

Bruins Invade Aggieland

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Fish Seek SWC Win; Meet Baylor Cubs In Prelim Battle

The Fish will have revenge in their eyes tonight at 6:15 when they trot out on the court of White Coliseum to face the Baylor Cubs for the last time this season.

In their last meeting with the aggregation from Waco, the Cadets dropped a hard-fought contest that had to be decided in an overtime period. The Farmers, who were dealt misery from angles that night, lost by only one point.

The young Aggies will be without the services of tall Malcolm Lawler, withdrawn from school because of scholastic difficulties, but will be a much stronger ball club than the one that faced Baylor earlier this season.

The Fish, fresh from two straight wins against Wharton Junior College and the University of Houston Kittens, have suddenly developed an accurate shooting eye and team play that they had been lacking in other games.

Against the Kittens the Farmers hit a respectable 40.5 per cent of their floor shots to notch a victory 78-73. Against Wharton they made 46 per cent of their shots.

Don Mercer is the leading scorer for the Fish, hitting 108 points for a 15.3 average per game. He has hit 39.1 per cent of his floor shots. Close on the heels of Mercer is Elliott Craig, the short gunner from Beaumont, who has made 88 points for an average of 12.5. He has tallied 40.9 per cent of his shots.

Third in line is Steve Van Winkle who has averaged 10 points per game, making 33.3 per cent of his shots count. Big Dale Etheridge has made a total of 36 points for an average of 5.1 per game. Newcomer Henry Kitzman is fifth on the list with an average of 4.3 points per game.



—Battalion Staff Photo

It's That Time Again!

Neil Swisher is shown checking out his practice duds from team manager Dave Coffey, a hometown buddy from Victoria. Even though the 6-0 junior makes points on the "big days," those practice sessions are where the real work is done.

'Sampson' Swisher Gives Aggie Team Scoring Punch

By ROBERT WEEKLEY
Neil Swisher stepped into the Aggie spotlight Tuesday night in White Coliseum as he led his teammates to a new team scoring record of 92 points.

The stocky, 6-0, guard is used to being in the spotlight, however. As a senior at Victoria High School Swisher averaged 20 points per game to lead his team to the 1955 state AAA championship. He was rewarded by being unanimously chosen on the All-State club.

A regular on last year's varsity team, the slightly-balding cager

was widely acclaimed as one of the outstanding sophomores in the conference. He led the Aggies in scoring, hitting the basket for 304 points for an average of 12.6 per game. He garnered 169 rebounds to place second behind All-Conference star George Mehaffey.

The All-Conference selection committee, composed of seven conference coaches and thirteen sportswriters, voted the dynamic player Honorable Mention on the mythical team.

Former Aggie Basketball Coach Ken Loeffler called Swisher "The best second effort player I'd ever coached."

The second effort is paying off this year as the aggressive player leads his team in scoring with 218 points for an average 12.8 per game. He has collected 98 rebounds.

In the high scoring contest Tuesday night Swisher sank a total of 28 points to lead his teammates to a new team scoring record. The 28 points was the high score of his varsity career.

The remarkable part of his performance that action-filled night was the sharpshooter hitting 75 percent of his floor shots. He might have scored more if he hadn't fouled out with three minutes remaining in the game. As it was he hit 12 of 16 shots.

Off court he's a quiet, serious student majoring in one of the more difficult subjects, civil engineering.

Swisher, a native West Virginian, moved to Texas in time for his junior year at Victoria. There he was an outstanding athlete in all sports. His family still resides in West Virginia, his dad being a civil engineer there.

SWC 'Doormats' Seeking First Win

Football Letters Awarded To 68

Thirteen varsity seniors have received their last letters at A&M. In all, thirty varsity letters and 38 freshman numerals have been awarded to members of the 1957 A&M football squad.

Varsity lettermen follow:

Seniors: Roddy Osborne, Gainesville quarterback; Jim Wright, Edinburg quarterback; Carlos Esquivel, Edinburg halfback; Bobby Conrad, Clifton halfback; John Crow, Spring Hill, La., halfback; Loyd Taylor, Roswell, N.M., halfback; John Gilbert, Russellville, Ark., center; Jim Stanley, Lynch, Ky., tackle; Darrell Brown, Dayton guard; Al Simmons, San Antonio tackle; Charles Krueger, Caldwell tackle; Henry Pearson, Temple end and Bobby Marks, New Orleans end.

Juniors: Richard Gay, Shreveport fullback; Tommy Howard, Galveston guard; Ken Beck, Minden, La., tackle; Ray Doucet, Nederland center; John Tracey, Philadelphia end; Don Smith, Phillips end and Don McClelland, Crowley, La., end.

Sophomores: Charles Milstead, Tyler quarterback; Gordon LeBoeuf, Port Neches fullback; Robert Sanders, Seadrift halfback; Bill Godwin, Orangefield guard; Gale Oliver, Refugio center; Joe Munson, Angleton guard; Allen Goehring, San Marcos guard; Bill Darwin, Houston tackle; Carl Luna, Garland guard; and Buddy Payne, Houston guard.

Freshman numerals were awarded to:

Nolan Adams of Groves; Travis Nevill, Bryan; David DeCordova, Beaumont; David Carr, Abilene; Ted Allen of Houston; Ladayne Johnson, Commerce; Roy Northrup, Amarillo; Paul Piper, Brownwood; George Gray, Amarillo; Bob Berger, Ft. Worth; Bill Zaleski, Temple; Ray Cummings, Beaumont; Dick Butler, Livingston; Ken Friemel, Groom; Ralph Smith, Phillips; Jim Harrison, Houston; Powell Berry, Snyder; Darwin Holt, Gainesville; Wayne Labar, Harlingen; Larry Broadbuds, Caldwell; James Landrum, Port Arthur; Jon Few, Midlothian; Bob Phillips, Corpus Christi; Randy Sims, Houston; Jack Estes, Olton; Jerry Peveto, Orangefield; Tom Moore, Navasota; Lloyd Wallace, Refugio; George Carroll, Houston; Carter Franklin, Kerens; John Kubala, West; Artie Barnett, Coloman; Tom Cannon, Houston; Richard Meneley, Gonzales; David Wilson, Beaumont and Jerry Hendrix, Commerce.

Baylor's hapless Bears, who have recently become the doormat of the Southwest Conference, venture to Aggieland tonight at 8 to contest the surprising Aggies in a conference game—the final match between the two teams.

Since meeting Baylor last, the Cadets have tripped SMU, while suffering defeats at the hands of Arkansas and Texas Tech in conference play. In non-conference competition, the Farmers drubbed the Houston Cougars last Tuesday night 92-74.

Baylor has shown definite improvement in their last few outings, and will be expected to show more strength than in past occasions.

Against Texas Christian last Saturday, the Bruins scared the Frogs, losing by the low score of 57-53. TCU came from behind to score six points in the final 45 seconds to down the fighting Baylor team.

Charlie Pack, Bruin guard, suffered a broken finger against Texas Tech, but will be able to compete against Bob Rogers' Cadets.

In two other games, the Cadets have handed defeat to the Green and Gold Bears, one by a score of 80-63 in the Southwest Conference Tourney and once again in Waco by a 57-47 verdict.

Probable starting lineup for the Cadets will be Ernie Turner, Fritz Connally, Wayne Lawrence, Neil Swisher and Archie Carroll. The Fish meet the Cubs in a preliminary contest. In Waco, the Cubs defeated the young Aggies by a 71-70 score in overtime.

INTRAMURALS

Class A footballers played with lots of inspiration and incentive Wednesday as some of the final games were played in determining which teams would be in the championship playoffs which are to begin Tuesday.

Ray McClung had a hand in all of the scoring as "B" AAA defeated Squadron 7 by a score of 13-0. McClung scored the first touchdown on a 10-yard pass from Hubert Isaacks, then converted the extra point. He scored the next one on a fine run but the conversion was unsuccessful.

Squadron 23 defeated an out-classed "A" Signal team by a one-sided score of 32-2.

Bob Kidd was the big gun for Squadron 23 as he seemed to be all over the field doing the right things. He ran the first TD and added the extra point. He passed to Don Moskal for the second tally, to Paul Carroll for the third one and to Rid Ruth for the extra point. The next TD came on a pass from

Kidd to Joe Staehs. Kidd also scored the last one as he intercepted a pass and ran it 70 yards to paydirt.

Ironically, it was Kidd who got caught behind his own goal to give "A" Signal a safety and their only two points.

In other class A games, Squadron 13 defeated "C" FA 12-0 and "A" TC and "B" FA won over Squadron 12 and Squadron 9 respectively via forfeits.

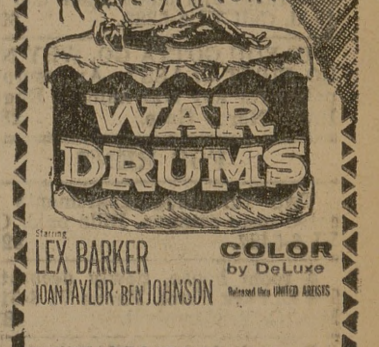
"A" Infantry and "B" FA will be the opponents when the finals in class horseshoes are played Monday.



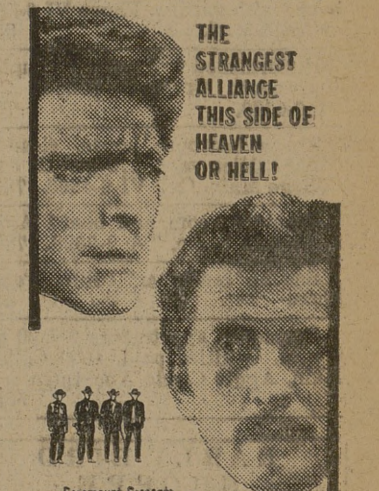
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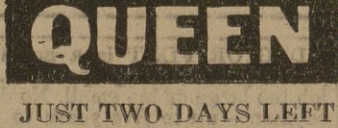
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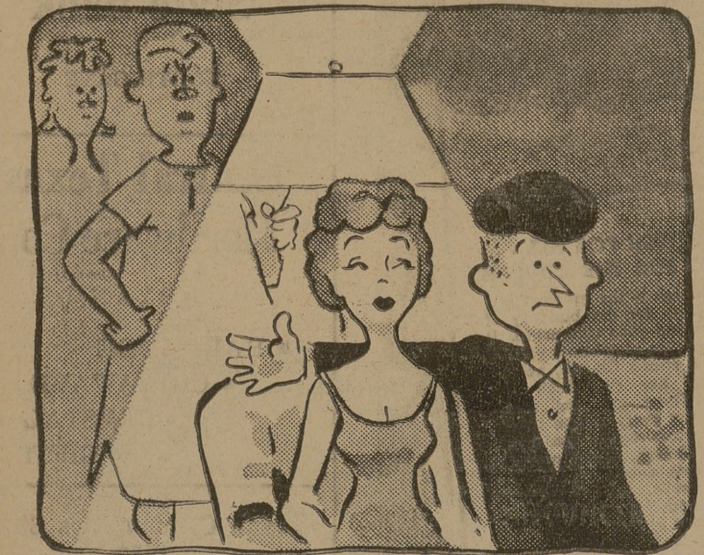
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