

# JC Cage Meet Ends Today

Paris, Navarro, Decatur Baptist and Lon Morris won first round games in the Texas JC Basketball Conference tourney in the White Coliseum yesterday. Pairings for Tuesday find Navarro meeting Paris, an upset winner over South Texas by 67-62, and Lon Morris, the tourney favorite, meeting Decatur Baptist.

Winners of the above pairings will meet in the finals at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday. A game between the two losers at 7 p.m. will decide third place. In first round action Navarro defeated Frank Phillips (Borger), 75 to 69 and Decatur stopped Clarendon, 74-61.

# Ag Nine Loses Opener To UH Cougars, 5-3

By BARRY HART

A&M opened the 1957 baseball season in a rather dismal fashion Saturday, losing a 5-3 contest to the University of Houston Cougars in a game as dreary as the weather.

The Aggies, who were rained out today in their scheduled game against Sam Houston in Huntsville, will meet the Bearkats tomorrow at 3 p.m. on Kyle Field.

Jim Bethea, Houston centerfielder, drove out a home run, double and single to pace the Cougars to victory. Bethea's four-bagger in the third with a mate aboard, off starter Dick Thompson from the bullpen to replace Martin.

HOUSTON		A & M	
AB	H	A	AB
Arnold, lf	4	0	0
Price, ss	4	2	1
Betha, cf	5	4	3
Johnson, lb	5	0	0
Sweeten, rf	1	0	0
Cundiff, rf	2	0	0
Flynn, rf	2	1	0
Hawhee, 2b	3	1	1
Holder, 3b	3	1	0
Bishop, c	1	0	0
Evans, c	2	0	0
Hamil, p	1	0	0
Pieper, p	2	1	0
Martin	1	1	1
Thompson, p	0	0	0

## UT, Houston Maul Aggie Tracksters

The Aggie tracksters got off to their worst start in recent history, Saturday, with a poor third in their season-opening triangular track meet with Texas and Houston.

The Longhorns, with perhaps their finest team, raced to a tremendous 105 points, while the Cougars picked up 46 and A&M managed only 19. In the freshmen division, Texas picked up 77 to Houston's 44 1/2 with the Aggie Fish third in 33 1/2.

### VARSITY SUMMARIES

440-yard relay—1) Houston, Charles Gary, Jerry Beck, Tim Lunday, Jack Parrington; 2) Texas, J. Frank Daugherty, Edgie Southern, Hollis Gailey, Bobby Wilder; Texas A&M—Scratched. Mile run—1) Joe Villareal, Texas; 2) Don Loadman, Houston; 3) Walter McKnew, Texas; 4) Al Bosman, Time: 4:19.9.

100-yard dash—1) Bobby Whidden, Texas; 2) Jerry Beck, Houston; Tie for third; Tim Lunday, Houston and Hollis Gailey, Texas. Time: 9.5.

## A&M Swimmers Whipped By SMU Mustangs Twice

By DON BISETT

The Ponies of Southern Methodist University won eight of 10 events to slaughter the Aggie Tankers in Dallas last Saturday 50-36, at the SMU pool.

Tetsuo Okamoto was the only Aggie winner as he won the two events that he entered. He won the 220-yard and 440-yard freestyle events in the times of 2:13.4 and 5:00.2, respectively.

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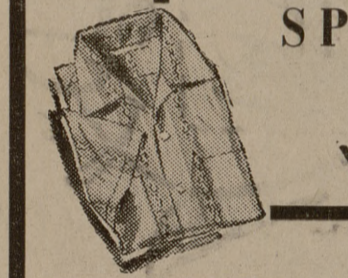
16 Length Medley Relay—1. SMU (John Barton, Ted Scherer, Bob Reneau, Mike Lumby); 2. A&M, Time: 3:44.2.



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## Owls Edge Cagers In Season Finale

By JIM CARRELL

Playing in their spectacular manner of late, the Aggie basketballers closed out a thrilling, but losing, season with a 59-57 setback to Rice Institute in Houston Saturday night.

After almost running Rice's heavily favored Owls off the court in the first half, the Aggies saw the penalty whistle and judgement of official O'Dell Preston, coupled with Ted Harrod's ankle injury, turn the tide in favor of the much taller Houston school.

A&M opened scoring for the night, running the count to 5-0 before Rice could score, widened it to the largest Aggie margin of the game at 18-11, and then saw their lead trail off to a halftime edge of 28-25.

Coach Ken Loeffler's deliberate, poised offense, led by court captain Ted Harrod, threw the Rice zone defense off-stride the first half, but the Owl's with 14 minutes left in the game employed a more effective man-for-man defense.

With floor man Harrod benched most of the second half, the Aggies were unable to mount a strong offensive attack.  
In an ironical situation A&M's two seniors, George Mehaffey and Ted Harrod finished the game on the bench, both, by coincidence, with ankle injuries.  
Three Aggies, Ken Hutto, Ernie Turner and Neil Swisher, outscored Rice's highest scorer for the night. Hutto threw in 19 points on jump shots and a driving hook, followed by Turner and Swisher with 15 each. Temple Tucker and Gerry Thomas had 14 each for Rice.  
Wayne Lawrence, in a forecast of better things to come, whipped in 40 points, as the Fish toyed with the Owlets in an 89 to 64 win.  
Dave Corson followed with 15 points and Jim Anderson with 11.  
The Fish jumped off to a 10-0 lead before the Owlets could score.

## 'Improvement or Else? Bear Not Pleased With Grid Drills

By BOB CLENDENNEN

"Fats" Domino wasn't at the practice field yesterday, but the Ags suffered through an old Blue Monday anyway.  
Bryant called the squad together before the scheduled practice was over to tell them that they just weren't getting the job done. He said that there would be vast improvement tomorrow "or else."

bear down on getting more explosive speed and better defensive charges out of the line and backs as well.  
The two hour session saw only spurts and dashes of good play. Most footballers made as many mistakes as they did good points. According to Bryant, the team looked "pitiful. There was no leadership, no nuth'en."

Work groups have been separated into two main sections now—one group is bearing down on polishing and the finer points, while the second concentrates most of its time on fundamentals.

After Saturday's game scrimmage, the whole group has learned much more about their good points as well as their bad. Players were in and out of the projection room all day, studying the film taken of the game.  
Bryant ordered his assistants to

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