

Cage Future Up With Lawrence

By JAMES CARRELL

Though finishing a somewhat dismal season, the Aggie basketball team still compiled, on the basis of a 7-17 season, the best record since 1952, when the Aggies began their march on the conference cellar with a 9-15 won-lost mark.

The arrival of Ken Loeffler in 1955, saw the Aggie cage fortunes rise, lifting A&M from the cellar floor where they had dwelled for three years during 1953-54-55. This year A&M won three conference games as in 1956, but dropped into a last place tie with Texas, though beating them twice during scheduled conference play for the first time in 34 years.

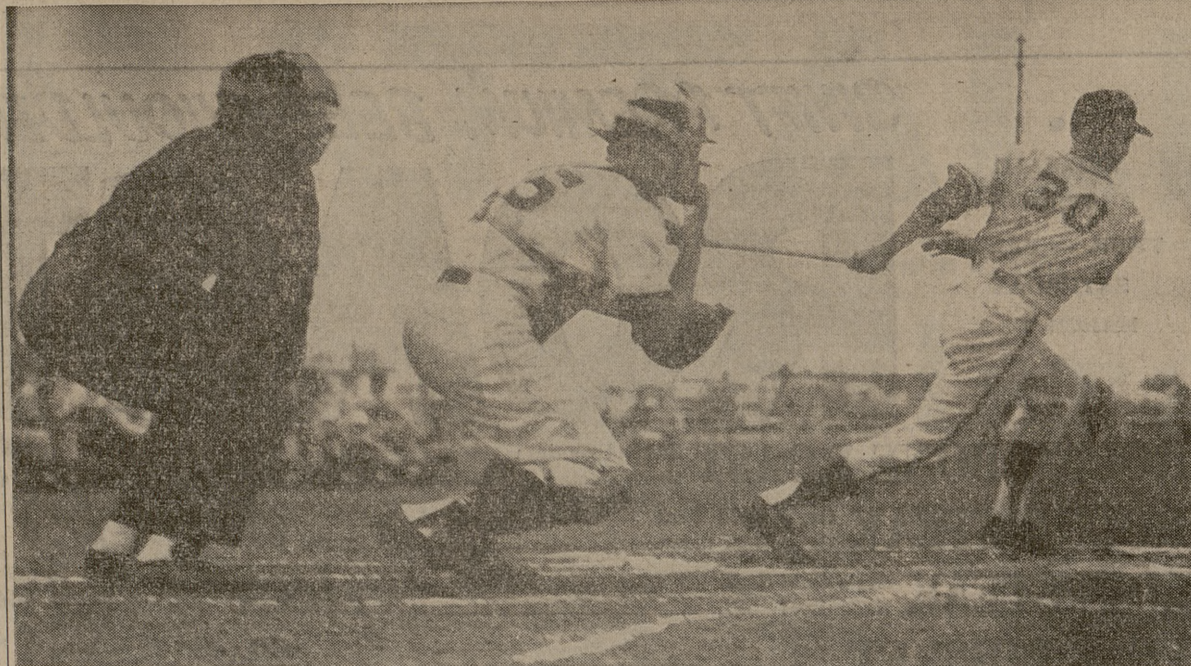
Now, the era of the tall man arrives, and with it a brighter look into the future in the person of Wayne Lawrence, the 6-9 freshman, who becomes the highest scoring freshman in the history of basketball at A&M College with 308 points in 11 games and a 28-point average.

Lawrence, the best freshman basketball player in the Southwest, is a well-developed and coordinated 200-pounder expected shortly to begin a reign as the league's best

tall man. He tossed in 40 points against the Rice Owlets in Houston Friday night, raising his field goal percentage to .483.

The brilliant Connecticut lad is a strong, outside shooter and fine rebounder, clearing the boards of 174 rebounds for an average of 15.8.

On the varsity side, Neil Swisher, offensive ace for an Aggie team that started slowly, faltered, and then picked up steam down the



HIT FOR AGS—as centerfielder Dicky Thomas slashes out a baseknock in A&M's 5-3 loss to the University of Houston last Saturday. The Aggies' scheduled game with Sam Houston was rained out Wednesday.

stretch, threw in 15 points against Rice to barely nudge George Mehaffey as leading Aggie scorer, 304 to 300.

Swisher finished tenth in the conference in season scoring.

In behalf of Mehaffey, who has finished a fine basketball career at A&M, it might be said that an ankle injury kept him from the last three games and with it a place among the top scorers in the Southwest Conference. Injured in the Arkansas game, when he scored two points, he played with a painful, swollen ankle against TCU and Baylor, netting only 15 points and fouling out early in both tilts.

The total of swishers for Swisher ran to 114 out of 297 shots, a .384 percentage, and a 12.6 average in 24 games. Mehaffey averaged 14.2 in 21 games.

Missing three games and the most part of three others, Mehaffey still led the club in rebounding, totaling 208. Swisher, the 6-1 sophomore from Victoria, followed with 169 rebounds.

Only two seniors, George Mehaffey and Ted Harrod, graduate from the squad that made its presence known late in the season. Finishing as one of the tougher teams in the league, the Aggies whipped Texas twice and Baylor, and saw the official's whistle blow away "almost" victories against TCU and Rice.

The tardy awakening of basketball ability in Jim McNichol provided a needed spark to the Aggie attack in replacing Mehaffey and contributing 21 points against SMU and 24 against Texas.

Ken Hutto scored 258 points over the season route, averaging 10.7, followed by Jack Schwake with 131, Ted Harrod 126, Ernie Turner 122, Jim McNichol 111, and Fritzie Connally 60.

In conference play Swisher had 149 points and a 12.4 average in 12 games, while Mehaffey scored 116 in nine games for a 12.8 average.

Trigon Toros Meet Units in Basketball

By GARY ROLLINS

The Trigon Toros, A&M's Military counterpart of the St. Louis Hawks, has issued a challenge to any cadet organization wishing to play basketball.

The Toros, all from the Military

Kreuger, Crow Voted '57 Captains

John Crow and Charlie Kreuger were elected Aggie 1957 football captains by the varsity squad yesterday.

Crow and Kreuger, both senior two-year lettermen, were unanimous all-Southwest Conference choices in 1956 and Kreuger was named to the International News Service all-American team. Crow, the 217-pound halfback who came out of the Louisiana swamps to help put A&M on the football map, was released Tuesday from Houston's Hermann Hospital after undergoing surgery.

The Springhill boy, who will miss Spring training, had a bone chip removed from his right ankle and will wear a heavy cast on the foot that crossed 12 double stripes last fall.

"The operation was even more successful than the doctors had hoped," said the obviously-pleased Crow.

Harry Gilmer of the Detroit Lions had only four of 122 passes intercepted in National Football League games in 1955.

Aggie Muscle Men Take 2nd in Meet

Led by team captain Henry Heatherly, A&M's weightlifters muscled their way to second place in the Houston Odd Lift Contest last Saturday in Houston.

Heatherly, who weighed in at 181½, captured first in the mid-heavyweight division (198 pounds) with a total of 1135 pounds. Heatherly managed 280 in the bench press, 355 in the squat and 500 pounds in the deadlift.

"It's a good thing I was one-fourth pound over my regular weight division (181)," said Heatherly, "I would have taken second in light-heavy."

The Aggies were a close second to the Southside Lifting Club, of Houston. Southside finished the event with 10 points, while A&M totaled nine. Houston Southwest YMCA took third with six and Northwest YMCA had five for fourth.

Charles Holmans placed second in the light-heavyweight division, with 910 pounds and Burk Phillips got third among the heavyweights (over 198).

Holmans raised 240 in the bench press, 290 in the squat and 380 in the deadlift, while Phillips pushed

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CLUE: This coeducational university was founded at Muskogee, Indian Territory in 1894. In 1920 it was renamed for a city known as the "oil capital of the world."

CLUE: Founded in 1794 and chartered by the legislature of the territory South of the Ohio River, this university, acquired its present name in 1879. Its original name was Blount College.

ANSWER 1. _____
 ANSWER 2. _____
 ANSWER 3. _____

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