

SWC Happy With Prospects For Next Year

Opportunity knocked earlier for prospective college athletes in the Southwest this year, and the youngsters have responded at a rate that has been gratifying and a bit surprising to Southwest Conference officials.

By the adoption of the pre-enrollment application, per an agreement with the University of Texas Interscholastic League, high school athletes are privileged to commit themselves to a specific institution as early as Feb. 1 this year. Prior to this year the youngsters could not sign with any Southwest Conference school until March 15.

"We believe the conference institutions and the high schools will be mutually pleased with this response to the pre-enrollment application," said Howard Grubbs, executive secretary of the conference. "The number of commitments for the first two weeks of the 1961 recruiting period more than doubles that of a corresponding period a year ago."

Eighty-six prospects were signed by the eight Southwest Conference schools during the first two weeks of recruiting, starting Feb. 1. A year ago the same institutions signed only 38 zoys during the comparable span of time.

Dr. H. B. Hardt of Texas Christian University, president of the Southwest Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Assn., concurs with Grubbs on the results of the new program. "This response is mighty encouraging," said Dr. Hardt. "By committing himself this early, the boy is in position to take greater advantage of his academic opportunities for the remainder of the school year. We firmly believe this is a better system than any we have had."

Also concerned with the advantages the new plan offers the boy, Grubbs said, "we believe the boy, the school officials and the parents will benefit from this new development."

The high school athletes who have completed their eligibility can sign a statement of financial aid at this time. This document is separate and apart from the pre-enrollment application. The figures revealed by the conference office involves only those who have signed the pre-enrollment application.

Prospective athletes have been committing themselves to Southwest Conference schools since the adoption of a letter-of-intent in 1953. The first signing date that year and for the next two years was Apr. 15. The signing date was advanced to Apr. 1 in 1956 and to Mar. 15 in 1958, which was the prevailing starting date until the pre-enrollment application was adopted by the conference at its December meeting.

In 1953, when the starting date was ten weeks later than this year, a total of 44 boys were signed by seven schools (Texas Tech was not a member) in the first two weeks.

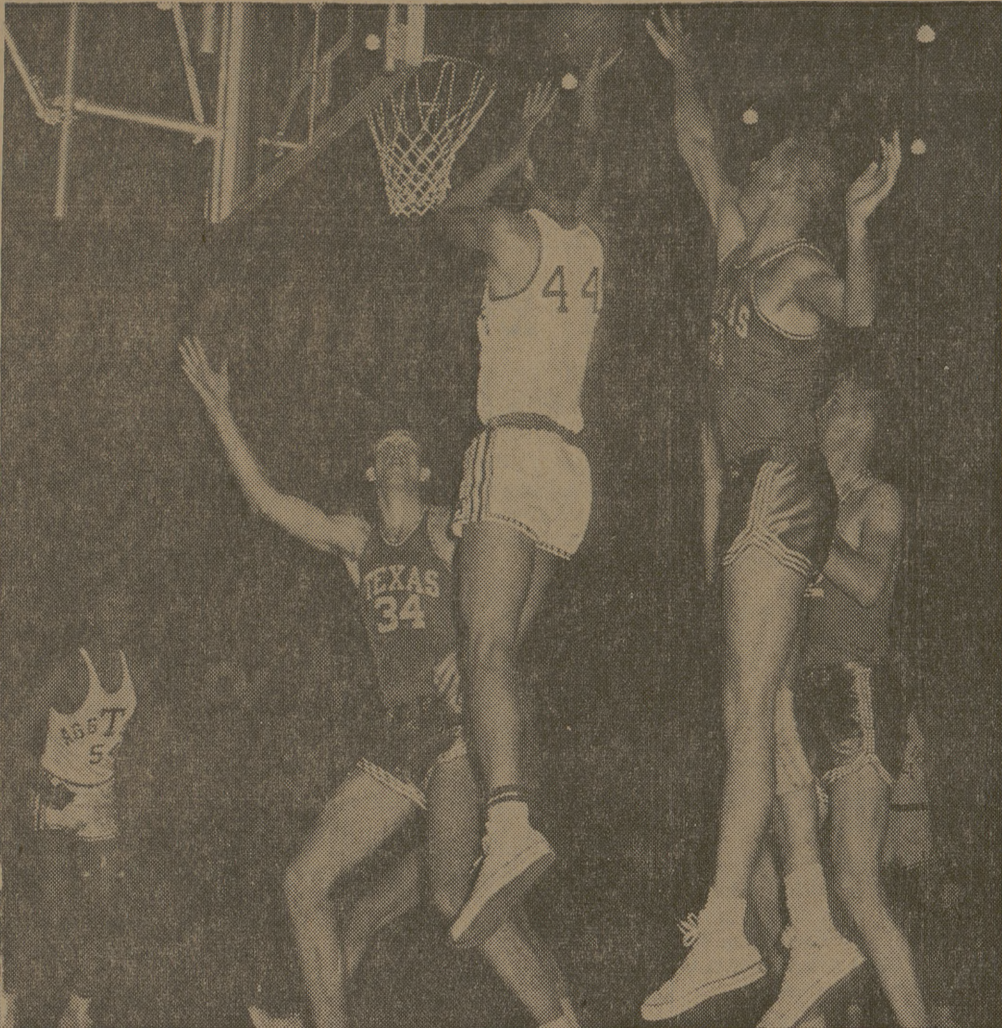
A&M Meets Rice For Next Six Years In Houston Stadium

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Look Out Sips!

Here comes Cecil (Ferguson) down the line with a jump shot. Trying vainly to block the shot is Texas Freshman, Dale West (21) and Joe Fisher (34). This action took place Friday night in G. Rollie White as the Fish topped Texas Freshmen for the second time this season.

Brownsboro, Buna Victors In Region III Tournament

Brownsboro and Buna took Class A and Class AA titles in the Region III basketball tournament held Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum, Brownsboro defeating Fairfield 68-67 and Buna defeating Madisonville, 48-43.

The victories earned both teams a place in the state high school tournament which will be held in Austin this weekend.

Jerry Harris' driving layup with 16 seconds left won the Class A championship for Brownsboro. The score came on an intercepted pass, only four seconds after Bobby Dike had stolen another pass and scored to bring Brownsboro within one point of Fairfield.

After breaking a 40-40 first half deadlock, Fairfield took a four-point lead which they maintained throughout most of the second half. The shooting of Johnny Cole, who hit 21 points, kept Fairfield

ahead until the final seconds, when Brownsboro's whirlwind attack snatched victory from defeat.

Buna's ball-control paid off with state tournament dividends, as they hit six of eight free throws in the last minute and 54 seconds. The free throws broke a 42-42 tie and ended a last period Madisonville surge that had overcome an 11 point deficit.

Both teams were evenly matched, utilizing speed and an aggressive defense throughout the game. But with two minutes left Buna went into a stall, trying to control the ball for a final score. They didn't get the score, but Madisonville's desperate attempts to steal the ball gave Buna six free throws and the ballgame.

Madisonville and Buna had easy victories in semi-final games. The Mustangs poured in 37 points in the final half of their game against Brady to win 60-38. Brady

managed only 13 points in the second half. Buna's Cougars used reserves to down Taylor 64-23, after leading at the half, 32-9.

Brownsboro raced past Moulton, 79-63, in a high-scoring Class A game to open the tournament's semi-final play. In the other Class A semi-final, Fairfield edged past Cushing, 66-57, behind a 32 point scoring splurge by Johnny Cole.

Dennis Brand of Brownsboro was named the tournament's outstanding player as he scored 55 points, 29 coming in the final game against Fairfield.

Tommy Poe, Madisonville, was named the outstanding player for Class AA, as he scored 30 points, 13 of them in the losing cause against Buna.

Fish Finish Year With 79-70 Win

By LARRY SMITH

The Aggie Fish Cagers rounded out their season last night in G. Rollie White Coliseum as they rolled past the Baylor Cubs, 79-70.

Earlier in the season the Fish were the victors in Waco, 75-63.

This finishes the Fish's basketball season with a very respectable 9-3 record.

Once again forward Bennie Lenox was top scorer of the game with 29 points but he had considerable help from sharp-eyed Bill Robinette who collected 22 points. Robinette hit a red-hot 11 out of 16 attempts from the floor.

The slick ball handling of Dave Johnson was an important point in the Cub game as he amazed the crowd with beautiful passes and spectacular drives, plus scoring 12 points.

Jumping off to a quick lead, the Fish never trailed and the closest the Cubs could come to the Fish was four points.

High Cub

High man for the Cubs was Ronnie Phelps with 17 points. He was followed closely by Herbert Barritt with 16 points and Spencer Carlson and Jerry Broom with 14 each.

On the game's percentages, the Fish hit on 29 out of 61 field goal attempts for 47.5 per cent while the Cubs dropped in 31 out of 65 for 47.7 per cent. Even though the Cubs edged the Fish in field goals, the Fish collected 21 points from the free throw line while Baylor was only getting eight.

In their "weak department"—rebouncing—the Fish displayed again that the taller men do not always get the most rebounds as they out-scraped the taller Cubs and grabbed 42 to 39 for Baylor.

Friday Night

Last Friday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum, the Fish raced past the Texas Shorthorns for the second time this year and Bennie

BOX SCORE		FG	FT	REB	TP
BAYLOR (70)					
Barritt	7	2	11	16	
Carlson	6	2	7	14	
Wolfe	4	1	4	9	
Broom	6	2	10	14	
Grimes	0	0	1	0	
Phelps	8	1	3	17	
Team rebounds	3				
TOTALS					
	31	8	39	70	
A&M (79)					
Robinette	11	0	15	22	
Lenox	7	15	8	29	
Merritt	2	0	4	4	
Johnson	3	6	6	12	
Ferguson	4	0	3	8	
Robert	0	0	0	0	
Dealy	0	0	0	0	
Poncho	0	0	0	0	
McGuire	2	0	2	4	
Team rebounds	9				
TOTALS					
	29	31	42	79	

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"As you know," he from County Chaptel Foundation an March of Dimes have progress; therefore, loc exclusively for p The chapter meetin at 7:30 p.m. in the hall building.

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Now Open

Applications for t Student Conference Affairs opened today in the Office, Memo Center, and will last t Monday.

All persons interest members of SCOA to sign up at this offi during the day until ending to Reid Arms man of SCONA VII.

The Student Confer Affairs is a p which provides opp outstanding students United States, Canada meet in discussio ment speakers ho most positions in inte nations and diplomac Armstrong and T chairman of the Beaufort on last night, tell leading the meeting ofence, its nature, and goals.

Kiwanis C
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The College Sta Fish yesterday hon of College Stati ing him a pin for 16 attendance. Sorrels member of the Colle Kiwanis and is a past of Division IX of the Home District of Ki "Mr. Kiwanis," as in this area, is a p research engineer at Bay Wingren and ing also have outst records in the e ren was recognize and Manning for 12 feet attendance at

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