

Linksmen Leave For Laredo Meet

Joe Fagan's varsity golfers departed for Laredo yesterday to enter the golf meet which is being held in connection with the Border Olympics.

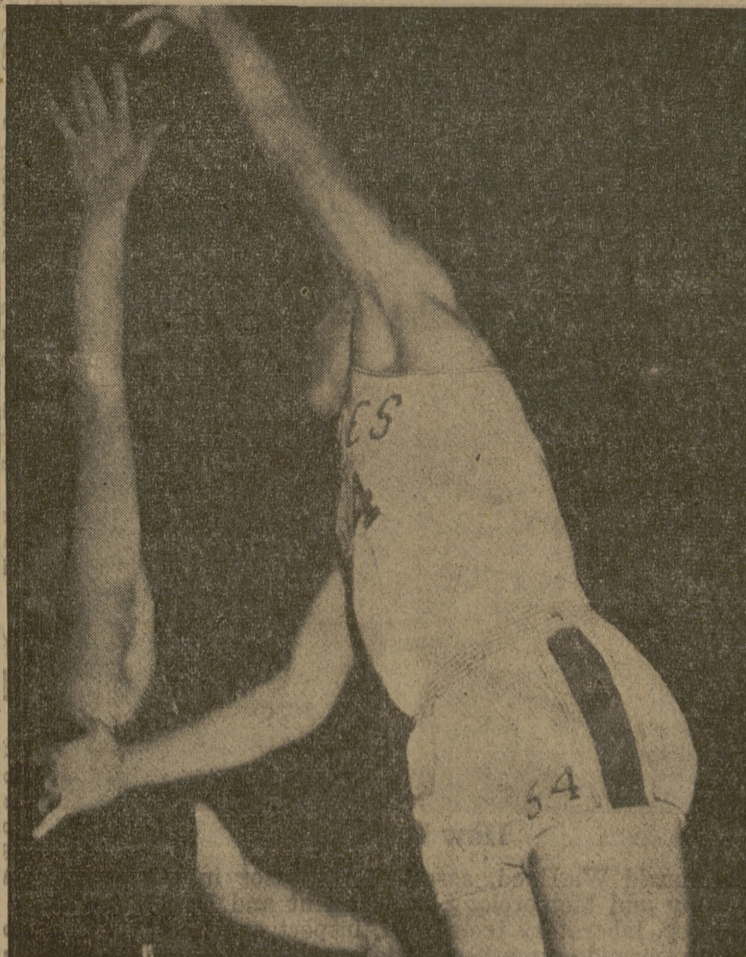
The Aggie club is sending Bobby Nichols, Binky Michella, Al Jones, and Buck Pruitt against the other Southwest Conference teams

entering the tournament. They will try to cop the championship from the University of Houston team, last year's champions.

The University of Houston varsity and freshman golfers defeated Texas A&M here last Saturday in the opening matches for both schools.

The Kittens defeated the Aggie Fish, 7-0, while the Cougar varsity downed the Aggies, 7-2.

Bobby Nichols, Aggie star, was the only point-winner for A&M as he defeated Phil Rodgers of Houston, 3 and 1, and teamed with Prewitt to down Rodgers and Jackie Cupit, 2 and 1.



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Leading Aggie Scorer

Junior college transfer Archie Carroll from Redlands, sneaks in a hook shot against TCU—one of the few points scored—but enough to give him the edge over Neil Swisher in the Aggie scoring race. Carroll outbid Swisher, 186 points to 185.

Campus Greets Athletes With Future Aggie Views

Each weekend outstanding high school athletes from across the state are visiting the campus according to Al Simmons, two-year varsity letterman and commanding officer of "B" Athletics.

"Top football and some basketball players are being contacted by athletic department officials or members of Aggie booster clubs and invited to visit the campus for the weekend," said Simmons.

He pointed out that the athletes cannot sign a letter of intent until March 15, but they are permitted one all-expenses paid trip to a college campus under Southwest Conference recruiting rules.

Jim Myers and the new athletic dormitory are proving to be the two big drawing cards in recruiting the athletes Simmons said.

Present outlook is that next year's crop of athletes will be as good as any in the past few years, Simmons said in outlining the program.

Last weekend some 30 athletes from San Antonio, Sweetwater and parts of South Texas visited the campus. Stars from Abilene, Breckenridge and other points in Texas will visit next weekend.

While on the campus the athletes eat at the training table, are shown around the school including the athletic facilities and the new dorm. They also attend some activity such as a basketball game, usually with an athlete from their hometown or that area.

Simmons said the program began last month and will continue until the end of the year.

Scrappy Ags Show Statistic Boost

Wrapping up the basketball season for the Aggies in waxed paper we can see the scorebooks read that the Cadets posted a 7-7 record in conference play and wound up in a tie for fifth place with the once mighty Rice Owls.

It was the Farmers' best effort since 1952 when the Old Corps racked up an 8-4 record in a three way tie for the conference crown.

Actually it wouldn't be fair to compare today's Ags with those of the past because of the entrance of yearling Texas Tech into the conference this year and the extra two game load that was added to the win-loss column.

Junior college transfer Archie Carroll, playing his first year for the upset minded Cadets, captured the team's scoring laurels in conference competition with 186 points, one more than last year's champ Neil Swisher. Carroll and Swisher both averaged out with 13.2 points per game.

Sophomore Wayne Lawrence was third in totals with 142 points in 13 games. The 6-8 rebounder led the team in the scoring department until he injured an ankle against the Baylor Bears in mid-season and never completely regained his form.

Senior Fritzie Connally, the Cadet's floor captain, ended his last season of college competition with 79 points for an average of 5.6 points per game, followed by big Jim McNichol with 64 points.

Bob Johnson racked up 56 points in 14 games for an average of 4.0. Jack Collier pasted the nets for 18 points in nine games followed by Dave (Bull) Corson's 16 points. Corson was the man who outjumped and outfought TCU's H. E. Kirchner, the conference's leading scorer, in Tuesday night's contest at Aggieland.

Sammy Myers and Senior Ken Hutto complete the Aggies scoring totals with seven and six points respectively.

Carroll was the leading rebounder for the Cadets as he

swept the backboards clean 107 times. Lawrence, one of the most heralded sophomores in the conference, was second with an even 100 grabs.

Percentage-wise, it was the lanky Lawrence who made most of his shots from the floor count as he hit 39.1 per cent of his floor shots. Swisher was a close second as he patted the basket for a 38.4 per cent. Corson, playing in only six games hit 72.7 of his shots.

Sharpshooter Swisher was the free throw ace for the Farmers, toying the white line 65 times and sinking 53 of the charity tosses. There was not an Aggie on the team that did not make over 50 per cent of his free tosses. The Cadets sank 236 of their free throws compared to the opponents 218.

In over-all scoring the Farmers meshed the cords for 800 points to their opponents 806. The Ags averaged 57.1 points per game to 57.5 for their conference opponents.

The Freshman five, lacking the height of their '57 predecessors, managed to scrape by the season with a 3-8 record. Two of these wins were posted in overtime periods.

The luckless Fish failed to win a conference contest, losing six of them by the total of eighteen points, an average of three points per game. They played five overtime games.

High scorer for the Cadets was 6-1½ Don Mercer with 164 points. Speedy Elliot Craig grabbed off second place honors for the Farmers with 146 points, an average of 13.2 points per game.

Steve Van Winkle, 6-4½ from Peoria, Ill., scored 107 points and snared 91 rebounds to lead the Farmers in that department.

Henry Kitzman, a 6-0 muscular athlete, scored 41 points for an average of 5.4 while taking 41 rebounds. Dale Ethridge, 200 pounder from Ropesville, hit the bucket with 50 points and a 4.5 average.

Player	G	Varsity Statistics		RB	PF-D	TP	AVE		
		FG	FT						
Archie Carroll	14	68-188	36.2	50-68	73.5	237	34-1	185	13.2
Neil Swisher	14	66-189	38.4	53-65	81.5	79	38-0	185	13.2
Wayne Lawrence	13	56-146	39.1	30-43	69.8	100	37-2	142	10.9
Fritzie Connally	14	24-73	32.9	31-42	73.8	53	41-3	79	5.6
Jim McNichol	14	15-38	25.9	34-42	70.8	87	28-1	74	4.5
Bob Johnson	14	22-59	37.3	12-19	63.2	21	23-1	66	4.0
Ernie Turner	13	15-57	26.3	11-16	68.8	32	26-0	41	3.1
Jack Collier	9	8-24	29.8	8-15	53.3	15	7-0	18	2.0
Dave Corson	6	8-11	72.7	0-0	0.0	9	5-0	16	2.6
Sammy Myers	8	2-3	66.7	3-4	75.0	3	3-0	7	0.8
Ken Hutto	8	3-4	25.0	4-4	100.0	2	4-0	6	0.7
Jack Schwake	2	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0	1-0	0	0.0
A&M Opp.	14	282-762	35.0	236-329	71.7	534	243-8	800	57.1
	14	294-800	36.7	218-328	65.4	933	230-7	806	57.5

Player	G	Freshman Statistics		RB	PF-D	TP	AVE		
		FG	FT						
Don Mercer	11	64-178	36.0	36-49	73.5	86	24-0	164	14.9
Elliot Craig	11	62-149	41.6	22-31	71.0	55	22-1	146	13.2
Steve Van Winkle	11	41-147	27.3	25-33	75.8	91	34-2	107	9.7
Henry Kitzman	11	23-61	37.7	14-30	46.7	41	24-1	60	5.4
Dale Ethridge	11	21-47	44.7	8-22	36.4	36	25-2	50	4.5
Jim Duffey	11	19-27	37.0	12-20	60.0	24	13-0	32	2.9
Joe Thompson	11	11-25	44.0	8-10	80.0	10	6-0	30	2.7
Dick Hickerson	10	7-29	24.1	4-10	40.0	34	16-1	18	1.8
Tommy Smith	6	4-14	28.6	3-4	75.0	5	2-0	11	1.8
Bill Duffey	4	2-9	22.2	1-4	100.0	4	3-0	5	1.2
Others dropped		27-67		9-25		42	19-0	63	
Fish Opp.	11	272-753	35.1	142-236	60.2	509	189-7	656	62.3
	11	265-691	38.3	168-248	67.7	497	130-3	693	63.4

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