

Cagers Enter Dangerous Land Of Rice Owls Tomorrow Nite

The Texas Aggie Cagers will enter enemy territory again tomorrow night as they meet the Rice Owls in Houston at 8. As always the case for the Cadets, foreign ground usually presents a dangerous situation. It was only a week ago that the highly favored Aggies were in for a big surprise as they tangled with the supposedly lowly Texas Christian Horned Frogs in Fort Worth. However, last Saturday the Toads weren't as harmless as expected as they swatted A&M, 68-66, in the last six seconds of play.

Spring Training Starts Saturday

Tomorrow at 2:30 some 60-odd football hopefuls will gather on the A&M practice field for their first spring practice session of 1961. The three big problems that hope to be solved by the Cadet coaching staff this spring will be the development of an adequate passing game; solve the quarterback question; and select some overall speed to go with the battering ram fullbacks, Sam Byer of Marlin and Lee Roy Caffey of Thordale. Of the grand total, Aggie coaches will have 29 lettermen to help them solve these three pertinent problems. The Cadets will have 30 days in which to get in the 20 practices allowed. These sessions will include an intrasquad game on the night of Mar. 18. As in the past the teams will be as evenly matched as possible. A&M will be seeking more of a defensive punch to go with the fine defensive record posted last year. And the battle for quarterback is slated to become one of the most fierce in A&M history with five men on tab for that position at present. Place Daryle Keeling of Tyler, Ronnie Brice of Andrews, Jim Linnstaedter of Brenham, Eddie Hall of Dickinson, and John Erickson of Waco all looking for the same job and the race will be off. So far the coaches have given nods to all the candidates for being first team material. Keeling and Brice were starters at various times last season, while

Rice had an almost identical situation Tuesday night as they squeezed out the Bears of Baylor just in the nick of time, 61-58. The winning points were scored in the closing seconds. The outcome of the Baylor-Rice contest indicated that Rice is weakening or Baylor is getting stronger even though the Bears are still looking for a Southwest Conference victory. Going into tonight's game, Carroll Broussard is still the top Cadet as well as tops in the conference with his 23.7 average. Broussard is also the top rebounder with 76. The Stanley Twins are running second and third in scoring with Don taking over second in rebounding with 70, but brother Pat has a slight edge in points with 13.5 compared to a 12 point average for his other half. Although these two boys aren't re-writing any record books, they have proved to be about the most consistent A&M has had this year. What records they haven't set, have been made up for with their hustle and defensive play. Perhaps the most astounding part of A&M's victory over Texas Tech Tuesday was the play of seven-foot Lewis Qualls. He has drawn much praise for his progressiveness and endurance shown in the last game. Qualls is also the fourth high rebounder with 41. Next Tuesday night the Aggies will be on the road again as they meet Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Fish Meet Owlets In Prelim Game

The Aggie Fish will furnish preliminary excitement tomorrow night at 6 as they meet the Rice Owlets for the second time this season. If the game is anything like the game that the Frosh played earlier in the week as they bowed to Tyler, it will be quite a clash to see. Fish Coach Shelby Metcalf is still bragging on his team's performance against the top notch junior college opponent that the Fish lost by an 80-83 score. Besides the fact that Fish Bennie Lenox broke an A&M freshmen scoring record with his 44 points before fouling out, there were many other fine points in the game. The Young Aggies hit 50.8 percent of their shots from the floor which is a respectable average for any winning team. Metcalf also said the freshmen only threw the ball away four times during the game, which showed few mistakes were made. In the Fish's first meeting with the Owlets this year they had a tough time beating them even though the game was played in G. Rollie White.

Two Events Slated For A&M Athletes In Houston Sat.

Texas Aggie athletes will take part in two intercollegiate events in Houston Saturday. Coach Omar Smith's tennis players will open their 1961 schedule with matches against the University of Houston while Coach Bob Rogers' cagers will take on the Rice Owls in a SWC contest at the Rice Gym. Smith has named Richard Halter, a one-lettr junior from Baytown, as his number one player. The number two slot will go to Bill Koch, a senior squadman from Port Arthur.



SPORTS

Prairie View Tops Small College Poll

By The Associated Press
Unbeaten Prairie View pushed its winning streak to 22 games and took over as the new leader in the weekly small colleges basketball poll of Associated Press experts Thursday. The panel of sports writers and sportscasters gave Prairie View 72 points while ending Tennessee State's long run as No. 1. Tennessee State is second, Southern Illinois third, and Mississippi Southern fourth in the revised listings. The leaders with first-place votes and won-loss records thru Feb. 11 in parentheses.

- Top Ten**
1. Prairie View (22-0)
 2. Tennessee State (19-4)
 3. Southern Illinois (18-4)
 4. Miss. Southern (19-1)
 5. Hofstra (15-2)
 6. Grambling (22-4)
 - 7-8. tie Maine (15-3)
 - Northern Michigan (14-1)
 9. Westminster Pa. (13-3)
 10. Kentucky Wesleyan (12-6)

Denton Scores 'Grade A' With Texas Aggie Athletes

A. E. (Buddy) Denton scores "grade A" with Texas Aggie athletes. Denton served for three years in the infantry in World War II, and returned to Aggieland in February, 1946. He graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1948 and secured a masters degree in education in 1949. While working on his masters, Denton was a physical education instructor for A&M. Following a two-year stay with the Holloway Hughes Veterans' Appraisal Service in Houston, Denton came back to College Station where for nine years he was counselor of the basic division. In February, 1960, he went to work as a member of Myers' staff. Denton is extremely fond of his job, and says he believes he is one of only three full-time athletic department counselors on duty in major colleges. The others are at the University of Texas and the University of Kentucky. "A Freshman student has the need of the proper guidance and supervision he can be assured of getting at A&M. We don't 'give' the boy a thing in the way of grades, he has to make it on his own. "However, we furnish all the help he needs and then it is up to the student to take it from there," said Denton. Denton is sold on athletic programs, especially the one at A&M College. "Coach Myers has a well-rounded program—one of the best anywhere. In my opinion athletics have attributed more than any one thing to fitting athletes into student life," said Denton. It is Denton's belief that many football players blossom in the spring, both on the field and in the classroom. "It seems that the two are synonymous. A boy will have a 'hard' year as a Freshman footballer and also score low academically. "However, when the spring semester rolls around, it is surprising the number of boys who make the football team in spring training and also improve their grades," said Denton. The counselor said that at Texas A&M, it is the first responsibility of an athlete to have a sound academic performance. "We stress that the athlete attend class regularly, and study," Denton said.

Another Qualifying Round Completed By A&M Golfers

The Texas A&M golf team has completed another round of their spring qualifying matches. Sunday's rounds brought the total to 144 holes which leaves 72 more before the top six men will be picked. So far Billy Martindale is leading the pack with 583. Ralph Johnston who led in the first rounds of play fell to second place with 588. Still in contention is Harry Hoskins, scoring 617 and Johnny Johnson has 620.

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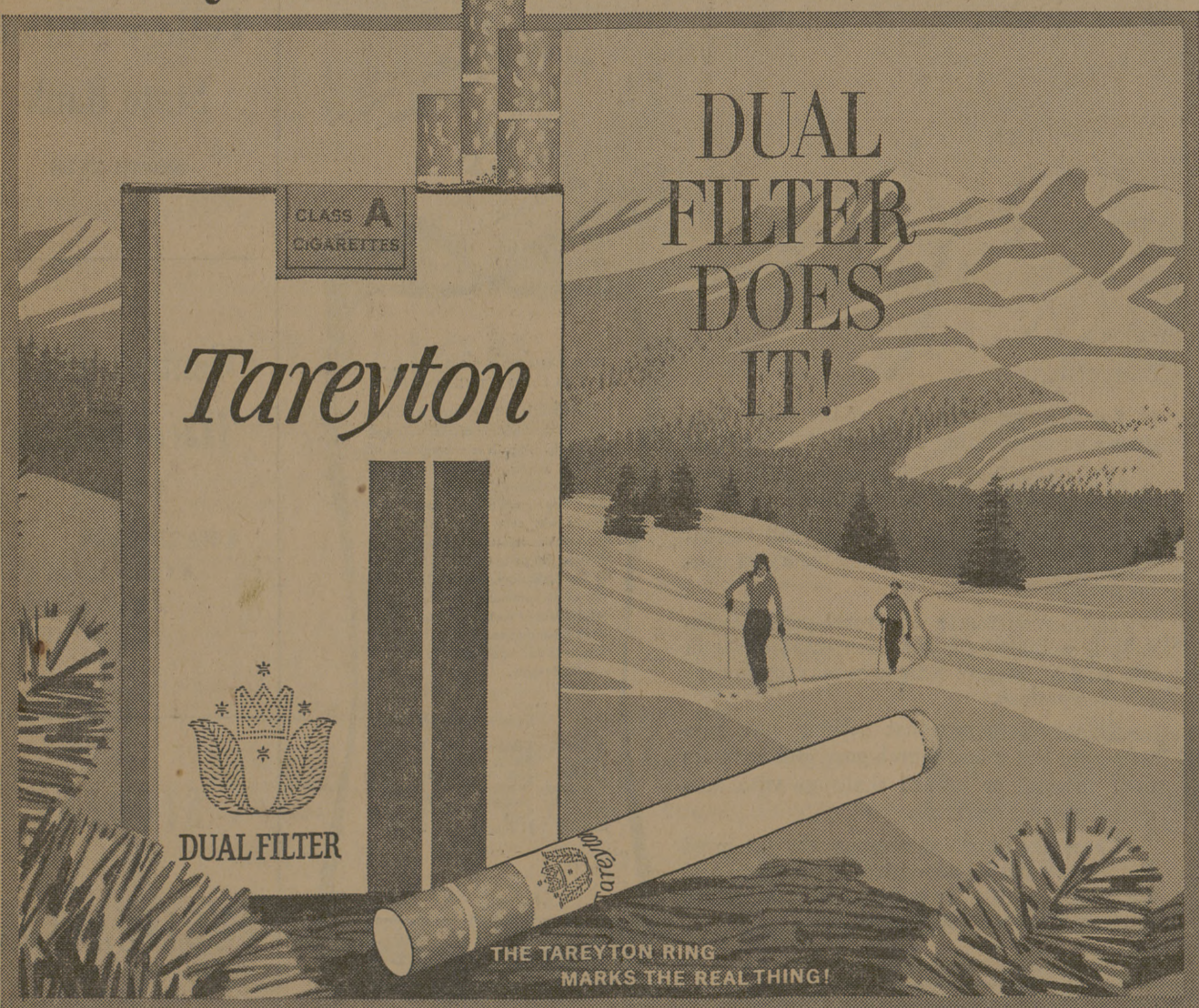
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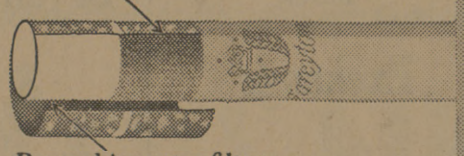
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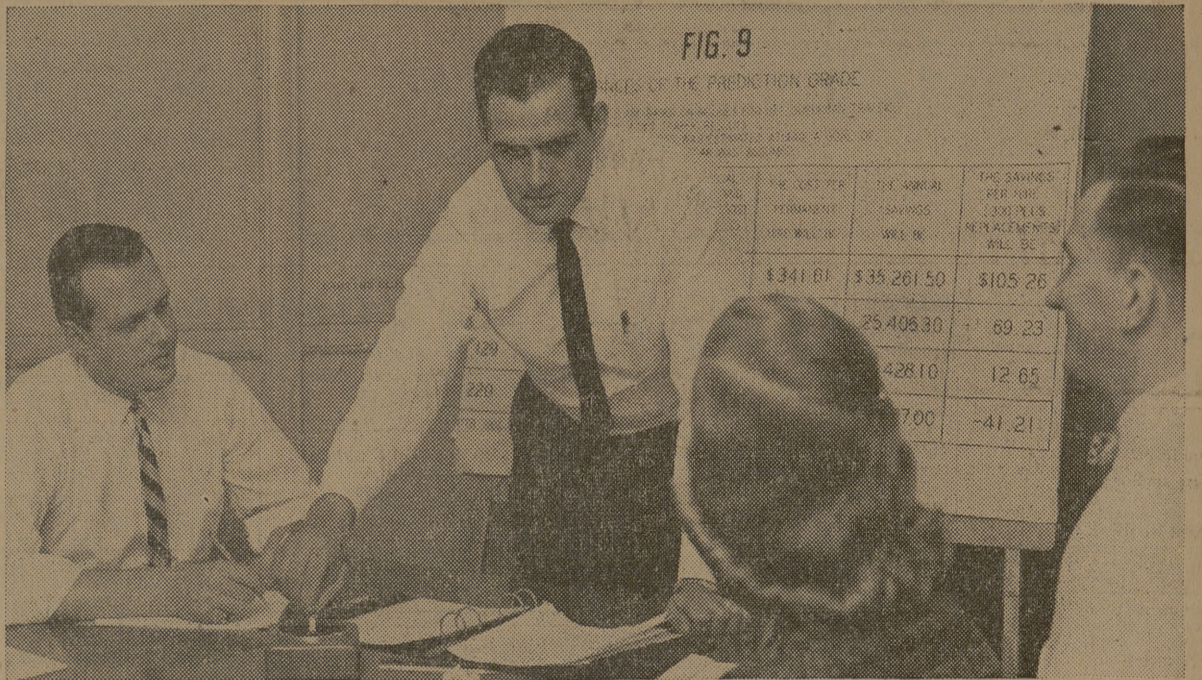
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