

Cadets Meet Rice Owls In Home Finale Tonight

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Trying desperately to hold onto its first division berth, A&M entertains the dangerous Rice Owls here tonight at 8 in the final home appearance of the Southwest Conference cage campaign.

RICE, LED BY tree-top Temple Tucker and Joe Durrenberger, stand third in the SWC and can point to a brilliant 18-4 season record. Tucker, 6-10 point making specialist, leads the Owls in scoring with 460 points over the season, an average of over 20 points per game.

Durrenberger, the conference leader in rebounds, has dipped 317 points for an average of more than 15 points per game. Tucker hit 43 points in leading the Owls past A&M, 110-81, in the SWC tourney earlier this year.

A&M OPENED LOOP play against Rice in Houston Jan. 7 and fell before an 89-77 barrage, sparked chiefly by Tucker's 29 points. The Aggies have a league record of three wins and seven losses, their last game being Wednesday night's 91-67 loss to TCU at Fort Worth.

Rice was upset by an aroused Texas Longhorn quintet last Tuesday night in Austin, 94-82, and lost any chance it might have had for a share of the conference title. SMU, of course, can become the SWC champion for the second consecutive year by beating Arkansas Saturday night.

PROBABLE STARTERS for the Aggies tonight will be George Mehaffey, Bill Brophy, Don Bilbrey,

Ken Hutto and John Fortenberry. Coach Don Suman will start his usual lineup of Durrenberger, 6-7, Fred Woods, 6-3, Tucker, 6-10, Dale Ball, 5-11, and Gerry Thomas, 6-2.

Sophomore Ken Hutto continues to lead the Cadets in conference scoring this week with 157 points chalked-up in 10 games. Senior Bill Brophy pulled ahead of George Mehaffey for second place honors in scoring by hitting a total of 38 points against SMU and TCU. Brophy has 140 points while Mehaffey boasts 132.

Coach Ken Loeffler's Cadets have already assured A&M of its finest

season in over three years on the hardwood court. In the past two seasons A&M had managed to garner only two victories against SWC competition.

The Aggie Fish own a 3-6 season record after Wednesday night's 86-110 shellacking at the hands of Tyler Junior College at Tyler. Neil Swisher, leading freshman scorer, hit his highest single game total of the year, sinking 26 points. Alex Roberts, fourth among Fish point makers, dunked 20 against Tyler. The Fish close out their season, as does the varsity, against Texas Feb. 28 at Austin.

Tickets On Sale For Sports Day

A & M's annual "Sports Day" highlights High School Day Saturday, March 3, as five sports compete for the attention of more than 1,000 high school seniors that will be visiting Aggieland on that day.

Tickets are now on sale at Student Activities office, MSC, Athletic Office or "T" Assn. member.

The Aggie golf team opens the athletic events at 1 p.m. as they entertain Lamar Tech of Beaumont on the A&M course.

High school seniors and A&M students get a preview of track at 1:30 when the Aggies match pace with the University of Texas and University of Houston on Kyle Field.

Tennis gets underway at 2 as the Cadets, hit heavy by losses to the books, meet the Houston Cougars on the clay courts west of the MSC.

A&M's SWC defending baseball champions open their home season on Kyle Field baseball diamond, clashing with the Cougars of Houston at 3.

Football winds up the action-packed day as Coach Paul Bryant's gridders battle each other in a full scale intrasquad game under the lights of Kyle Field at 7:30.

Sport Shorts

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS—Texas Tech is expected to be voted into the Southwest Conference Conference in May but even if it is it will have to wait five years before it can get on the schedule of every other member.

If the conference should make a special provision and allow Tech to play for the championship with less than a round-robin Tech could be competing by 1958 because that year the Red Raiders could be on a majority of the schedules.

A survey showed that Tech can't get on the Southern Methodist schedule before 1961, the Rice and Texas schedules before 1960 and the Texas Christian schedule before 1958.

BERLIN—Olympic figure skating champions Hayes Alan Jenkins and Tenley Albright and 13 other Americans were held for five hours by Communist police yesterday on their arrival in East Berlin from Prague.

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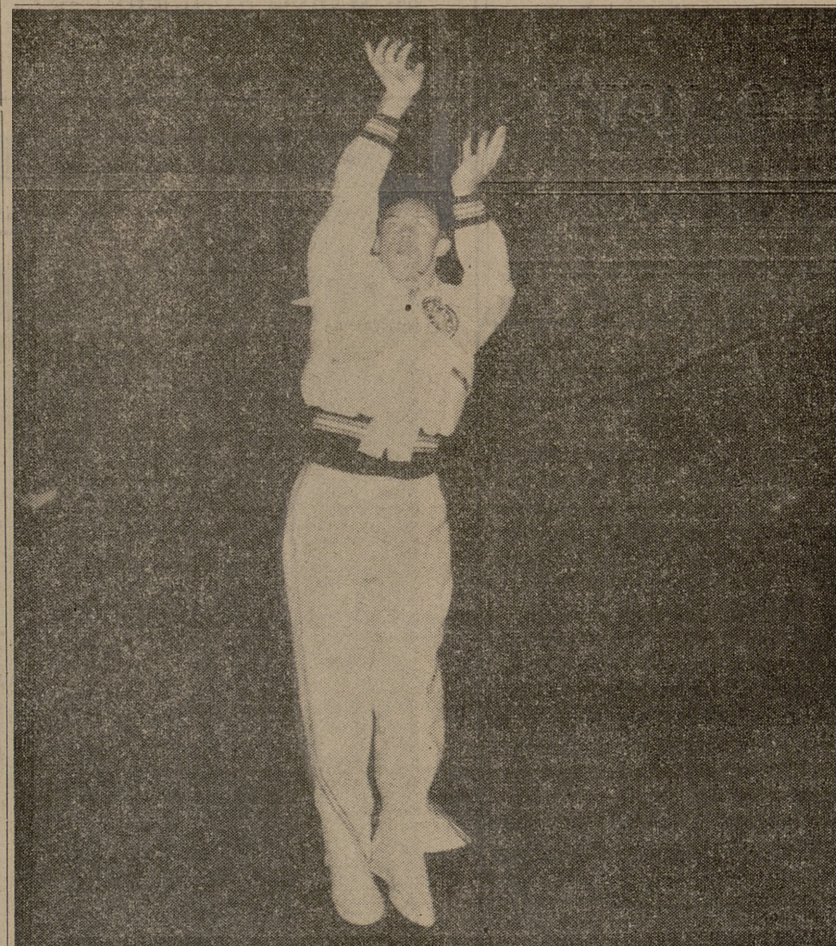
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LEADING FISH SCORER is Neil Swisher (above), 6-1 basketballer from Victoria. Neil has pushed 149 points through the basket so far this season. In the freshmen's 86-110 loss to Tyler Junior College last Wednesday night he hit the individual single game high for the Fish five this season by sinking 26 points. The Fish wind up their season play Feb. 28 against the Texas Shorthorns at Austin.

A&M Soccer Team To Meet Busy Bee

The Aggie soccer team meets Busy Bee of San Antonio Sunday afternoon at San Antonio.

After opening the season with a crushing 7-0 win over Chance Vaught Aircraft of Dallas last weekend in Dallas, the team is looking forward to a good season.

Goals scored against Chance Vaught: Carlos Salinas, three Roberto Ildarraz, one, Jaime Quesada, one, Enrique Endara, one, and Gerardo Pena, one. Other outstanding players were Chuck Horgan and Miguel Muyschondt.

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RECORD BREAKERS—Power to spare can be generated by (l. to r.) Bobby Jack Gross, Herman Johnson, Tom Bonorden and Harry Cox, A&M's mighty crew of shot putters. Gross, Johnson and Bonorden have all heaved the iron ball over 54-feet. Cox has thrown over 49-feet, and should break the 50 mark this season. They put the shot a combined distance further than any four shot putters on the same team at the same time in the world.

Saturday At 3 p.m.

Ag Swimmers Host Texas

By **BARRY HART**
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Undeclared in seven starts this season, Coach Art Adamson's Aggie swimming team faces its toughest hurdle Saturday when he always-tough Texas Longhorns move into P. L. Downs Natatorium.

A&M has swept past Northwest Louisiana, the University of Flor-

ida, Florida State, Emory University, Georgia Tech, SMU and first place in the Southwest Conference Relays.

The Aggies barely edged the Steers, 66-64, in the conference relays, relying on Tetsuo Okamoto's last-second spurt on his anchor lap of the distance relay to give his team the winning margin.

Texas, winners of 20 of the 24

conference swimming titles and co-champs another year, bounced A&M in the 1955 SWC meet, 128-113, with SMU and Rice trailing. Only the Aggies, co-champs in 1944 and title winners in 1945, and SMU, who captured the championship in 1953 and 1954, have managed to wrest the honors from the almost-invincible Longhorns.

The mighty Steers return seven lettermen from their 1955 champs. Last Saturday they turned in a crushing 60-23, victory over the Rice Owls in Austin and must be given the favorite nod tomorrow.

Leading the Longhorns are Richard Lawler, senior two-year letterman who easily took the conference one-meter and three-meter diving championship, Joe Lee Neal, junior letterman, who totaled 15 important points in the 1955 title meet, Eddie Johnson, junior letterman, who plucked off 12 points last year, and junior letterman, Reece Anderson, who came up with 10 points in 1955.

Okamoto, Dick Weick and Dick Hunkler have been the biggest contributors to the Aggie win streak so far. Okamoto, swift sophomore from Brazil, won the 220 and 44-yard freestyle races against SMU; Weick holds the SWC records in the 100-yard butterfly, the 200-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard medley while Hunkler took first in the conference 50 and 100-yard freestyle events in 1955 and anchored A&M's winning 400-yard freestyle relay.

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