

FROM THE  
*Sidelines*

By BOB SPIVEY

The 1964 football season is over at A&M. The Ags had a lot worse record than they deserved. Breaks and a few bad mistakes threw a kink in the senior revolution.

With the passing of football let's turn our attention to basketball.

The Aggie roundballers under the then new coach, Shelby Metcalf, were the Cinderella team of the Southwest Conference last season, capturing the crown with an excellent 13-1 mark after having been picked to come in next to last.

The Aggies lost only two starters off of the championship squad. They were Bennie Lenox and Bill Robinette.

Three returning lettermen, Paul Timmins, guard, John Beasley, center, and forward Bill Gasway will make up the nucleus of the '64 edition.

Five other returning lettermen will be trying to win a spot on Metcalf's starting squad. They are Billy Atkinson, Dick Stringfellow, John Reynolds, Ken Norman and Tim Timmerman.

The Ags will probably be a little hampered after losing the services of Bennie Lenox, who set a new school, SWC and Tourney mark with 53 points against Wyoming in the All-College meet at Oklahoma City.

Beasley may well be the greatest player ever to pick up a basketball at A&M. The 6-9 junior was "Sophomore of the Year" in the SWC last year and was named to the All-Southwest Conference team. He set a new school record in rebounding but is just as good popping the net as he is pulling them down off of the boards.

The courtmen were fortunate to win the SWC the first year that Metcalf took hold of the helm. Texas Tech is picked to win this year with Texas coming in second and A&M and SMU battling it out for the third slot, but these before season picks are not too reliable as A&M fooled the experts last year and will try to do it again this year.

The Aggies had a 18-7 record over all last year. Only the highly touted Texas Tech Red Raiders were able to drop them in conference competition.

The Ags dropped their opening game to Memphis State Monday. This was the first competition for the '64 courtmen. They do not seem to be working together as much as the Ags of last year, but with the opening game under their belt they will settle down and play ball as they are capable.

The freshmen squad looks promising under the leadership of Jim Culpepper, the new coach. Culpepper took over Archie Porter's duties when Porter was appointed head coach at Sam Houston State last summer.

The Fish squad contains four Schoolboy All-Americans, Jimmie Dale Lennox of League City, Terry Trippet of Odessa, Max Mainord of Greenville, and Kent Andrews of Dry Creek, La.

Culpepper feels that the talent is so evenly distributed that he might end up platooning.

Mike Mistovich, owner of KORA Radio, Bryan, again will be on courtside whenever the Aggies play.

The Fish football team, despite their record, may have come up with some fine players for Coach Hank Foldberg's varsity next year. Tackle Howard Van Loon showed a lot of spunk in the freshman outings.



SHELBY METCALF  
... sends charges against Mississippi Southern Thursday.

**Ags Go For First Cage Win  
Against Southerners Tonight**

The Aggies go after their first win of the fledgling 1964 campaign as they take on the University of Southern Mississippi at 8 p.m. Thursday in Hattiesburg.

Both teams will be seeking their first win of the season after suffering opening-game setbacks. The Aggies lost to Memphis State Tuesday, 82-73, while the Southerners were beaten by Lamar Tech, 91-85.

Coach Shelby Metcalf will go with the same lineups as the Memphis State game — John Beasley at center, Ken Norman and Bill Gasway, forwards, and Dick Stringfellow and Paul Timmins at the guards. However, Stringfellow and Gasway are battling the flu and are expected to see only limited action.

Big man for the Southerners is Garry Hannan, a 6'6" forward who connected for 28 points against Lamar Tech.

Aggie hopes will again ride with Beasley, 6'9" postman who led Aggie scorers in the Memphis State game with 18 points.

The Aggies return for their home opener Saturday against the Arlington State Rebels.

The Southern Mississippi clash will be broadcast on KORA beginning at 8 p.m.

**PRICE WAR CONTINUES**

**Elkins Signs With Oilers  
For Estimated \$100,000**

By The Associated Press  
The American Football League pulled even with the National League Wednesday in the battle for competitive first round draft choices when the Houston Oilers signed the AFL's No. 1 selection—Baylor pass-catching whiz Larry Elkins.

The Oilers, signing their No. 1 draft choice for the fifth time in six years, thus whipped the Green Bay Packers of the NFL in the battle for Elkins' service and reunited last year's sensational Don Trull to Elkins passing combination.

Trull, now a rookie with the Oilers, was the Baylor quarterback in 1963.

The signing of Elkins—he also was a first round selection of Green Bay—gave the AFL a 2-2 split with the NFL in signing of players drafted on the first go-round by each league.

Besides Elkins, Tennessee guard Steve DeLong signed with the AFL's San Diego Chargers. The NFL's Chicago Bears signed Kansas halfback Gale Sayers, also the No. 1 pick of Kansas City, and the Detroit Lions signed Indiana fullback Tom Nowatzke, also a first round selection by the New York Jets.

Two other top draft picks were signed Wednesday, Purdue tackle Jim Garcia going with Cleveland of the NFL and Southern California tackle Bob Svihus signing with Oakland of the AFL. Garcia was the Browns' second round selection and a seventh round pick

by Denver. Svihus, the Raiders No. 3 pick, went to Dallas on the fourth round of the NFL draft.

The Browns also lost another second round selection when Georgia Tech defensive back Gary Bus-sell signed with Denver.

The NFL locked up one of its major prizes when Illinois line-backer Dick Butkus agreed to sign with the Chicago Bears.

Butkus, a first round pick of the Bears taken on the second round by Denver in the AFL told

The Associated Press, "Yes, I definitely have decided to play for Chicago Bears and will sign a contract with them."

Butkus will formally sign a press conference Thursday.

The terms and length of the contract were not officially closed. However, the Houstonian said it learned Elkins received a contract in excess of \$100,000, a three-year agreement, the newspaper said, calls for a \$10,000 bonus and three years at \$10,000 a year.

**Bryant Claims Alabama  
Deserves Top Ranking**

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Coach Paul Bryant, elated that his Alabama Crimson Tide was named 1964 national college football champion in the Associated Press final poll, said Tuesday, "my boys set out to be champions from the start."

The jubilant Bryant added: "It's no accident that we are the national champions. These boys came to this school to be champions."

The Tide, with the Southeastern Conference title already wrapped up, heads for a New Year's night engagement with Texas in the Orange Bowl after shouldering aside powerful Arkansas in a close race for the collegiate championship.

A panel of sports writers and

broadcasters from coast to coast gave Alabama 34½ first place votes and 515½ points on the scale of 10 points for first place, 9 for second, and so on, in the Associated Press poll.

Arkansas won second place with 11½ first place votes and 486½ points.

Notre Dame dipped to third place after occupying the top spot several weeks. Only six first place votes and 442 points were given Notre Dame after last week's 20-17 upset by Southern California.

"I'm so thankful for the Bryant said of his players.

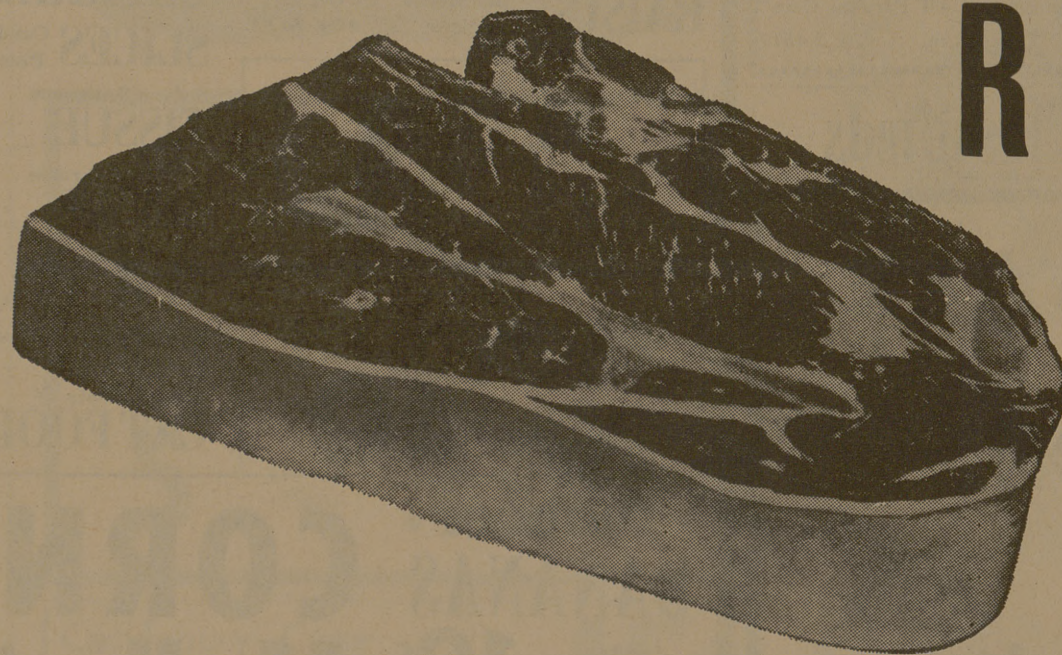
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