SPORT SLANTS

By BOB WEEKLEY

According to the latest United Press International national basketball rankings, chosen by sports writers all over the nation, the A&M cagers have slipped into the top 20 and are tied for 18th with New York University and Louisville.

It's been a long time, eight years to be exact, when the Aggies last enjoyed the prestige of being chosen one of the top bounce-ball teams in the nation, but the future seems to be bright for the Farmers.

Out of the top eleven on the A&M basketball team, only four are seniors: Wayne Lawrence, Wilmer Cox, Kelly Chapman and Dave Corson.

Of those four, only two have enjoyed starting rolls this year, Lawrence and Chapman, but Cox has played an important part in the team's success, and is seventh in scoring and sixth in rebounding.

The Aggies don't play any of the top ranked teams in regular season play, so there's not much chance of them climbing too high in the rankings, but if they can cop the conference and move into the NCAA playoffs, then their star could rise.

A tip of the old hat to the Aggie basketball team and Coach Bob Rogers.

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Another tip of the old beanie goes to the students at Aggieland for their fine turnout at the basketball performances so far this year, and for the sportsmanship they have displayed.

Of course, White Coliseum holds 8,500 warm bodies, so there's more than enough room to spare for the rest of the student body if they care to come out and back their team.

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Big John David Crow, the all-everything from A&M during the golden years of 1956-57, has been selected on the offensive team of the East Stars for the Pro Bowl.

Crow, along with former Aggies Bobby Conrad, Ken Hall and John Tracey, belong to the Chicago Cardinals, perennial TV stars on the sets in the Bryan-College Station area.

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The Aggies and the Texas Longhorns, enemies of old in the Southwest Conference, top the league in won-loss records in the young basketball season.

Both teams have posted perfect 4-0 records, but the Aggies are winning on a combination of offensive and defensive play while the Steers are simply outscoring their opponents.

Texas is averaging 90 points per game while holding their foes to 68 points, while the Aggies are averaging 80 points per game, but holding their opponents to 44.

Baylor and SMU are tied for third with identical 3-1 records, but the Mustangs tangled last night with Oklahoma and could have pulled away from the Bears.

Arkansas, TCU and Rice are tied for fifth with 2-3 marks, while Texas Tech brings up the rear with a 1-4 record. Arkansas has had a disappointing season so far this year, since they were rated strong contenders in the league race this season.

SMU has faced the toughest schedule so far this year, meeting nationally ranked Iowa and bowing before them, and must face Georgia Tech before the Christmas holidays and the Southwest Conference Tournament.

Texas has their toughest test of the season Friday night when they journey to Oklahoma and their test with Oklahoma City University. The Aggies meet Houston Thursday in Houston in their last game before the Tourney.

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If you noticed the Who's Who list in yesterday's Battalion, you saw two names familiar to all sports fans of the Aggie football team, Charles Milstead and Gale Oliver.

Both are just as outstanding off the gridiron as they are on.

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Quote of the year comes from Maurice Doke, the great University of Texas guard as quoted by Bob Rule in his sports column in the Houston Press.

Doke, in New York for the Look Magazine All-America ceremonies, was asked if school songs, yells, etc. had any effect on his play. Doke said that it difinitely had an effect and it helped the Steers to come from behind on four different occasions to win. Then he added:

"I'll tell you what I like, though. The Aggie War Hymn. No kidding! That's a great song and even playing against Texas A&M, you can appreciate the spirit it generates!"

It sounds good coming from such a great athlete as Doke, an All-American both on the field and off. A tip of The Battalion's hat to Doke and his sincere words.

TCU Eight Point Favorite over Tide

TCU Monday remained an eight-point favorite over Clemson in Saturday's inaugural Bluebonnet Bowl game at Rice Stadium.

The Liberty Bowl between Alabama and Penn State Saturday at Philadelphia is even money, as is the Arkansas-Georgia Tech clash Jan. 2 in the Gator Bowl.

Syracuse Monday remained a 12-½ point pick over Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

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Fish Slated for Two Tough Tilts With Tyler Apaches, Kilgore Rangers

Freshman cagers will hit the road Thursday to tangle with two of the top junior college teams in the nation as they meet Kilgore Rangers and move on to Tyler Friday for a rematch with Tyler Apaches who they defeated 68-54 in the opener.

Tyler was the number one team in pre-season polls and Kilgore was rated number three in the last poll taken.

Coach Shelby Metcalf said that the deciding factor in Thursday's and Friday's game could be that both Kilgore and Tyler have played more games than the Fish.

When the Fish meet Tyler, the Apaches will be playing their ninth game and have posted six wins and two losses so far. The other loss occurred while they were on tour through the states of Alabama, Tennessee, New York, South Carolina, and Mississippi.

Kilgore posts a 5-1 record, their only loss being to the SMU freshmen.

Metcalf said that the one-two positions in the conference would probably be held down by the two teams. He said Tyler had more height, but Kilgore probably has the edge in shooting.

In the opener, two weeks ago, the young Aggies were quite impressive, especially with their defensive tactics. Metcalf said he thought the Fish's defense was the deciding factor in the game with the Apaches.

Charlie Minor, "little man" for the Cadets hit from all over the court to take away top scoring honors with 19 points.

Jerry Windham, a Hamilton product, was second high man with 16 points and Lewis Qualls had 12.

Metcalf praised the work of the Aggies during their last two weeks of idleness. He said they have improved in every respect, but still aren't polished on running patterns. The main cause of the "pattern problem" is because high school teams don't use the pattern too much and the boys are still making the transition, said Metcalf.

The Fish line-up will have Billy Young and Windham at forwards, Minor and Cobb at guards and Qualls will alternate with Lee Walker at the center position.

Kilgore's big man will be Don Johnson who is boasting a 25 point average for the season. Also playing a big role in the Kilgore line-up will be Jack Thompson and Gary Duncan who were starters on last year's team.

Tyler leaders will be Pete Petrou and Bobby Weddle, who both scored in the double figures in the first game with the Cadets.

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Sports Illustrated Picks A&M's Conoley on Anniversary Team

Brig. Gen. Odell Maurice Conoley has been named to the 1959 Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary All-America team.

Gen. Conoley, U.S. Marine Corps, is a 1935 graduate of A&M. He has distinguished himself in the military service of this nation both in times of global conflict and in times of peace.

Coming to A&M as an all-time all-star from Amarillo Hi School, Conoley played four years of football at this college. As a senior guard on the 1934 Texas Aggie starting eleven, he was selected on several "all" teams including honorable mention all-America.

Upon graduation Conoley was selected from the graduates of his class to receive a special commission in the United States Marine Corps. He has chosen to devote his entire career to the Armed Services of the United States.

During World War II, Conoley, then a major, was awarded the Navy Cross during the Battle of Guadalcanal for his "extraordinary herosim and conduct in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services." This decoration came as a result of courageous action and skillful leadership in organizing a group of 90 Marines to blast two hundred Japanese off a ridge they had captured during critical fighting for control of strategic Henderson Field.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel, "Dog Eye" Conoley, as he had been called when a star footballer at A&M, again distinguished himself in the Battle for New Britain. For his conspicuous gallantry he was awarded the Silver Star Medal. The citation commended him for directing and controlling the fire of his battalion so that repeated Japanese day and night attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Since World War II, Conoley has had numerous assignments of responsibility including service with the Plans and Policies Division, Headquarters United States Marine Corps, Washington. Promoted to brigadier general in 1958, he is presently assigned to the Command, United States Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejenue, N. C.

Besides the Navy Cross and Silver Star decorations, Conoley wears the Army Commendation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation with one star, China Service, Pre-Pearl Harbor Ribbon with one star, Southwest Pacific Theater with three stars, American Theater, Japanese Occupation Ribbon and Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

Three other Texans made the Silver Anniversary team, Charles S. Coates of the University of Texas; Gen. Robert Stillman of the U. S. Military Academy and Texas; and E. Davis Wilcox of Georgia Tech and Texas.

All four Texans will receive a trophy in the form of a silver goal post.

Vets Must Sign For Pay by Friday

Students attending A&M under the G.I. Bill must sign up for December pay at the Veterans Adviser's Office in the YMCA Basement by Friday, Bennie A. Zinn, director of the Department of Student Affairs, said today.

These forms have to be in the Veterans Administration Office by Jan. 4, Zinn said.

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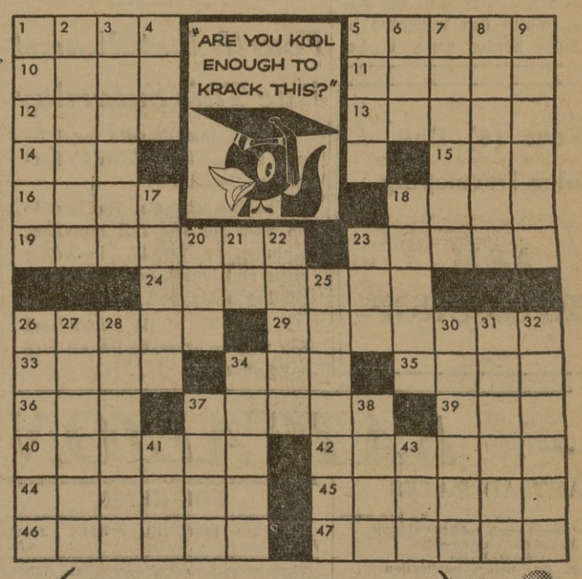
1. What familiarity did to contempt
5. Deckorators
10. Singular jeans
11. Done for, German style
12. Employed
13. When you do it to a girl, it can make you a-jar
14. Smoking Kools is great——
15. Fib's big brother
16. Was really high
18. Handy rebuff
19. Caresses, by crewmen
23. Come up, come all the way up to——
24. The Magic found in 23 Across
26. A nut
29. Always good for a laugh
33. The ardor in melancholia
34. Marilyn's favorite joint
35. Faculty VIP
36. Neither's colleague
37. Thicket, not a suitable hide-out for robbers
39. Small hill dweller
40. Sort of a lemon
42. Deep thought
44. Tristan's girl friend
45. More nervous
46. You can see through 'em
47. Pollsters who work for Gallup

DOWN
1. They take Council in Iowa
2. End product
3. Less of an odd ball
4. Achieved
5. Old card game, with no kitty?
6. Bills in a bunch
7. God, what a man!
8. Boot Hill activity
9. Soaks, in a precipitous way
17. Man's favorite extracurricular study
18. So cool it's frozen
20. Knowledgeable nickname
21. Almost the end
22. Burlesque take-off
23. Diminutive knockouts
25. Devotee of 34 Across?
26. You have it in hand
27. Kay Thompson's little friend
28. What to buy your Kools by
30. Vegetable headgear?
31. Mounted soldier; a kind of cutup
32. Matriculates
34. Rehabilitates blades
37. Morse's secret
38. Earth goddess
41. "Treasure Island" author (abbr.)
43. 60% agent



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Combined Balance Sheet of All Funds
June 30, 1959

Assets	General Funds	Utility Funds	Cemetery Fund	Property General and Debt Fund	Total
Cash for current operations	$ 5,291.69	$ 12,552.89	$ 3,460.54	$	$ 21,305.12
Cash for debt service	1,294.73	26,572.87			27,867.60
Cash for construction and other capital outlay	3,370.33	536.65			3,906.98
Cash for perpetual care fund			748.40		748.40
United States bonds for perpetual care fund			2,756.00		2,756.00
Accounts receivable, less estimated uncollectible accounts	1,530.15	29,148.03			30,678.18
Taxes receivable, less estimated uncollectible taxes	1,682.27				1,682.27
Due from cemetery fund (see contra liability)	9,392.78				9,392.78
Deposit with A. & M. College	100.00				100.00
Inventory of Materials and supplies for current use	462.50	12,473.88			12,936.38
Inventory of construction materials		95.81			95.81
Fixed Assets		742,069.52	11,451.61	188,598.20	942,119.33
Total Assets	$ 23,124.45	$823,449.65	$18,416.55	$188,598.20	$1,053,588.85
Liabilities and Surplus					
Accounts payable	$ 3,362.59	$ 15,023.52	$	$	$ 18,386.11
Income tax withheld from employees	939.20				939.20
Municipal retirement contributions payable	455.35				455.35
Social security taxes payable	1,326.97				1,326.97
Due to general fund (see contra asset)			9,392.78		9,392.78
Customers deposits		11,616.62	670.00		12,286.62
Notes and warrants payable	10,500.00	3,000.00		3,750.00	17,250.00
Bonds payable		468,000.00			468,000.00
Interest payable	1,078.23	5,496.87			6,575.10
Reserve for perpetual care			3,498.40		3,498.40
Total Liabilities	$17,662.34	$503,137.01	$13,561.18	$ 3,750.00	$ 538,110.53
Surplus	5,462.11	320,312.64	4,855.37	184,848.20	515,478.32
Total Liabilities and Surplus	23,124.45	823,449.65	18,416.55	188,598.20	1,053,588.85

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZOS

I, Florence Neelley, being Director of Finance of the City of College Station, solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1959.

Director of Finance

Notary Public, Brazos County, Texas