SWC Teams Have Height, Experience But Can't Beat Non-League Foes

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ters?

The teams have trouble aplenty

just beating each other. The race

is usually as close as a grammer

Now why can't the conference

compete nationally, with the

thousands of boys from the high

schools of Texas and Arkansas,

plus boys from more than a dozen

other states, furnishing the ros-

There are several versions. The

major reason stems from the fact

that the boys don't play year-

around basketball as in other sec-

tions. The weather is so good

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school boy's first shave.

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF ssociated Press Sports Writer



The Southwest Conference has 103 basketball players. Thirtynine of them average better than

6 feet 5 inches in height. Twelve of them soar to 6-7, three 6-8 and two 6-9

It often has been said that there are not enough boys from other areas - that they can't depend on Texas and Arkansas youngsters to get the job done. Well, there are 30 from other states, ranging from Kentucky, Alabama, West Virginia, Illinois and California.

It would seem that the material ought to be there to make a good national showing: height, experience, players from the basketball hot beds.

But it doesn't come out that the boys play outdoor sports like way. The conference this year has football, baseball, golf, tennis, made probably its worst intersecwhereas in other areas — the tional record in more than 50 big basketball centers — the

years of the game. The league weather forces the boys indoors has won only a little better than to play basketball. half its games against the out-

This applies to the boys just coming up - 10 to 13 years of age — the time in their lives when they must practice basketball if they are to develop in a sport that requires great skill, obtained only through constant practice.

But better times are coming, regardless of whether the boys play all the time at tender ages as they do in other areas.

The first Negro in Southwest Conference basketball came this year. James Cash of Fort Worth is on the Texas Christian freshman team and is a fine prospect. There undoubtedly will be more next year and the number should increase to a sizeable lot within the coming four or five years.

It is an established fact that the Negro boy is a better basketball player. He is more agile, has more rhythmic movement, can jump higher, can move faster. Negroes play in all the areas that rank high in basketball. In the south they are just now moving into competition.

totaled 7,562, Official Greeter P. L. (Pinkie) Downs Jr. announced.

tending short courses, conferences, class reunions and other meetings. Figures do not include fans who attend athletic events.

Downs noted that the January total upped total visitors since June to 29,770. He said the university had 1,021,783 visitors since he started keeping records 16 years and eight months ago.

The greeter further estimated A&M visitors spent \$21,457,443 in the community since June 1, 1949.

games in the American League last season drew 5,112,235 fans.



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balanced Horned Frog attack that includes six players with Southwest Conference-leading 5double-digit averages. Paced by 0 record at the 2 p.m. tipoff. Gary Turner and Mickey Mc-Opposing them will be the con-Carty, the Frogs are the SWC's ference's third - ranked quintet. second leading offensive team TCU (3-2) was tied for second with an 89.1 average. before absorbing a 92-89 loss to Texas Tech earlier this week.

Saturday's broadcast will be televised over KBTX-TV in Bryan.

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The Aggies will be facing a

Houston Saturday 97-85.

Thursday, February 3, 1966 televised basketball again Satur- Aggies dropped a non - league day when they play TCU in Fort Worth before a statewide television audience. Coach Shelby Metcalf's crew will be out to improve on their

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