

SWC Basketball Begins Tonight

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The Southwest Conference basketball race starts moving tonight and there's reason to believe the league will make better than an average showing.

Defending champion Texas should be stronger and certainly it won't lack for height. There are five players soaring 6 feet 7 or better and there are seven returning lettermen.

Texas A&M and Arkansas should be the strongest competition for Texas in its desire to again take the title and thus lengthen its lead in conference basketball history.

Texas has won more championships in the 46 campaigns than any other school. The Longhorns show nine with three ties.

The closest competitor is Arkansas, which has figured in as many championships as Texas although only winning seven out-right. The Razorbacks have tied for five.

Next is Texas Christian with five titles and one tie, followed closely by Southern Methodist with four titles and two ties, Rice three titles and five ties—and the other championship is held by Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma A&M was in the conference in its early years and in 1925 took the championship.

The league has more tall boys this year than ever before. But it's so common for the giants to be playing basketball nobody pays much attention to a fellow these days unless he's seven feet.

Well, the conference has its

first seven-footer plus. He's Lewis Qualls, who towers 7-1 and could make Texas A&M into a champion if he develops properly.

There's some doubt that Qualls will have the proper speed but Doc Hayes, Southern Methodist coach, says it should be no worry. What does a guy that tall need with speed? He can just camp down around the basket and get all the passes that are thrown his way, dropping them through for field goals. Coach Bobby Rogers of Texas A&M doesn't think it's quite that simple, however.

Next tallest youngster in the league is Wayne Clark of Texas, who is 6-11. There are three players 6-9 and a whole raft of "mid-gets" of 6-6.

Buck Shaw Talks Head Off

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Coach Buck Shaw said today he is "talking his head off" in efforts to prevent a letdown by his Philadelphia Eagles, who need only a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday to win their first National Football League Eastern title since 1949.

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SPORTS



Basketball Slate

- Dec. 1 Trinity at San Antonio
 - Dec. 3 Kansas State at Manhattan
 - Dec. 6 Houston at College Station
 - Dec. 9 Centenary at College Station
 - Dec. 15 Oklahoma State at Houston (Coliseum Doubleheader)*
 - Dec. 29 Eastern Kentucky at Lubbock (Doubleheader)*
 - Dec. 30 Air Force Academy at Lubbock (Doubleheader)**
 - Jan. 3 TCU at College Station (SWC)
 - Jan. 7 Baylor at Waco (SWC)
 - Jan. 10 Arkansas at College Station (SWC)
 - Jan. 13 Texas Tech at Lubbock (SWC)
 - Jan. 16 Texas at Austin (SWC)
 - Jan. 19 Houston at Houston
 - Jan. 30 College of Pacific at College Station (SWC)
 - Feb. 4 SMU at College Station (SWC)
 - Feb. 7 Rice at College Station (SWC)
 - Feb. 11 TCU at Fort Worth (SWC)
 - Feb. 14 Texas Tech at College Station (SWC)
 - Feb. 18 Rice at Houston (SWC)
 - Feb. 21 SMU at Dallas (SWC)
 - Feb. 27 Baylor at College Station (SWC)
 - Mar. 2 Arkansas at Fayetteville (SWC)
- *Doubleheader with Univ. of Houston (Switch Opponents)
**Doubleheader with Texas Tech (Switch Opponents)



Shelby Metcalf... Fish Coach

Dallas Texan Coach Will Fine Players With Bad 'Scores'

By The Associated Press

DALLAS—Coach Hank Stram, irate because his Dallas Texans have lost their last two American Football League games, says he will fine \$500 any player "who scores less than 70 per cent in any of our three remaining games."

He also hinted that any player who plays badly in the team's remaining games may not be with the team next season.

The Texans, who had been within striking distance of the championship of the league's Western Division, list to Boston 42-14 and New York 41-35 in its last two games. They play Houston here Sunday.

Stram, who made his remarks to the team in the dressing room before Tuesday's practice session, said 30 per cent of the squad graded below standard in the game with New York.

Punt, Passes, Field Goal Highlight SWC

By The Associated Press

A field goal of 48 yards, a punt of 75 and a passing day of 227 yards highlighted the Southwest Conference football season.

These were among the season highs, which included everything from rushing plays to punts.

Max Webb of Rice kicked the 48-yard field goal. It was only four yards less than the all-time record 52-yarder kicked by Randy Sims of A&M in 1959.

Babe Craig of A&M had the 75-yard kick and Ronnie Stanley of Baylor had the big passing day.

Other highs for the season:

- Most rushing plays—Sam Byer, A&M, 23 for 91 yards.
- Longest scrimmage run—Jerry Cook, Texas, 62 yards.
- Most yards gained rushing—Coolidge Hunt, Texas Tech, 122.
- Most passes thrown—Stanley, 28.
- Most passes completed—Stanley, 13.

Most yards gained total offense — George McKinney, Arkansas, 201.

Longest completed pass play—Stanley to Ronnie Goodwin, Baylor, 62 yards.

Most passes caught—Richard Polson, Texas Tech, and Buddy Iles, Texas Christian, 6.

Most yards on passes caught—Don Waygood, Texas Tech, 90.

Most passes intercepted—Arvie Martin, Texas Christian; Glen Amerson, Texas Tech; Don Waygood, Texas Tech, and Larry Corley, Baylor, 2.

Longest pass interception return—Pat Culpepper, Texas, 73 yards.

Most punt returns—Bake Turner, Texas Tech, 7.

Longest punt return—James Saxton, Texas, 69 yards.

Most kickoff returns—Tommy Brennan and Billy Polk, both Southern Methodist, 4.

Longest kickoff return—Billy Cox, Rice, 52 yards.

Most touchdowns—Ronnie Bull, Baylor, 3.

Most points—Bull, 18.

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Fish Tagged 'Offensive'

By LARRY SMITH

This year's crop of Fish basketballers have been termed a better offensive team than last year and their overall speed is better, even though they are not as good on the boards according to Fish Coach Shelby Metcalf.

Coach Metcalf still doesn't know how his boys will react to the college basketball pressures since they have yet to play a game. This is Metcalf's main worry as the Fish's first game is about one week away.

The eleven man Fish squad is paced by 6-1½ guard Bennie Lennox, a two-time all-stater from Clear Creek. Lennox, who is considered a tremendous shooter and passer, scored more points in high school than Wilt Chamberlain.

Forward Cecil Ferguson, 6-4, 175, from Houston Smiley, if the fastest man on the Fish team. Ferguson is a fine driver and has a good jump shot.

Guard Dave Johnson, 6-1, 165,

from San Antonio Alamo Heights, is the best defensive man on the squad. He also is an outstanding hustler.

Forward Lynn Merritt, 6-5, 180, from Robstown, was a AAA all-stater in high school. Merritt is a good shooter and is the fastest "grunner in the west" according to Coach Metcalf.

Center Bill Robinette, 6-6, 175, from Port Arthur, is a good shooter for his size. Robinette didn't play his senior year due to an injury, but was all-district his junior year.

Guard Chuck McGuire, 6-2, 180, from Dallas Jesuit, was an all-stater in basketball and baseball in high school. He is a good leader and has a good outside shot.

Guard Ray Poncho, 6-0, 173, from Atlanta, was all-district three times in high school. He is a good outside shooter.

Guard Jay Bob Robert, 6-0, 165, from Bryan, is the only hometown boy on the squad.

Guard David Dealy, 6-0, 165, from Houston Austin, is one boy who is improving daily according to Coach Metcalf.

Forward Morris Schaefer, 6-5½, 205, from Fredericksburg, is the biggest boy on the Fish squad and will be needed greatly under the boards.

The Aggie Fish will play their first game here Dec. 9.

Fish Schedule

- Dec. 9 Kilgore Junior College at College Station.
- Jan. 3 TCU at College Station
- Jan. 7 Baylor at Waco
- Jan. 12 Kilgore Junior College at Kilgore.
- Jan. 16 Texas at Austin
- Feb. 4 Tyler Junior College at College Station
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