ft	pf	tp	pts
Floek	4	0	1	8	Oettjes	3	0	1	6
Garcia	2	2	1	6	Lapham	3	3	0	9
Perzyman	5	0	1	10	Sooths	1	1	0	3
Potts	1	2	2	4	Pillota	2	0	2	4
Hickman	0	0	1	0	Stansel	3	0	3	6
Hall	0	0	0	0	Veia	1	2	0	4
Totals	12	4	6	28	Totals	13	6	6	32

# Aggies Place Two Players On All-SWC 11

Texas Christian, which won the championship, placed the most men on the All-Southwest Conference football team with four. Texas A&M, Texas and Arkansas, which finished in that order behind TCU, were also multiple placers.

Jim Swink, TCU's great half-back, was the only unanimous choice in the team picked by the coaches for the Associated Press. But there were ties at two spots, thus there are 13 men.

Herb Gray, Texas guard, lacked only one vote of being unanimous. Menan Schriewer, Texas end, and Hugh Pitts, Texas Christian's center, lacked two votes.

Texas Christian came up with Swink, Pitts, tackle Norman Hamilton and Charles Curtis, quarterback.

Texas placed three men, with sophomore Walter Fondren tying for one of the halfback spots with Preston Carpenter of Arkansas.

The Texas Aggies landed two men on the team. They were Dennis Goehring, guard, and Eugene Stallings, end. Stallings tied with Henry Gremminger of Baylor for one of the wing spots.

Arkansas had Carpenter and Henry Moore, the brilliant Razorback fullback.

Pairings with Hamilton at tackle was Forrest Gregg, Southern Methodist's power of the line.

Barely missing the first team were a couple of A&M players, Jack Powell, tackle, and Jack Pardee, the big fullback.

Seven of the men making the first team were seniors, so that means almost half of the players picked on the all-conference will be back next season.

# 100 Gridders Report For 12th Man Bowl

About 100 candidates reported to the Maroon and White squads yesterday as workouts opened for the Twelfth Man Bowl football game, to be played on Kyle Field December 15.

Shoes were issued to the squads and both head coaches—Lawrence Winkler of the Maroon team, and Ronald Robbins of the White team—gave a short talk outlining the schedule for the coming two weeks of practice. Starting Wednesday the teams will work out in shorts and shoes and will not put on pads until December 12.

Winkler, all-Southwest Conference second team tackle for A&M in 1954 and assistant coach of this

year's Fish team, will be assisted by Don Watson, Gene Henderson, Bebes Stallings and John Gilbert.

Robbins was a quarterback on the Aggie team in 1953-54 and also assisted coaching the Fish squad this season. His assistants will be his brother, Donald, Joe Schero, Henry Clark, Dee Powell and Troy Summerlin.

The Maroon squad is composed of men from the Maroon Band, the army military units, Bizzell, Leggett, Milner, Hart and Mitchell halls while the White Band, the air force outfits, Puryear, Walton, College View, Dorm 16 and day students make up the White team.

Tickets are 50 cents each and will go on sale December 1, at the student activities office and can be bought at the gate at game time.



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