

Sports Aplenty
A Study In Hate
By GARY SHERER

Last Saturday night, the Texas Aggie basketball team whipped the Texas Longhorn five, 117-105, at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

In the preliminary game, the Fish also handled the Texas representative (Yearlings) 80-73.

The two victories made it four-in-a-row for both Fish and varsity combined, as they had both been victorious earlier this season over the same two teams.

On "Turkey Day" during football season, the Aggie football champions also topped a team from Austin, 10-7.

This means, Texas A&M has knocked off Texas in five straight major sports contests.

When "Bear" Bryant was at A&M, he was queried as to why Texas always beat Texas A&M in football. The now Alabama head man answered, "I guess they hate us more than we hate them."

Then, Darrell Royal came on the football scene at Austin. Starting in 1957, Texas began a string of 10 straight football victories.

Then it stands to reason that Texas fans should be used to beating Texas A&M. In the last few months, they have graphically displayed they sure aren't used to losing to Texas A&M.

ITEM: The so-called 'Showband of the Southwest' showed their lack of being able to take a loss to A&M by throwing some folding chairs around after this season's 'Turkey Day' game.

ITEM: Some Texas football players showed their lack of being able to take a loss to A&M by giving the usual platitude given when you don't want to admit a team is better. "Well, so and so hit harder than they did."

ITEM: More recently, following the basketball game played at Austin earlier this year, won by the Aggies 88-87, some Texas students showed their lack by ganging up on some out-numbered Aggies and inflicting various injuries on them (some seriously).

These series of events would lead everybody to believe that Texas is back to hating us and not taking us for granted.

Sunday's issue of the Texas school paper, The Daily Texan, really proved that Texas is really back to hating Texas A&M.

As mentioned, the Aggies knocked off Texas teams twice Saturday night. The Texan sent the sports editor and a staff writer to cover the games.

Their accounts of the game were to say the least, biased bits of journalism.

In the varsity story, the writer chose to chastize the Texas varsity for their sloppy play. His view of the game was that a conference scoring record did not beat Texas but their sloppy play.

The account of the Fish-Yearling game starts like this: 'When a body gets near the hogs, he tends to get sloppy. The Texas Yearling basketball team, within smelling distance of the sites of Texas A&M, played a particularly sloppy brand of ball...'

Now come on, is that any way to start what is supposed to be a factual game story.

Yes, Texas is back to hating Texas A&M. We'd like to know, is it hatred or good old homegrown paranoia.



SEEKS THIRD GOLD MEDAL

French skier Jean-Claude Killy, pictured racing down the giant slalom course at Winter Olympic games at Chamrousse, France, will be trying for his third gold medal Feb. 17 in the special slalom. Only one skier in history has won all three top Alpine events. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Chamrousse)

Texas Breaks Color Line, In Signing Killeen Gridder

AUSTIN (AP)—Leon O'Neal, a lanky linebacker who caught Texas coaches' eyes with his jarring tackles, is the first Negro to sign a Longhorn football scholarship.

The signing of the Killeen senior means that only Texas A&M and Arkansas in the eight-team Southwest Conference have not awarded football scholarships to Negroes.

O'NEAL'S decision was particularly significant since Texas, on Nov. 18, 1963, was the first school in the SWC to announce complete athletic integration.

But, for one reason or another, Negroes had missed out on football scholarships since then, some because of the strict academic admission requirements.

"You'd better believe that's been a problem, with everybody, not just Negro athletes," said assistant coach Bill Ellington, who coordinates Longhorn football recruiting.

THE UNIVERSITY requires

that if a high school pupil finishes in the lower half of his graduating class, he needs a score of 1,000 on a scholastic aptitude test, and if he finishes in the upper half he must score 800.

"The Texas admission policy is one big reason the school hasn't integrated to the extent that Negroes think it should be," says Lou Maysel, sports editor of the Austin American-Statesman and a longtime follower of Longhorn recruiting.

Last year, Sam Bradley of San Angelo signed a track-basketball scholarship and became the first Negro out of high school to win a scholarship with Texas.

A FEW Negroes have run track and played freshman football, and last year E. A. Curry of Midland, a non-scholarship tailback, became the first Negro to score a touchdown for Texas when he caught a pass in the Rice frosh game.

But recruiting O'Neal, 6-foot-2 and 195 pounds, apparently was the big breakthrough.

"He's a fine young man and a fine athlete," Ellington said of O'Neal, who also plays baseball and basketball. "We viewed films of him, and he has an excellent record." Ellington said Fred Akers, former Arkansas quarterback and now a Longhorn assistant coach, recruited O'Neal.

ALTHOUGH O'Neal played on offense as an end, his high school coach, Gene Rogers, said he thought Texas coaches were impressed by his "hitting" from his linebacker slot on defense.

"He's a real fine football player and a good hitter, an all-around athlete."

"I'd recommend him anytime. He's a good boy."

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