

A&M Fish Invade Cub Den Seeking Revenge Saturday

By JOHN PLATZER
Coach Jim Culpepper's Fish basketballers have absorbed only one real thrashing this season and they will have an opportunity to turn this around Saturday when they invade Waco to battle the Baylor Cubs.

The young Aggies had 4-1 season and 2-0 conference records when they hosted Baylor in the first game following the semester break and were beaten 81-67. They lost their following game to Rice before righting themselves and winning their last two, with the last one over Rice.

THE RICE win gives the Fish a 4-2 record for the season with a 4-2 conference mark.

Baylor's freshmen were beaten Tuesday night by the Texas Yearlings, a team the Fish whipped twice, 73-66 in Austin.

Tom Friedman, a 6-4 forward from Paris, and Bob Griffiths, a 6-1 guard from New Jersey, are the key to Baylor's offense. They had 21 and 20 points respectively in their first game with A&M

and contributed 18 and 10 points in the Texas loss.

THE BIG three of the Fish continue to be Bill Cooksey, Chuck Smith and Steve Niles with key contributions coming from the likes of Roddy McAlpine, Danny Berry and Tommy Bain.

Cooksey, a 6-2 guard from Houston Sam Houston, is the team's main outside threat with a 20.6 scoring norm. He has connected on 80 of 175 shots for 45.7 per cent, a remarkable mark for an outside shooter.

On the other hand Smith uses fine moves to get most of his 19.9 points a game under the basket. This is reflected in his fantastic 64 per cent accuracy from the floor on 62 of 97. He is also the squad's second leading rebounder with a 10.7 norm.

NILES, the biggest Aggie basketballer at 6-11, is the team's number one rebounder and third top scorer. He is averaging 13.3 points and 13.1 rebounds a contest.

McAlpine, who played with Niles and Fish basketballer Andy Harris on San Antonio Lee's AAAA state schoolboy champions last season, is scoring at a 9.8 clip. Berry had his finest game of the year Tuesday as he bombed Rice from outside in a 17 point performance which raised his average 7.1.

As a team the Fish are scoring at an 80.1 clip while holding opponents to 74.9. They have hit at a 46.7 per cent from the field and 68 per cent from the foul line while keeping opponents to a 41 mark from the floor and 67.2 from the line.

REBOUNDING has been one of the reasons for the Fish record as they average 50 a contest while 43.1 goes to other team.

The Fish play their final home game Tuesday against Tyler Junior College and close out the season in Fort Worth February 24 against Texas Christian University.

Fish Cage Stats

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game	
Bill Cooksey	9	80-175	45.7	25-38	65.8	109	69-7.7	26-0	185	20.6	33	(Texas 2)	
Chuck Smith	9	62-97	64.0	55-85	64.7	65	96-10.7	28-3	179	19.9	29	(Rice 2)	
Steve Niles	9	47-111	42.3	26-43	60.5	81	119-13.1	30-0	120	13.3	21	(Texas 1)	
Roddy McAlpine	9	19-50	38.0	50-61	82.0	42	17-1.9	25-2	88	9.8	16	(TCU)	
Danny Berry	9	25-52	48.1	18-22	81.8	31	19-2.1	9-0	64	7.1	17	(Rice 2)	
Tommy Bain	9	19-42	45.2	3-4	75.0	24	22-2.3	24-1	41	4.6	10	(TCU)	
Billy Hodge	5	8-22	36.4	2-3	66.7	15	9-1.8	4-0	18	3.6	6	(Temple)	
Andy Harris	8	7-11	63.6	1-8	12.5	11	17-1.1	10-0	15	1.9	5	(TCU)	
Lloyd Lippe	8	1-10	10.0	3-5	60.0	11	12-1.5	6-0	5	0.6	4	(TCU)	
Joel Sheffield	5	0-2	0.0	2-2	100.0	2	3-0.6	0-0	2	0.4	2	(Temple)	
Ken Johse	2	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	1	0-0.0	0-0	0				
Totals	FISH	9	268-574	46.7	185-272	68.0	392	450-50.0	162-6	721	80.1	97	(Temple)
	FOES	9	265-646	41.0	144-207	67.2	444	388-43.1	200-8	674	74.9	92	(L Mor.)

Player	G	FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Miss	Reb-Avg.	Pf-D	Pts.	Avg.	High	Game	
Smith	6	41-67	61.2	32-41	78.0	45	66-11.0	15-1	114	19.0	29	(Rice 2)	
Cooksey	6	57-105	54.3	16-25	64.0	67	41-6.9	19-0	110	18.3	33	(Texas 2)	
Niles	6	33-78	41.0	14-36	38.9	57	79-13.2	18-0	80	13.3	21	(Texas 1)	
McAlpine	6	11-30	36.7	36-44	81.8	42	12-2.0	16-1	58	9.7	16	(TCU)	
Berry	6	19-40	47.5	15-18	83.3	24	10-1.7	7-0	53	8.9	17	(Rice 2)	
Bain	6	16-34	47.1	2-3	66.7	19	17-2.9	18-0	34	5.7	10	(TCU)	
Hodge	5	4-6	66.7	1-5	20.0	6	5-1.0	7-0	9	1.8	5	(TCU)	
Lippe	2	1-6	16.7	1-2	50.0	6	3-1.5	2-0	3	1.5	2	(TCU)	
Lippe	5	1-8	12.5	3-5	60.0	9	10-2.0	3-0	5	1.0	4	(TCU)	
Sheffield	3	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0	2	2-0.7	0-0	0				
Johse	3	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	1	0-0.0	0-0	0				
Totals	FISH	6	173-377	45.9	120-178	67.3	270	291-48.5	95-1	466	77.7	89	(Rice 2)
	FOES	6	171-414	41.3	96-131	73.3	287	257-42.9	128-3	432	72.0	81	(Baylor)

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Spring Sports
Balanced Ag Swim Team To Host Raiders Feb. 23
By MIKE WRIGHT
A balanced group of swimmers comprise this year's water squad. "We have a good bunch of boys who are about equal in their speed," commented swimming coach Art Adamson.

The varsity team has competed twice and holds a 1-1 record. They were beaten by the University of Texas at Arlington and they were victorious over the Rice Owls.

"A SWIMMING meet is comprised of thirteen events — nine individual events, two diving events, and two relays. Points are awarded on first, second, and third places, in the individual and diving events, and for first place in relays," explained Adamson.

The Aggies next meet is at home against the Texas Tech swimmers February 23, at 7:30 p.m. February 24, East New Mexico University comes to Downs Natatorium for a 2:30 p.m. meet.

COMPETING for the Aggies in the free-style are Thomas Holden, Henry Paup, John Beall, and John Greenhut.

"Tom Sparks, Bill Dunn, and Michael O'Brien make up the trio for the backstroke, Jerry Deusch, Larry Linn, and Bob Mathews will enter the breaststroke in our meets," said Adamson.

The divers will be Eddie Grant, Ronnie Suttle, Larry Jones, and Paul Hudson. Steve Ash is slated to duel in the distance free-style.

"THE MEET will be held at Arkansas this year. Overall the conference is stronger, with Southern Methodist University still being the team to beat. However, now that the freshmen are able to compete, it could change some things. Arkansas had some tremendous freshman swimmers and if they come through, it could be rough for SMU," Adamson pointed out.

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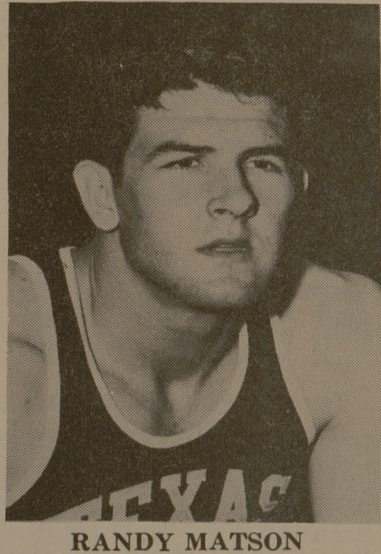
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Matson Preparing For Mexico City

By GARY SHERER
The 10th Winter Olympics are almost over and next the eyes of the world will focus on Mexico City, where the 1968 Summer Olympics will take place.

For the next seven months, many American hopefuls will train and compete for spots on the United States team.

This area will have definite interest in these games, not only for proximity, but also for a 6-6, 260-pound shotputter named James Randel Matson.

The recent winner of 1967's Sullivan Award, symbol of the nation's top amateur, placed first (65-8) in the Fort Worth Indoor Meet on Feb. 3. He passed up last weekend's Los Angeles Indoor Meet because of a bout with the flu bug.

He will make a trip to Los Angeles next week to officially accept the Sullivan Award.

The Pampa weightman will not compete in any competition for the next two months.

"I plan to work with the weights for awhile," Matson said. He noted he won't do any work with the shotput but concentrate primarily on his weight program.

Probably the next top competition for Matson will be the AAU championships in June. After those come the Olympic Trials. These meets plus the weight program will properly prepare Matson for the October games.

The coveted gold medal escaped Matson in 1964 in Tokyo. This distinction is just about the only award the senior marketing major hasn't won yet. Matson hopes that 1968 will see that accomplishment achieved.

LUBBOCK, Tex. (AP) — Texas Tech signed four schoolboy football prospects Thursday to bring its total of boys under letter of intent to 32.

Signed Thursday were David Corley, end, and Bryan Richards, tackle, both of Bronte; Harry Cullen, end from Tulsa Rogers, and Cullen Wells, split end from Liberty.

Brozos County A&M Club Meets Feb. 14

"20-16" will highlight the regular monthly meeting of the Brazos County A&M Club Wednesday at the Ramada Inn.

"For those who slept late New Year's Day, that's the Texas Aggies' score over Alabama in the Cotton Bowl," noted Joe Buser, club president who said the buffet dinner meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The social hour starts at 6 p.m. Jack Hurlbut, assistant coach on Gene Stallings' A&M football staff, will show the Cotton Bowl color film and discuss this year's recruiting.

Club secretary Bob Roepke said a \$50 check will be given to the person turning in the most new memberships by 7 p.m. Wednesday. The Brazos Aggies have set a goal of 300 members for 1968.

"Even if you don't need \$50, bring in a few members for good bull," Roepke suggested.

Membership dues of \$5 per person support the club's scholarship program.

On The Recruiting Front

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Southern Methodist signed three more schoolboy prospects Thursday to bring the list to 38.

Jim Buckner, Pine Bluff, Ark., back; Rush Cone, Highland Park back, and Joe Small, Dallas Hillcrest lineman, were those signing letters of intent Thursday to qualify for football scholarships.

WACO, Tex. (AP) — Baylor's recruiting total rose to 28 Thursday with the signing of six schoolboy football prospects.

David Walters, Longview tackle; Glenn Treadwell, El Campo guard; Joe Korenek, Alice end; Mike Virdell, Llano tackle; John Malone, El Paso Coronado quarterback, and Bobby Cole, Gatesville halfback, were the latest to ink letters of intent.

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