

# SPORT SLANT S

By BOB WEEKLEY

If there is such a thing as winning a moral victory, the Aggies won one Thanksgiving Day against the Texas Longhorns with the Steers having to come from behind in the final period to pull off the victory.

You can bet that in the years to come this game will be pointed out as what a fired-up team can do if they have the heart and desire to do it with. Our congratulations go out to the football team for the fine showing they made against the Longhorns.

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When Abb Curtis, supervisor of officials of the Southwest Conference, picked his all-time team from the SWC in the Dallas Morning News, he saw fit to have four Aggies on that mythical team.

Martin Ruby, a tackle on the 1943 team that posted a 7-2-1 record, was selected by Martin as a tackle on his team. According to the records, Ruby was neither all-SWC nor a candidate for all-American honors while at A&M.

Joe Rount, a guard on the 1937-36 teams, was picked to side Ruby on the line. Rount was all-American two years at Aggie land and all-SWC twice. Rount was killed in action during WW II.

At quarterback Martin put the great Joel Hunt, the little half-back-quarterback who set more individual records at A&M than any other athlete. Hunt was all-SWC three years in a row.

Martin would have heard screams from all over the Southwest if he

hadn't placed the all-time, all-American John Kimbrough at the fullback slot, which he did. Kimbrough was all-American in 1939-40, the years the Aggies were undefeated and national champions.

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Jimmys Williams '18, was instructed by the Dallas A&M Club to write the following letter to the Aggies football co-captain, with a copy being sent to The Battalion. Since it says and means what all Aggies feel about the squad, we would like to reprint part of this congratulatory letter.

"The Dallas A&M Club this noon by unanimous and enthusiastic vote instructed me to write you fellows to request that you convey to your teammates our immense pride in the whole squad. We share your heartbreak over yesterday's (Thanksgiving Day) final score. It was about like bidding on a million dollar job and losing it by a nickle. But the sturdy fight you put up throughout the season, overcoming the unusual and often material odds, climaxed by the superbly magnificent battle you waged yesterday has made us immeasurably proud of you all."

Space won't allow us to print the remainder of the letter, but it goes on to commend the team for their fine spirit and sportsmanship.

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The A&M-Centenary basketball game tonight will be broadcast on KORA by the Mobile Oil Company and Mobile dealers. Roy Greer will do the announcing.

# Cagers Open Season Tonight Against Lofty Centenary Gents

Coach Bob Rogers' basketball team officially opens the 1959-60 season tonight on the hardwood floors of G. Rollie White Coliseum with high hopes of bringing home the Southwest Conference championship to A&M for the first time in eight years.

Game time tonight is 8 p.m., with Coach Shelby Metcalf's frosh scheduled to play at 6:15 against Tyler Junior College.

Only once in almost three decades of basketball have the Farmers won the championship, and that was a three way tie in 1951 with TCU and Texas, that being the last championship the Longhorns have enjoyed since that date.

Last year the Cadets finished in

a two way tie for fifth with the young Arkansas Razorbacks, but surprised the conference by copping the SWC Tournament. A&M finished the season with their best record since 1951, a 15-9 record.

This year the Ags feature a host of junior college stars, an outstanding sophomore and three top-notch veterans that can play with the best of the conference.

The tentative starting lineup released by Rogers prior to the game tonight has three unfamiliar faces on it to the eyes of most A&M fans, with three Junior College stars getting the starting nod.

Wayne Annett, Pat Stanley and Don Stanley are the three junior college starters, and each of the trio boasts JC all-America tags. The Stanley twins are from Killgore Junior College while Annett is from Paris Junior College.

Carroll Broussard, the top freshman in the conference last year and destined to be one of the outstanding basketball players in the history of A&M, has earned a starting post for tonight's game and rounds out the starting five with Wayne Lawrence.

Lawrence, at 6-7, is the tallest man on the Aggie team, and judging from last year's record he is the key to A&M's success in basketball. The Ag senior was injured midway in the season last year and the Farmers went into a slump from which they never did quite recover.

Wilmer Cox and Kelly Chapman, both starters on last season's team, aren't scheduled for starting roles tonight, but can be counted on to see a lot of action. Cox is a fine shot from outside, and one of the top defensive players on the team. Chapman is a JC all-American from Tyler Junior College. He possesses tremendous spring in his legs, making him a top rebounder.

Tonight's opponents, the Centenary Gents, boasts one of the tallest players the Farmers will meet all year in the person of Jackie Crawford, a native Texas

from Grand Prairie, stands at a lofty 6-9. The Centenary star weighs 220 and is a junior. The Gents feature another tall man in Dale Van Bibber, a 6-6 athlete from Missouri.

The Aggies and Centenary have met 15 times previously since 1926, with the Farmers out front in games won, 12-3. In last year's meeting the Cadets won, 68-57, but the previous year saw the Gents win by almost the identical score, 59-67.

PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

Gents			A&M			
No.	Player	Hgt.	Pos.	No.	Player	Hgt.
5	Billy Eubanks	5-11	G	22	Wayne Annett	6-1/2
25	Larry Greene	5-1	G	54	Carroll Broussard	6-5
43	Jackie Crawford	6-9	C	12	Wayne Lawrence	6-7
11	John Vasilopoulos	6-1	F	32	Pat Stanley	6-3
23	Dale Van Bibber	6-6	F	44	Don Stanley	6-3

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# Freshmen Precede Varsity Tilt Tonight

A speedy Fish basketball team opens against a tough Tyler Junior College team tonight in White Coliseum at 6:15.

Coach Shelby Metcalf said his team isn't as good with their shooting eyes as last year's team and he definitely doesn't have another Carroll Broussard. Outside of Qualls the team is smaller than last year's squad.

Tyler is being substituted this season for the University of Houston freshmen and in all probability will prove to make the season tougher for the Cadets.

Lewis Qualls, Jimmy Cobb, Jim Keller, Charlie Minor and Jerry

Windham are the probable starters for the Fish.

Qualls, seven-foot sensation from Houston Smiley, will start at center. He was probably the most sought after high school basketball player in the nation last year and is the tallest basketball player ever to attend A&M.

Cobb, a 6-0 guard, has been cited by Metcalf as being a very good shot and makes few mistakes. He hails from Buna.

Keller, 6-4 forward from Terrell, made quite a name for himself as a high school football player and is doing a good job for the Fish so far. Keller is fast and according to Metcalf has good potential.

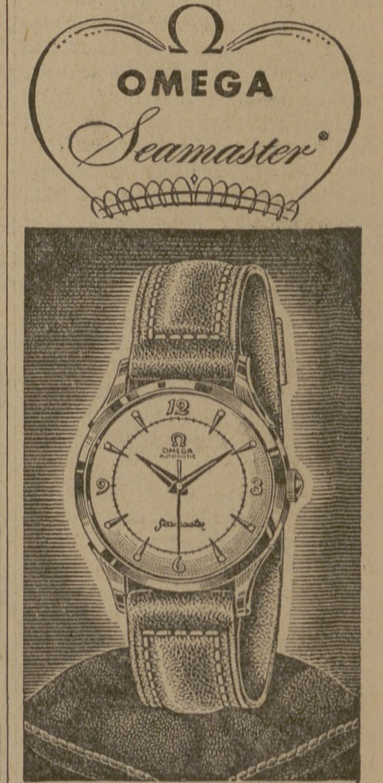
Minor is a 5-11 guard and the shortest man on the Cadet squad. Minor was on the Pampa championship squad in high school and is described by Metcalf as being a good defender as well as being the best dribbler at A&M.

Windham, 6-6 forward from Hamilton, has made the change from high school center to forward.

# Texas Rifle Team Tops Ags for Title

Texas University scored another first as they out shot the Aggie rifle team in a Southwest Inter-collegiate Rifle Conference title match here.

Texas scored 1404 points compared to the 1396 posted by the Cadets.



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# CHS Wins Opener, 57-20; Journey to Hearne Tonight

By RUSSELL BROWN  
CHS Correspondent

The A&M Consolidated Tigers take on their second foe tonight as the Maroon and White quintet journey northward to battle the Hearne Eagles in a non-district clash.

The Bengals, under the mentorship of Coach Jack Churchill, opened their season last Tuesday in Cameron with a sound 57-27 trouncing of the Yoemen. The "B" team came through with a carbon copy 37-20 victory over the Yoemen reserves.

Churchill has installed the tandem post and fast-breaking offenses in the Tiger attack this year and the first tilt proved that the Bengals can move the ball against taller opponents and score while using their tight defense to stymie the opposition.

Coach Churchill plans to go with P. D. Gandy, junior letterman, at guard, junior squadman John Pedigo and senior squadman Kelly Parker at the forwards, and junior squadman Jim Riggs and senior two-letterman Bruce Thompson at the high and low post spot.

Coach Billy Litzmann of the Eagles plans to counter with Howard White, George White, T. O. Wilkins, Jerry Sowman, and Simon Martinez in an attempt to garner their second victory in three starts. The Eagles have downed Mexia 39-32 and have lost to the same Mexia bunch 38-25.

The Tiger "B" quintet will be composed of soph Russell Welch at guard, soph Joe Olian and senior Fred Brison at forwards, and Bob Adams and Harris Marshall at the posts.

Thompson led the Bengals Tuesday night with 13 tallies while Riggs, junior letterman Condy Pugh, senior letterman Virden Smith, and Gandy each tossed eight counters for the Bengals.

Marshall and Adams led the reserves with 12 points each while grabbing off many a rebound for the Tigers.

Friday and Saturday finds the Tigers in the Bryan Tourney before meeting Allen Academy, Hearne, and Pasadena next week.

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