

Ag Cagers Drop Close One To Tulsa

Ag To Compete In Bowl Game Net Tourney

Paul Wilkins, a bright prospect in A&M's tennis future, has been picked to compete in the Orange Bowl tennis classic Dec. 25-31 at Miami, Fla.

Wilkins, a sophomore Petroleum Engineering major, will meet some of the nation's top tennis talent in the Miami tourney. He is the only Aggie who has been invited so far.

Recently Wilkins, who hails from Baytown, reached the semi-finals in the Dallas Athletic Club tournament. He downed SMU's No. 1 player, Matt Murphy, in one of the Southwest's big upsets. Wilkins beat Murphy 6-1, 6-4.

Last year SMU's Murphy defeated the nation's seventh and eighth ranked tennis players, and was the top member of the Mustang's fine corps of netmen. He was also a member of the Davis Cup team.

More than 40 of the Southwest's outstanding tennis players competed in the Dallas meet, sponsored by the Texas Tennis Association. Wilkins competed in both singles and doubles matches.

This past summer Wilkins and X. B. Reed, also from Baytown, hitch-hiked more than 6,000 miles in eight states and competed in nine tennis tournaments.

Four SWC Teams Win '55 Openers

By BARRY HART

Southwest Conference teams got off to a fair start in the 1955-56 basketball season, winning four and losing three as SMU, TCU, Texas and Rice opened with victories. A&M, Baylor and Arkansas tasted defeat.

The Southern Methodist Mustangs were erratic but effective as they took an 82-67 victory over North Texas State College.

The Mustangs jumped to a quick 10-1 lead and North Texas never got closer than six points all night.

Bobby Mills was high point man for SMU with 15 points, but Fred Hopkins of North Texas took game honors with 19. Texas Christian center Richard O'Neal, the nation's

fourth-ranking scorer as a sophomore, took up where he left off last year and paced the Frogs to a 91-79 victory over Austin College.

O'Neal, agile 6-7 pivot, hit 13 of 18 field goal attempts, added six of eight free throws for 32 points and received surprisingly good help from the outside as his Frog teammates overcame stubborn Austin College.

The Texas Longhorns successfully launched their 1955-56 basketball campaign in Austin, overcoming West Texas State, 86-73.

Raymond Downs, a scoring sensation as a sophomore a year ago, blended his talents with Texas' speedy sophomore guards midway of the first half to take a 22-21 lead that the Longhorns never relinquished.

Howard Payne edged Baylor in the last three seconds, 51-49, as Stanley Owens hit a field goal from slightly past mid-court in a thriller at Waco.

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Rally Falls Short, Ags Lose 43-48

Special to The Battalion

TULSA, Okla.—Relying on the free throw for half their points, the Aggies late rally fell short of Tulsa's fast-moving Hurricanes last night, 43-48, in the opening basketball game for both teams.

The Cadets trailed by only one point at half-time, but failure to hit the basket from outside Tulsa's tough defenses and a height disadvantage were enough to spoil Ken Loeffler's first appearance in the role of A&M coach.

George Mehaffey and Roger Harvey chalked up the most points for A&M. Both had eight. No Aggie was able to break into the double figure column, and none was able to hit more than two fieldgoals.

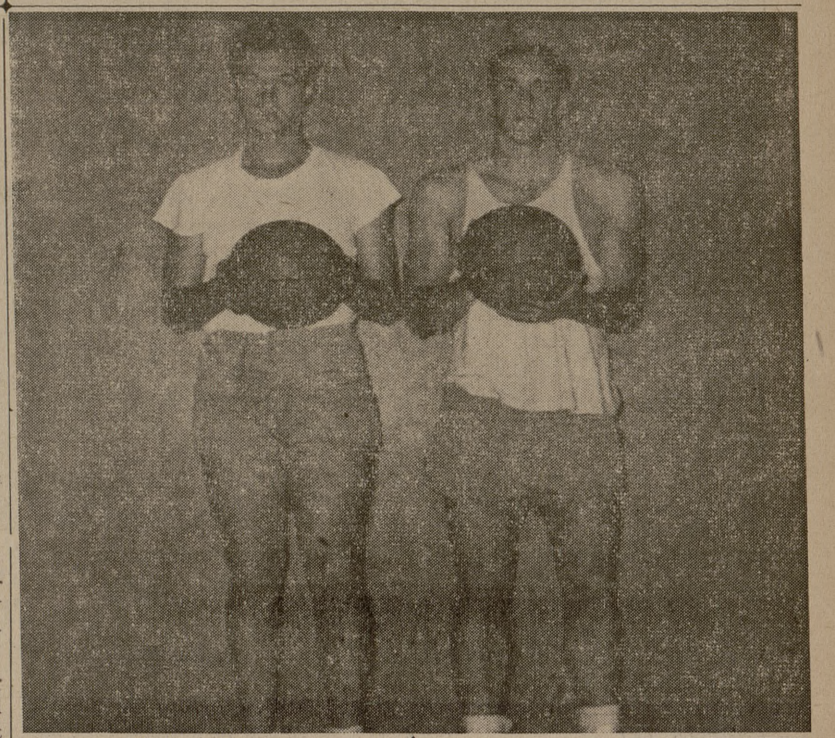
A&M moves to Nashville, Tenn. to battle Vanderbilt tomorrow night, and Monday takes on Memphis State at Memphis.

Both teams had trouble hitting from the floor and both managed to connect on only 33 per cent of their shots. A&M hit only 11 out of 33 field goal tries, while Tulsa wound up with 19 of 60.

Jerry Evans, a junior forward for the Hurricanes, was the game's leading scorer with 18 points. His teammate, Junior Born, was next in line with 12. Evans sunk a field goal in the last 30 seconds of the first half to put Tulsa in a 18-17 lead they never lost.

Ted Harrod, a 6-0 junior, was the third highest Aggie point maker with two field goals and three free throws for a total of seven points. Sophomore Bryan Sutherland was fourth with five points.

All ten Aggies making the three game tour of Oklahoma and Tennessee got into the scoring column. (See AGGIES, Page 4)



TWO TOP CAGERS from A&M's talented squad of freshmen take time out to pose for a Battalion photographer. At left is Gonzalo Diago, 6-3, sharpshooter from Santurce, Puerto Rico. Right is Neil Swisher, 6-1, a much sought after basketball player from Victoria. The Fish open their 1955 season against Allen Academy at Bryan Dec. 8.

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Tigers, Yeguas Tangle Tonight

By MAURICE OLIAN
Consolidated Correspondent

A&M Consolidated's Tigers go after their first win of the young cage season when they meet the Somerville Yeguas in a double-header tonight in Tiger gym.

The Tiger "B" team opens the evening at 7 and the varsities tangle in the mainliner at 8 p.m.

Last year the Tigers and the Yeguas split a two-game series. Somerville captured the Consolidated invitational tournament. The visitors lost practically their entire starting lineup by graduation and not much is known of this year's squad.

Consolidated opened the 1955-56 season Tuesday against the strong Cypress-Fairbanks Bobcats, losing both contests, 32-28 and 33-21.

The Tigers led the Bobcats at the half, 14-11, and were down by only one point, 21-20, at the end of the third period, but Cypress-Fairbanks turned on the steam in the final quarter, leading by 31-24 at one stage, to down Consolidated. Jon Ray Perryman was the game's leading scorer with 10 points with Norman Floeck and Manuel Garcia, both all-district performers last season, contributing eight and six points.

Don Avers hit for nine points to lead the Tiger "B" team, but the Bobcats hit 39 per cent of their shots from the floor to run away from Consolidated.

The Tigers scrimmaged Allen Academy high school Wednesday and, although they outscored the Ramblers, were not too impressive. Head Coach Larry Hayes, former

assistant basketball coach at A&M, will probably start Perryman at center, Garcia and Floeck at forwards and Bobby Potts and Dick Hickman at the guard posts for the Tigers.

An interesting feature during the halftime of the "A" game will be an exhibition by the A&M wrestling team.

Consolidated will compete in the Bryan invitational tournament Dec. 9-10 and their next home game will not be until Jan. 3.

Texas Wins Most 1955 SWC Titles

(AP)—The sports year has ended in the Southwest Conference with Texas boasting the most championships.

The Longhorns took four, twice as many as any other member of the conference. Texas A&M and Southern Methodist each won two and Texas Christian one. Arkansas, Baylor and Rice failed to win a team title. However, Baylor's John Thornton tied for the individual golf championship.

Texas won swimming, track, cross-country and tennis. A&M won baseball and fencing. Southern Methodist captured basketball and golf. Texas Christian won football.

Sammy Giammalva of Texas won the tennis singles and teamed with John Hernandez of Texas to win the doubles.

In fencing Don Burton of A&M won epee and Bill Huettel of A&M won sabre.



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