

# Aggies Fourth In SWC; Battle SMU Saturday

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The Aggies hold down the fourth slot in Southwest Conference basketball standings this week as Rice and Arkansas continue to wage their deadlocked battle for second and third place.

A&M, despite a 52-61 loss to Arkansas here last Monday night, held on to the No. 4 position with a record of three wins and five losses against SWC foes. SMU leads the pack with a perfect 8-0 slate. Rice and Arkansas have identical 7-2 records.

The Cadets play host to the Mustangs Saturday night at 8 in White Coliseum. SMU, now ranked 12th in the nation on the Associated Press poll, has one of the most lethal attacks in the conference and boasts four players among the loop's top point makers.

Coach Doc Hayes' Ponies are paced by gangling Jim Krebs, 6-8 junior center who broke the SWC single game scoring record against Texas earlier this season by dunking 50 points. Krebs leads the Mustangs in season and SWC scoring with 366 and 135 points respectively.

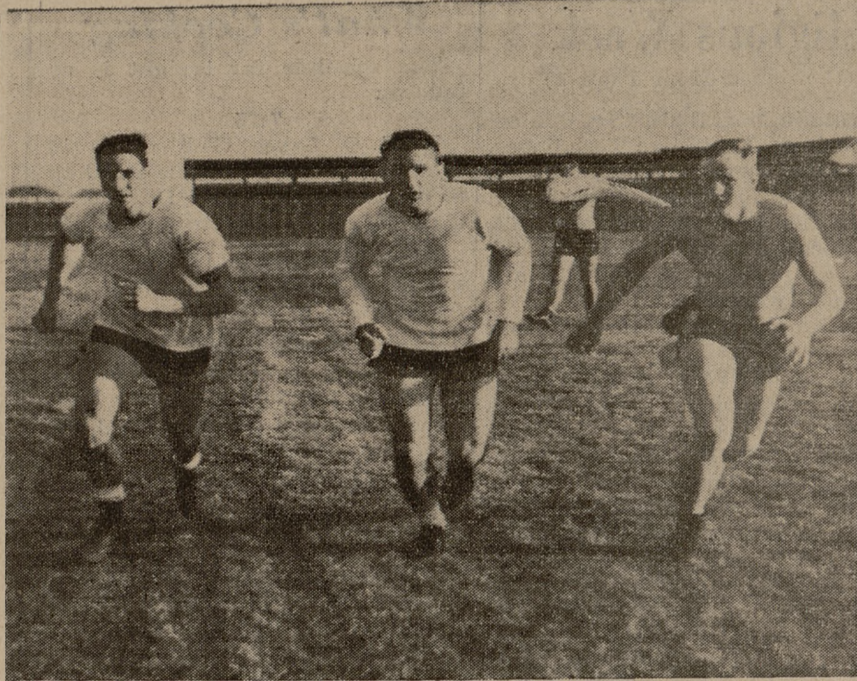
Other Pony scoring artists include Joel Krog, 6-3, Bobby Mills, 6-0, and Larry Showalter, 6-3. All three have registered over 200 points in full season play. Ronnie Morris, 6-1, has counted 191 points over the season to rank close behind them.

Ken Hutto, sophomore from Amarillo, took command of the scoring leadership on the Aggie five this week as he jumped to eighth place among SWC scorers in both season and conference ac-

tion. Hutto has scored 257 points in all games to date and 128 in league contests.

George Mehaffey is 10th among conference targeteers with 114 points, while Bill Brophy's 102 points is good enough for 13th place. Senior John Fortenberry and sophomore Fritzie Connally are among the top 20 SWC scorers, having 81 and 75 points respectively.

The Aggies have only four more games left to play. After Saturday's bout with SMU they tangle with TCU at Ft. Worth Feb. 22, return home for a game with Rice Feb. 25 and end the season with Texas at Austin Feb. 28.



A SPRINTING WE WILL GO—In the usual order, returning lettermen Gene Stallings, Bobby Drake Keith and Dee Powell get rid of a few kinks in preparation for the opening of football Spring training Monday.

# Squadron 10 Five Wins League Flag

By JOE DAN BOYD  
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Sqd. 10 and A-Armor, each boasting perfect records, collided in a crucial league championship game in freshman basketball yesterday. A-Armor fell before the powerful Squadron 10 quintet, 21-10. John Crews and Joe Parten each sank three baskets to pace the hopped-up airmen.

Chuck Brown added two more baskets for Sqd. 10 while Ronnie Parsons chunked in three points. Don Soland wrapped up scoring with two. William Elias led A-Armor with six points. J.E. Smith and Jasper Cleveland each added one basket.

A high-scoring A-AAA cage team downed Sqd. 21, 35-9. Again, it was Dale Lovelace and Grady

Barr who paced the victory with 16 and nine points respectively. Gary Hipps and Jay Bisbey dropped in four points each and Phil Richman ended scoring with two points.

Sqd. 16, carrying a 3-1 record, handed A-Ordinance a 14-6 defeat in another basketball game and B-Armor took its first win of the season by trouncing once-beaten Sqd. 3 in a 20-12 upset. D-Field Artillery captured an upperclassman football league title as A-Athletics forfeited. Outstanding members of the Artillery gridgers are Jim Spencer and Dan Winship.

Once-beaten Sqd. 1 dealt a 33-13 loss to previously undefeated Sqd. 10 in another football game. This gives Sqd. 1 a slight edge over Sqd. 10 in the league standings.

## Hutto Makes Good

### From Ag Bench To Top Scorer

By BARRY HART

Ken Hutto swept onto the A&M basketball scene like one of the sudden sand storms that sweeps his hometown of Amarillo. At the beginning of the season he was one of a group that occupies the bench. In fact Hutto didn't make the first trip with the squad, but Coach Ken Loeffler quickly saw the need for Ken's accurate outside shooting and Hutto was promoted to the starting job he still holds.

"His play is so obvious, I don't have to comment," said Coach Loeffler. "A philosopher once said that the obvious is usually wrong, in Hutto's case it's right. The only thing I can find wrong with Ken is that he's not 6-6."

A long-time Aggie fan, Hutto was inspired by former Cadet hardwood star Jewell McDowell to enter A&M.

Hutto, a sophomore, is currently leading the Aggies in both conference and season scoring with 128 and 257 points, respectively. He stands eighth among the league leaders over both routes.

Adept at hitting the zone-breaking outside shot, Ken's best shots are a long one-hander and the jump shot, both of which he shoots left handed. Extremely accurate at the foul line, the little six-footer has an .840 percentage in conference play and a .793 average on the season, good enough for the top twenty among the nation's foul shooters.

Hutto's highest single game total this season is the 23 points he scored against the Rice Owls in the

### Katy Stops Tigers In District Playoff

Katy's hustling basketballers grabbed the opening lead and stayed in front the rest of the way to dump A&M Consolidated, 44-33, last night at Katy in the first game of a three-game District 25-A championship playoff.

The Tigers must now win two straight from Katy to claim the championship. Katy and CHS wound up regular season play tied for the district lead with 7-1 records. The next playoff game is scheduled Friday night at Katy.

Big Julius Gibbs led the Katy attack with 17 points, high for the night. Norman Floeck was high point man for Consolidated, pouring in 16 points.

pre-conference tournament in Houston. A consistent scorer, Ken has a 15.1 average on the season and a conference average of 16 points.

As Coach Loeffler says, the obvious is sometimes right and nobody will disagree in Ken Hutto's case.

### Ag Nine Begins Drills With 35

About 35 diamond candidates reported yesterday as A&M's defending Southwest Conference baseball champs took advantage of the early Spring weather in their opening workout of the 1956 season.

Coach Beau Bell put his squad through four rounds of batting practice and ended the session with some hard running.

"The boys are eager and anxious," said Bell, "and look to be in pretty good shape."

The Aggies, although losing four all-conference players through graduation last May, return 11 lettermen and should be strong contenders for the crown again this year.

The Aggies can boast an all-lettermen infield in first baseman John Hoyle, second sacker Charlie Puls, third baseman Joe Boring and shortstop Dick Bleckner. In the outfield all-Southwest Conference John Stockton and Behn Hubbard are returning lettermen.

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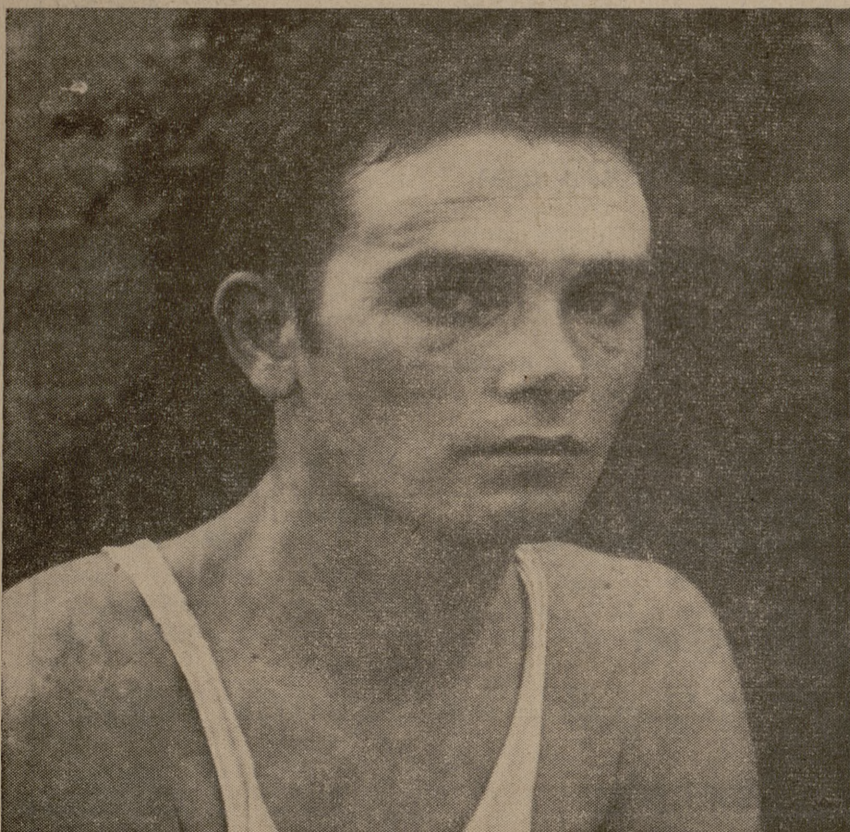
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