

# Aggies Travel To Seguin For 2nd Tilt With Bulldogs

Baseball weather has finally encompassed Aggieland two weeks behind schedule, but Coach Tom Chandler is willing to forgive its tardiness if it will stay about two months.

"I wouldn't exactly blame the weather for our slow start," Chandler said, "but it hasn't helped any."

The Cadets have won two while dropping three with only one game remaining before Southwest Conference action begins.

"I'm hoping a poor beginning will mean a good end," Chandler commented.

The Aggie nine travels to Seguin Thursday for a rematch with the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs. Texas Lutheran beat the Maroon 6-3 in A&M's second game.

The batting order for the diamonds will be Neil Thompson, centerfield; Bill Grochett, second base; Robert McAdams, right field; DeWayne Stewart, first base; Bill Hancock, catcher; Lance

Cobb, left field; Jerry Ballard, shortstop; Mike McClure, third base; and John Crain, pitcher.

Three Aggies have been on the red cross unit. Cobb is returning to the lineup after being out with a sore arm. Sophomore outfielder Allen Koonce will be out of action for about three weeks with a spike wound while infielder Billy Crain is out a week with a twisted ankle.

The freshmen baseballers open their play Thursday afternoon against Allen Academy in Bryan.

SWC play starts for the varsity Saturday when they host Southern Methodist in Bryan's Travis Park. Chandler feels the Aggies have a good chance of winning the crown. "TCU and Texas are definitely the teams to beat."

## Adamson's Squad Seeks SWC Title

Coach Art Adamson's swimming team carries its title aspirations to Lubbock today in quest of the Southwest Conference championship. The swimming events will conclude with the final matches Saturday.

Aggie hopes for honors hinge on the performances of Scott Beckwith, Frank Berngen, Mike Offner, and Paul Ouellette. Against Texas University two weeks ago, Ouellette won the 500-yd. freestyle in 6:18.4.

Beckwith, a 6-2, 175-pounder hails from California and is the team captain with three years experience on the water polo and swimming teams.

Sophomores will figure prominently in this year's meet and could be the chief link to a possible championship. In his second year at Aggieland, Frank Berngen has done very well in the sprint and freestyle events. Joining Berngen in the sophomore ranks are Ouellette and Offner.

Ouellette specializes in the freestyle event while Offner prefers in the breaststroke division.

Featured Aggies in the diving events will be Burt Griffey, Gary Harvison, Mike Palmer, James Sedberry, and Lance Sindo. All are juniors except Harvison who is a sophomore. Swimming in the butterfly division are Carl Contella, James Hooton, and Tom McMillien.

After the Aggies conclude the championship match in Lubbock, they will set sights on the NCAA championship events in New Haven, Conn.

## Smith Optimistic Over Ag Chances For Tennis Crown

By RAUL CONTRERAS Special Writer

Omar Smith, coach of the A&M tennis team, enjoys his work so much that he makes a hobby out of it.

SMITH HAS been a lover of tennis and a student of the game most of his life.

He started coaching at A&M in 1959. "I enjoy coaching especially because of my association with the fine athletes I have." For this coming season he has a strong tennis program. In fact, he said A&M should be in contention for the conference title this year.

SMITH WAS BORN in Sioux City, Iowa. He studied at Harlandale High School in San Antonio and attended A&M in 1937, getting his degree in the school of business administration. He worked in the General Motors Company as an accountant for one year. After this he became a District Boy Scout Executive at Sam Houston Area Council for three years.

The World War came and he served in the Air Force in Okinawa. Three years after he went into business for himself and became the owner and operator of 10 Dairy Queen stores here in Texas.

Today he is the past president of the State Dairy Queen Trade Association, and presently is on the board of directors. He will be the president of the Lions Club of 1964-65.

## Netters Jaunt To Louisiana For Matches

Coach Omar Smith's netters invade Louisiana this weekend with stops in Baton Rouge and Lafayette Friday and Saturday respectively. The Bengal Tiger tennis squad of LSU furnishes the opposition Friday while Southwestern La. hosts the Aggies Saturday.

Carrying a 2-2 record into the contest, the Aggies hope to come home with a 4-2 slate. They started off on a winning trek when they tripped the University of Houston and St. Edward's of Austin. Last Friday the Aggies suffered their first tennis loss as they were bested by Corpus Christi University, 6-1. Then, the highly regarded Trinity netters whitewashed them, 6-0.

Luis Rojas will lead the Aggie netters and will be backed up by good support from Raul Contreras, Richard Barker, Bill O'Bryant, Bobby Neal, and Albert Aldrich. Rojas teamed up with Contreras to defeat St. Edward's. In that match, Rojas lost to his brother, Luis a St. Ed's star.

## NCAA Cagers Move Toward Semifinal Play

By The Associated Press

Seven new teams come into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament Friday. They'll join the nine first-round winners in a two-night showdown at four locations which will trim the field to four for the semifinals and finals at Kansas City a week later.

THE NEWCOMERS, each the champion or co-champion of a major conference, include the first five in the final Associated Press national rankings. Two others of the Top Ten came through the first round successfully and one was eliminated.

The leader, UCLA, is the first team to come into the NCAA tournament undefeated since 1961. The Bruins won 26 straight during the regular season.

In addition to UCLA, the teams that drew byes through the first round were Michigan, No. 2; Duke, No. 3; Kentucky, No. 4; Wichita, No. 5; Kansas State and San Francisco.

DEFENDING CHAMPION Loyola of Chicago, No. 8, and Villanova, No. 7, were among the first-round winners. Other winners were Princeton, Connecticut, Ohio University, Texas Western, Creighton, Utah State and Seattle, winner over the No. 6 team, Oregon State.

Here's how they'll pair off for Friday's games:

- At Raleigh, N. C.—Duke vs. Villanova and Princeton vs. Connecticut.
- At Minneapolis—Michigan vs. Loyola and Kentucky vs. Ohio U.
- At Wichita, Kan.—Wichita vs. Creighton and Kansas State vs. Texas Western.
- At Corvallis, Ore.—San Francisco vs. Utah State and UCLA vs. Seattle.

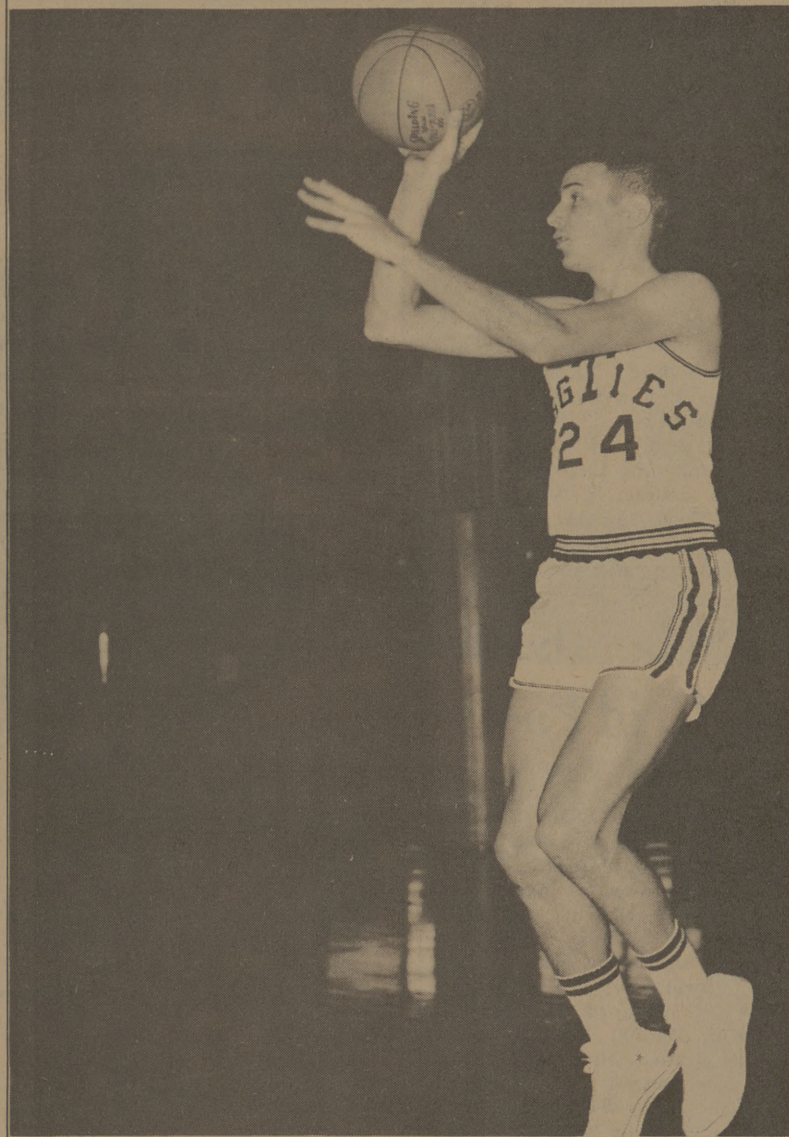
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ANOTHER OLYMPIAN? Bennie Lenox heads for Olympic tryouts late in March.

FROM THE *Sidelines*  
By JIM BUTLER

Late Monday night, or rather very, very early Tuesday morning in Dallas' Holiday Inn, Bennie Lenox relaxed on his bed, managed to smile and said, "Now I can take it easy."

After leading a fine Aggie basketball team to its first conference title in 41 years and finally bowing out with a tremendous performance against Texas Western in the regional playoffs, Lenox deserved a rest.

But the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the United States Olympic Basketball Committee had other plans for the Aggie sharpshooter.

Benno was handed an invitation to the Olympic Trials and a notice that his rest period would end March 23. That is the day he will report to the Memorial Coliseum on the University of Kentucky campus where the tryouts will begin.

While sharing the floor with the 30 best collegiate basketball players, Lenox will be under the tutelage of a former coach of a former coach.

Oklahoma State's Hank Iba is the Olympic Coach. Iba coached last season's Aggie coach Bob Rogers in college.

The 30 players will be divided into three teams known as the Red, White and Blue. Each team will practice and play as a unit during the first week's preparation period.

The three squads will be joined by the NCAA champions following the national tournament in Kansas City.

Each squad will compete in two exhibition games with the funds going to defray the living and traveling expenses of the players.

On March 29, the squads will be re-grouped into two 12-man all-star teams with the six remaining stars being added to the NCAA title lists.

The teams will then travel to St. John's University in New York for the final trial period. Each team will play three games and the final selection of the Olympic team will be made April 4.

It's obvious that Lenox won't get much rest in Kentucky and will have his work cut out for him. Good luck Benno.

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