

# SPORT SLANT

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## LET'S PLAY "MAKE BELIEVE!"

Iowa State Coach Jim Myers was agreed upon and unanimously approved by the Athletic Council prior to the fateful Board of Directors meetings here Monday and Tuesday of this week.

President M. T. Harrington had—also—previously approved the choice.

This is Friday, of course. But suppose since we're playing this silly game, that after Black Tuesday the Board of Directors got together by telephone, and decided to approve the recommendations on Myers and then called him and he has agreed to come.

It could have happened. It may happen yet!

Sure, Myers withdrew. Sure, Erdelatz steamed in here like a battleship at full flank speed and then sank. Sure, the famous Athletic Committee of the Board of Directors got fired.

But did the Athletic Council or Dr. Harrington ever get their recommendations back marked "disapproved?"

Not yet, they haven't.

But if these little assumptions happened to be true—then Texas A&M would have the coach they wanted—and that includes Eddie Erdelatz.

It's a foregone conclusion that our football team wasn't considered when Erdelatz was invited to the Lone Star State. If the Board had wanted some information on that, they could have asked the football team.

And now, with the minute possibility that we could land the prize of the year—Jim Myers—the team has approved the choice heartily.

Co-captains John Crow and Charlie Krueger do the talking for the Aggies.

Says John David, "If we could get Jim Myers, I think it would be the best thing that could ever happen. He's supposed to be a lot like Coach Bryant. All the players were looking forward to Coach Myers in the first place. We owe him something and I think the boys will play extra hard for him because of what he has been through—already—for Texas A&M."

Charlie Krueger, fellow All-American, "He's most of the guys' choice; if only we could get him."

And the comments go on: a large former students club said, "If the students and the team want Myers, then we want Myers. The Athletic Council and Dr. Harrington recommended the man—and we want to go along with them."

Even though Erdelatz appeared interested in the job—the question kept coming up: "Why can't we have Myers?"

They're still asking it.

This school owes Jim Myers something, and they could best repay him for his trouble by backing him wholeheartedly as their head football coach. The team has promised their 110 per cent.

He was quoted as saying, "I don't think I could leave Iowa State now," but how secure is his future at Iowa State?

Do they have promising days in store for him?

Their Board of Regents can't forget that Mr. Myers has been contacted twice, after one mediocre season. They still have a contract with him, but a man of his promise and ability is destined to go with a "big name" school sooner or later.

And, as football powers go, we were the "big name" in 1957.

Wouldn't YOU like Jim Myers for coach?

Well, we were just playing "Make Believe" but the next few days will decide the issue. Most minds are already made up.

You might recall how Alabama kept after Paul Bryant until we had no alternative—why can't we do the same thing?

Myers loves A&M and said so.

Stranger than fiction? We shall see.

And if you want to add a little spice to the story, here's something else to ponder. Two of Jim Myers' assistant coaches resigned last night with "no comment" as their reason.

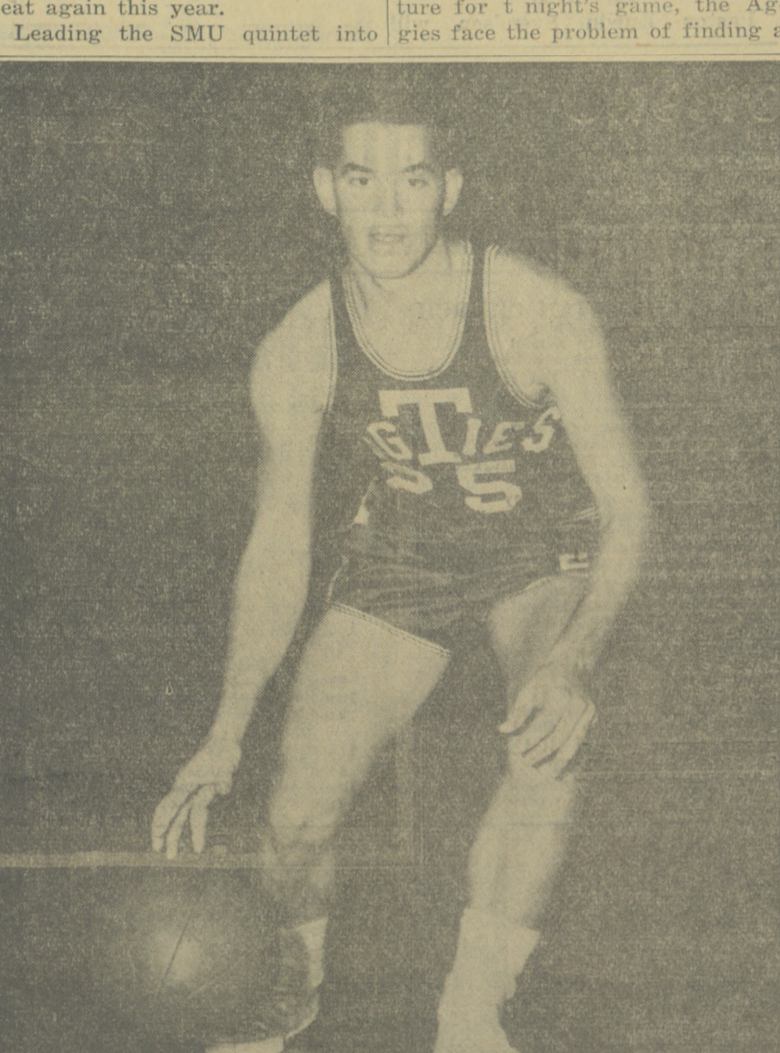
# Injury-Riddled Ag Cagers Seek Revenge Against High-Flying Methodist Five

By ROBERT WEEKLEY

A much improved Aggie five will muster their crippled forces tonight at 8 in G. Rollie White Coliseum to face the high flying SMU Ponies, now sole owners of second place in the Southwest Conference race.

The Aggies, tied with four other teams for third place in the conference, go into the game without the services of high-scoring soph Wayne Lawrence, the 6-8 center-forward.

Coach Doc Hayes and his Mustangs, winners of the 1957 SWC cage crown, have fought their way into the spotlight as the team to beat again this year.



Jack Collier

Former Allen Academy star guard Jack Collier has worked his way into the starting five for Bob Rogers' Cadets. He's a 6-0 junior from Amarillo.

the game will be 6-3 Rick Hershcher, who has averaged 17.3 points per game in 14 games this year. On the '57 championship team Hershcher was the team's third highest scorer and made the second All-Conference team.

Two sophomores have come up from the freshman team, which lost only one game last season, to turn in professional performances. Bobby Jones, a 6-5 sharpshooter from Ruston, La., is the outstanding sophomore averaging 14.5 points per game. Close behind him is short, 5-10, Max Williams, averaging 11.5 points.

With Lawrence out of the picture for tonight's game, the Aggies face the problem of finding a

man to take over the center position. Jim McNichols, 6-5 junior from Pa., will probably be the man to whom the duty will fall. On deck to aid and abet McNichols will be 6-6 Dave Corson, a sophomore who has seen only limited action this season. He has scored only four points in seven brief appearances, all in the Tuesday night game with Baylor.

Leading the Ags into the fray will be 6-0 Neil Swisher, now the team's leading scorer with Lawrence out of the scene. Swisher, a junior gunner, has hit the basket for 156 points in 13 games, an average of 12.2 points per game.

Archie Carroll, 6-5 forward, is

the teams leading rebounder with 102 to his credit. He has scored 153 points for an average of 11.9 per game.

Fritzie Connally, 6-1 senior whom Coach Bobby Rogers calls his "basketball quarterback," will start in his position as guard. Connally has scored 31 points for a 2.4 average.

The most improved player on the team, Jack Collier, will complete the starting lineup for the Aggies. Collier has scored 33 points for a 3.0 average.

Tonight's game will be the only one played. There will be no game involving the freshmen. The contest starts at 8 p. m.

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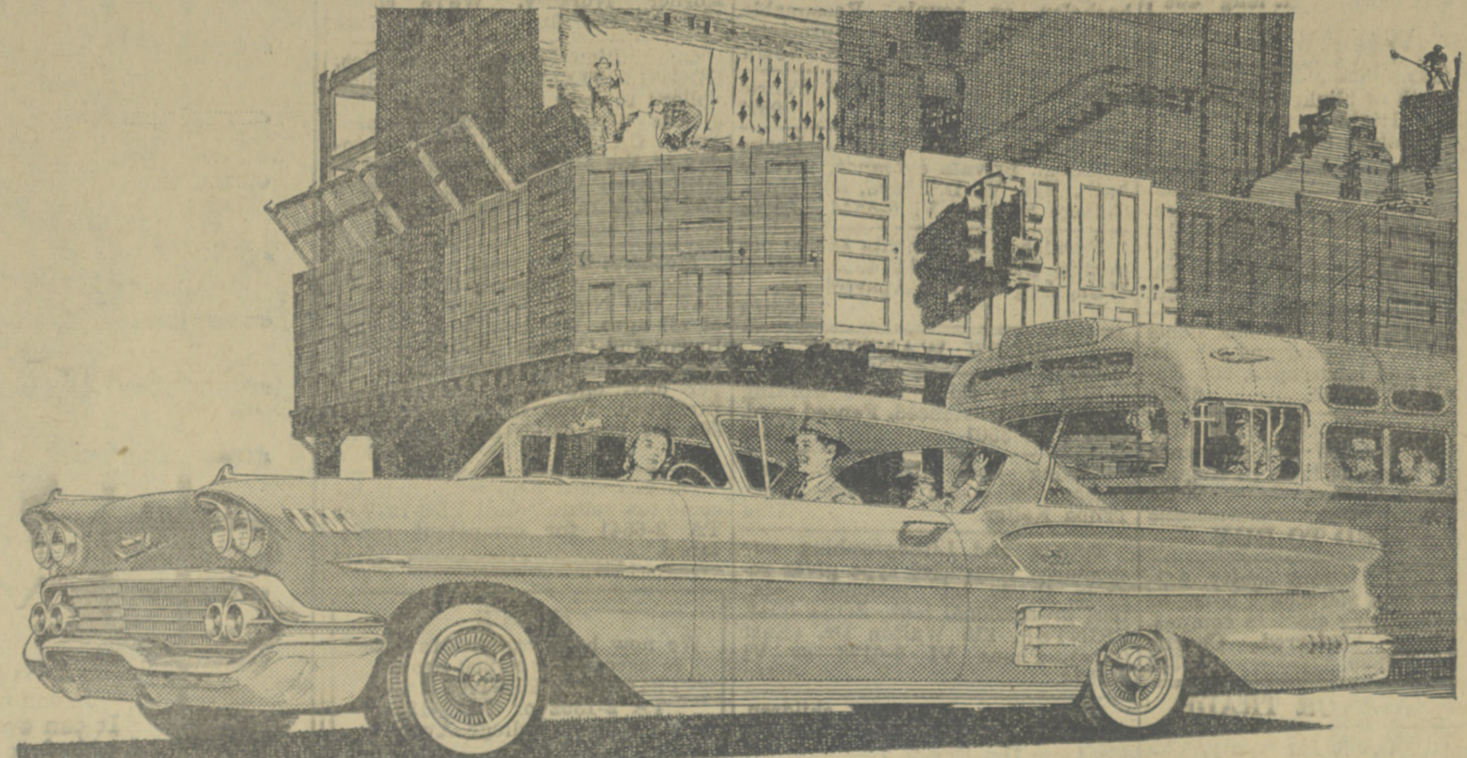
## Soccer Team Wins

The A&M Soccer Team will meet Houston United Sunday afternoon at 2:30 on the Aggie Soccer Field, across from Anchor Hall, for A&M's second game in the Houston Soccer Association's fight to choose a state tournament entry.

The Aggies already have two points to their credit, having defeated Houston's Spurs last week in a game that looked more like water polo than soccer.

Played in a drizzling rain in College Station, with the field under a half inch of water, the contest ended in an 8-1 win for the home squad. Two points toward the league championship are given to the teams for a win, one point for a tie, and no points for a loss.



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