

Gerald Woodard

A 6-3 junior from Dry Prong, La., the third leading Aggie scorer came this season as a transfer from Kilgore Junior College. Woodard has scored 151 points in the season so far and has an overall norm of 10.1. He has hit 26 counters in league competition for a 5.2 average. Woodard came into his own again against Houston last week with 17 points in a second-half surge.

Dream Vaulting Competition May Be Foiled By Conflict

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The dream pole vault competition, bringing together all eight members of the exclusive 16-foot club, may be foiled later this month by the still unsettled track and field war.

The Amateur Athletic Union announced Monday that seven of the eight men who have attained that astronomical height, including the fabulous, Finn Pentti Nikula, are expected to shoot at the 17-foot mark in the National AAU Indoor Championships at Madison Square Garden Feb. 23.

THE ABSENTEE may be C. K. Yang, the Nationalist Chinese star from UCLA whose 16 feet 3 3/4 inches is second only to Nikula's amazing 16-8 3/4, recorded last Saturday in the remote village of

Pajulahti, Finland.

"We have sent an invitation to Yang, but haven't received a reply," said Col. Don Hull, executive director of the AAU.

Hull said the other seven had indicated they would be on hand and he predicted: "We may get the 17-foot vault in this meet."

UCLA, meanwhile, announced that Yang would not be permitted to compete in the National Indoor unless the AAU sought sanction from the rival U. S. Track and Field Federation. The AAU has no intention of doing this.

THE QUESTION of dual sanctions is a sore point with the AAU and USTFF. Failure to see eye-to-eye on this point has caused a continuation of the track and field war which Gen. Douglas Mac-

Arthur thought he had settled.

"We still hope Yang will be permitted to compete," Hull said. "It is inconceivable to us that he would be held out of such an important meet, particularly in view of our agreement in the MacArthur meetings that all suspensions and restrictions against athletes would be lifted."

TOM HAMILTON, executive of the Big Six Conference which includes UCLA and other major Pacific Coast universities, announced last week that his conference had never rescinded its rule barring competition in meets without USTFF sanction.

The other members of the 16-foot club are Dave Tork 16-2 1/4, Don Myers 16-1 1/2, John Uelses 16-1, John Belitza 16-1, Ron Morris 16-1 and Rolando Cruz 16-1 1/4.

Cadets Face Texas At 8 p.m.

A big chapter in the 1962-63 Southwest Conference basketball tale will probably be written in G. Rollie White Coliseum Tuesday night. The Aggies face league-leading Texas at 8 p.m. and, to put mildly, this is the big one.

The Cadets will be going for their 31st straight victory on the home court. To get it, they'll have to knock off the lads from Austin who have a 5-0 SWC record.

For the season, the Ags and Steers are 10-5 each.

If you look at the impressive statistics that pour each week from the conference record keepers, Texas' only claim to individual fame is 5-9 guard Jimmy Gilbert, who has

managed to make the top scorers list.

Gilbert's 13.8 points per game leave him three slots below A&M's Bennie Lenox, who has a 17.0 norm, but apparently the Steers aren't too interested in fielding a group of standouts.

Unfortunately, they just like to win games, especially against league foes. It's unlikely that they will change that policy when they come to Aggieland.

Along with Gilbert, Coach Harold Bradley is expected to start 6-1 guard Mike Humphrey; forwards Joe Fisher and Joe Franks, 6-7 and 6-5 respectively; and 6-8 center Mike Humphrey.

Aggie mentor Bob Rogers points out that Texas fields such a strong team that they can run a relatively simple offense. Simple, yes, but rather devastating.

Rogers looks for a switching man-for-man defense.

Probably the main secret to the Steers' success is their awesome depth in height and ability. Guys like John Fultz, Jack Dugan and John Heller give Bradley a bench that most coaches would be starting.

The Cadets will have their backs to the conference wall. For all practical purposes, a loss Tuesday night will cancel theirs and

the chances of any other team to catch Texas in a SWC that is past the half-way point. Shelby Metcalf's Fish will kick off the festivities the Shorthorns at 6 p.m.

Hogs Steal 66-55 Win As Ag Shooting Goes Stale

The normally dead-eye field-goal shooting Cadets suddenly went stale as a week-old cake Saturday afternoon and dropped a crucial Southwest Conference game to a pack of comeback-hungry Arkansas Razorbacks, 66-55, in Fayetteville.

Aggie mentor Bob Rogers said Sunday that it was not what he considers a good basketball game. He pointed out that neither team played very well.

"But they played well enough to beat us, and that's what counts in the end," he told a television audience.

Whether it was the unfamiliar time of the day (2 p.m.), Barnhill Fieldhouse, or just one of those proverbial bad days doesn't bear worrying about now. The fact remains that the Ags were knocked down into a tie for second place in the SWC with Arkansas and Rice, while the carefree Texas Longhorns kept their league record and lead unblemished by trouncing TCU, 73-56, that same day.

SWC's second leading scorer Tommy Boyer and suprising team-

mate Larry Wofford dealt most of the misery to the Aggies. Boyer was expected to be tough, especially on free throws, since he is second nationally over the season in that department. But he came through with some devastating field goal shooting, including five outside shots.

Boyer had 24 points to lead everybody on eight from the floor and eight of 10 at the charity line.

Wofford, the lad Rogers called "the most improved player in the conference," racked up 17 counters against A&M. He hurt the Cadets badly from the outside, hitting seven field goals and three of five free tosses.

It seemed like the Ags could never get started and when they did start a late bid, quick Skippy Coffman, a senior guard, connected on a layup and a free throw. Then he stole a pass and gave the ball to Wofford under the bucket for two more with about one minute left.

Bennie Lenox was held to a pair of field goals. He hit 10 of a 13 gratis shots to make it all add to 14 and high mark for the Ags.

Consistent Jerry Windham had five from the floor and three of five free throws.

The hapless Cadets got a meager 27 per cent in the field goal department with 15 of 55 attempts. They hit on 25 of 32 free tosses for 78 per cent. The Hogs had 25 of 56 from the floor for 45 per cent accuracy. They hit 73 per cent of their free throws.

Rogers said he had trouble matching Glen Rose's lads size for size. The Razorbacks started four lads who stood 6-6. Boyer was tough in the early stages of the game because the Ags didn't have a man tall enough on him.

More of the story is told when we see that the Aggies' usual rebounding prowess was almost matched. The Ags took of 43 and Arkansas grabbed 40.

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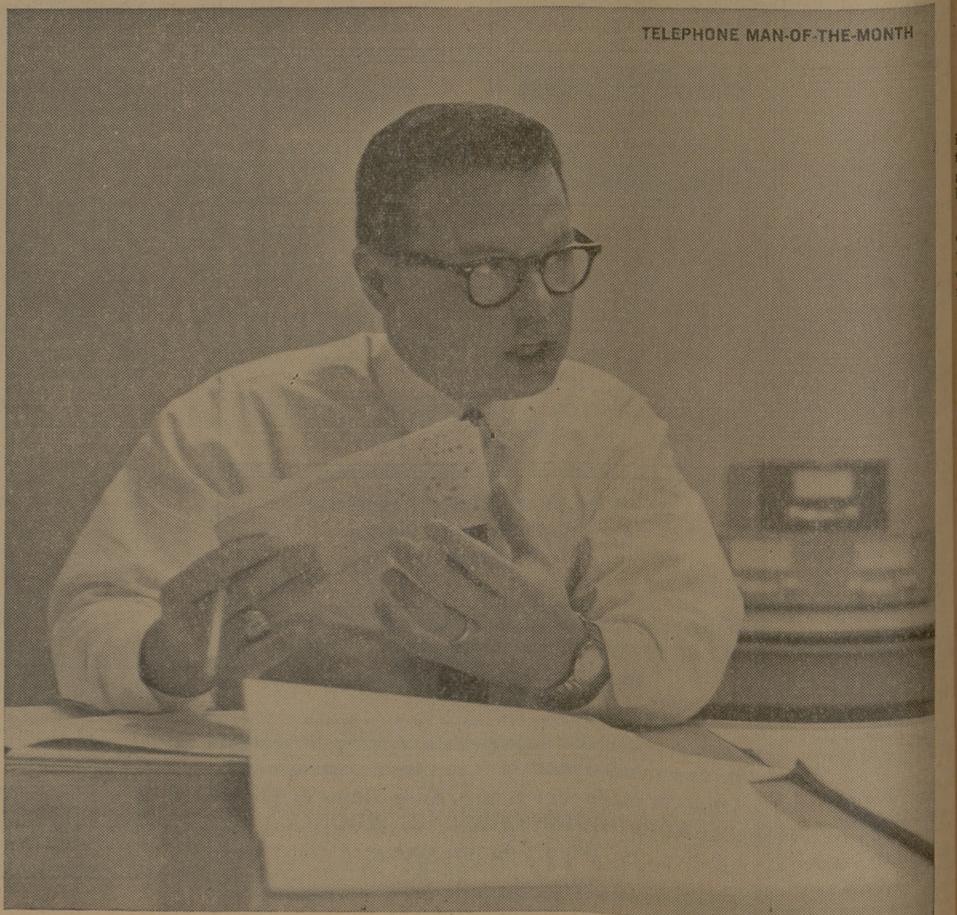
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