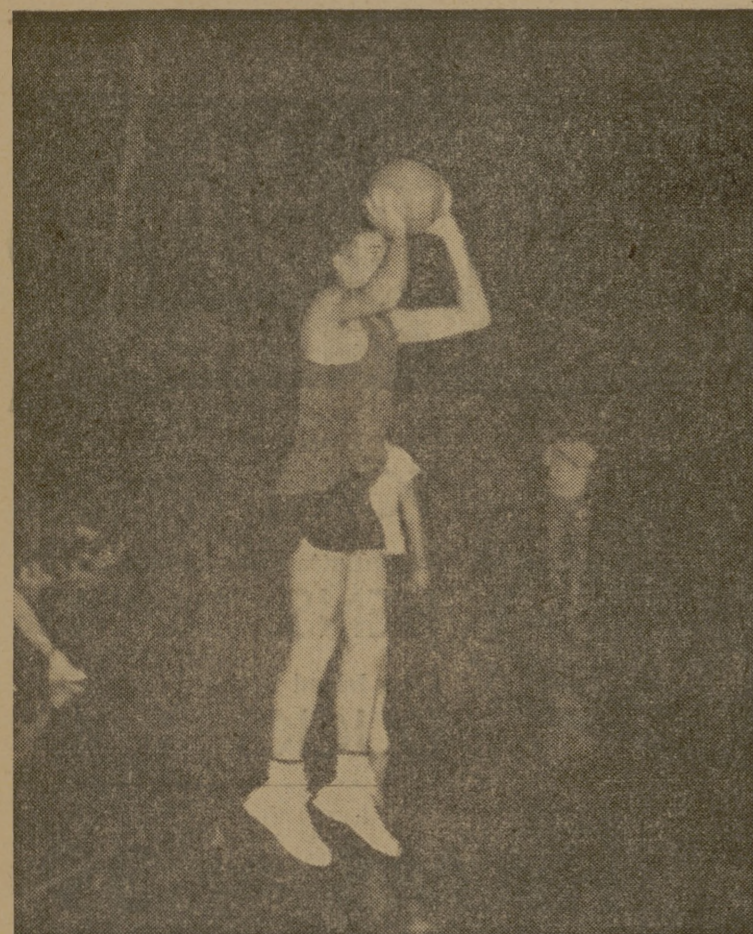


Cagers Must Improve; Bob Rogers Worried

SWC Too Tough; '39 Aggies Tops



Cox Tries for Two

Wilmer Cox, a 6-3 cager from Houston Milby, takes aim at the basket and fires during a practice session in White Coliseum. Cox is a returning letterman and starter from last year's team. The Ags open the season Dec. 1 against Centenary at College Station.

Texas Aggie cagers open the 1959-60 season two weeks from Tuesday, but Coach Bobby Rogers isn't marking the calendar like a boy awaiting Santa Claus. The Farmers open play Dec. 1 against Centenary in College Station.

Rogers definitely is worried over the progress of his club and figures the opening game will come much too soon for the team that is rated high in the Southwest Conference basketball ranks.

"We'll have to show marked improvement in several departments of the game to put a representative club on the floor against Centenary," Rogers said this week. All told the Cadets play four home games at the start of the season before they move onto the road against inter-sectional foes.

"Our rebounding is not as it should be. We're losing the ball too many times and our defense on the post needs improvement," the Aggie coach revealed as he prepares for his third season at Aggie-land.

The return to workout this week of Don Stanley following an operation brightened Rogers' hopes, but the former Kilgore Junior College and Buna star is not expected to be ready for full speed for another month.

Stanley showed great promise of being an important cog in Rogers' basketball machine during the first week of practice before he was shipped off to the hospital for the operation.

Most pleasing factor about the Aggies has been the front line defense composed of Wayne Annett, Wilmer Cox, Elliott Craig, Pat Stanley and Tommy Smith. Annett, Cox and Stanley are junior college transfers while Craig is a junior letterman and Smith a hold-over sophomore. Kelly Chapman of Tyler Junior College and A&M last year has shown improvement on defense, too, but needs much more work.

"Key to our success this season," Rogers figures, "is (Wayne) Lawrence staying healthy. Law-

rence broke an ankle last year, missing the final seven games, and sprained the other one in a workout last week.

Lawrence is the tallest member of the squad at 6-7, while the remainder average out at around 6-3, with the exception of Dave (Bull) Corson. Corson is a 6-6 athlete.

Carroll Broussard, 6-5 sophomore from Port Arthur, is "making" typical sophomore mistakes,

but is much improved on defense," Rogers noted. "Broussard continues to shoot well, but needs more work on his passing which has been erratic," Rogers said.

Broussard was the top freshman player in the league last year and led the Freshman in scoring and rebounding.

"At the present time we feel by no means we know our starting lineup, which means we definitely will play more boys," Rogers said.

SPORT SLANTS

By BOB WEEKLEY

As far as records go in football, the Aggies have posted a dismal record this year. All can be redeemed if they can upset the touted Longhorns Thanksgiving Day.

But whether or not the Farmers win against the Steers, my hat goes off to them for the spirit and aggressiveness they've shown in a losing cause.

They've gone into game after game as underdog, but the fact failed to impress those eleven men out on the field and they played

the game like they were equals, which they certainly turned out to be.

An average team will take whatever fate hands them and still plug along, but a great team like the Aggies field never gives up. . . and they never plod along. It is a tribute to the team and to the coaching staff for the fine showing they have made this season.

We who know those Aggies out there playing Saturday know that for them there is never defeat. The score might read in favor of the other team, but we realize that the Farmers met their opponents with all the strength, skill and ability they could muster and added a fair measure of heart, and the other team went away knowing they had been in a football game.

The Aggies have given a 100 per cent effort in every game. If any team in the nation is capable of giving more, the Aggies will find a way to do it.

Thanksgiving Day may be the Aggies' day to win. It would be a great tribute to those who are playing their last game for the Maroon and White.

Aggie Swimmer Voted All-America

One Aggie swimmer should be getting used to being called an All-American.

The Cadet mentioned is John Harrington, who has been named All-American in the 100 and 200 yard backstroke events.

Harrington is a junior now, but the selection is for his performances last year.

While in high school, Harrington was named All-American three years in a row and probably the only reason he didn't make it as a freshman at A&M was because they don't pick Freshman All-Americans.

INTRAMURALS

The overall intramural standings have been re-tallied and in the class A division, Sq. 1 is riding high with 255 points. Second place is held down by Sq. 8 with 230 points and a tie between Co. B-2 and Sq. 4 holds down the third position with 225 points.

In the class B standings Sq. 11 holds the fort with a booming 311 points. Sq. 10 is second with 290 and Sq. 1 falls third with 277 points.

Class C league leaders is Bizzell with 172½ points. The second place is really in a knot with the Meteors, Hart and Walton all having

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120 points. The points continued to pile up yesterday with a host of games being played in all classes.

Class B basketball winners were Sq. 6, Sq. 10, Co. A-2, Sq. 2, Co. L-2, Sq. 3 and Co. H-2.

In class A-C football Co. E-1 took Co. I-2, Co. G-1 won over Sq. 7 and Puryear beat Leggett in the class C division.

Only one game was played in class A handball when Co. B-2 outscored Co. K-2.

In class A horseshoes Sq. 17 beat Sq. 8, Co. F-1 took Co. B-1, Sq. 11 topped Co. C-1, Co. C-2 beat Co. A-1 and Bizzell won on a forfeit.



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"Yes," said Norton drily, "and that team became the national champion."

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