

SWC Swimming Meet To Start Tomorrow Night, Ends Saturday

Record Number of Entries Expected for Cowtown Meet

Fort Worth will be the center of track activities in the Southwest this weekend as track teams from throughout this area gather there for the running of the twenty-fifth annual Southwestern Recreation Track and Field Meet.

Over 1,000 entries have already been received for the meet, and R. D. Evans, meet director, says that there is a possibility that an all-time record will be set which would be more than 1,400 individual entries for the track and field meet and the golf tournament.

Entries will not be closed at all but will be open until the actual running of the event in the meet. A&M's undefeated track team will again find itself in the favorites role when the Cowtown meet gets underway Friday.

Tex. League Clubs Slate Exhibitions

By The Associated Press
More than 80 games are on the exhibition schedules of Texas League clubs in the state from now until season opening April 14.

Included are five major league clubs. Fort Worth and Dallas both meet the Brooklyn Dodgers, Dallas plays the Chicago Cubs, Houston engages the St. Louis Cardinals and Fort Worth the St. Louis Browns and Pittsburgh Pirates.

The exhibition schedule started yesterday with San Antonio playing the University of Texas at Austin. Today San Antonio takes on Indianapolis at San Antonio.

Fort Worth, in training at Verb Beach, Fla., opens its schedule against Memphis of the Southern Association at Lake Wales, Fla., today. The Cats play Kansas City at Verb Beach March 23 before starting for home. Their first Fort Worth appearance will be March 27 against Oklahoma City.

Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Beaumont all are training in Texas.

SPECIAL NOTICE

When checking your mail at the main P.O., don't forget to give—

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The Farmers turned back the Longhorns 72 to 50 in a dual meet at College Station on March 8 and turned in a repeat performance in Laredo last weekend at the Border Olympics beating the sippers 61 1/2 to 47 1/2.

Oklahoma U. and Oklahoma A&M along with the other Southwest Conference schools will also enter teams in the university division. LSU whose field team took several valuable points away from A&M last weekend at Laredo will not enter a team, and their absence if anything should help A&M's chances for a victory.

The track and field meet will be divided up into four classes, the university, college, junior college, and high school, and the golf tournament into two, college and high school. Colleges, junior colleges and high school teams from throughout Texas will participate in the last three classes. There will also be some Oklahoma entries in the junior college class.

Sports Calendar

Friday—Southwest Conference Swimming preliminaries at 8 p. m.
Aggie Baseball squad plays Brooke Medics here at 3 p. m.
Fennis Match between Aggies and Vanderbilt at 1:30 p. m.
Saturday—Sports Day.
Conference Swimming Meet finals at 7:30 p. m.
Intramural fencing begins at 2 p. m. in gym.
Intrasquad Football Game on Kyle Field at 2 p. m.
Baseball Game between Aggies and Brooke Medics at 4 p. m.
Tennis Team plays Sam Houston at 1:30 p. m.

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Aggie hopes for victory in the Southwestern Track and Field Meet to be held at Fort Worth this weekend will depend a lot on the running of ART HARN-DEN, crack A&M 440 man. Last weekend at Laredo ART won the 440 yard dash and anchored the winning Ag mile relay team.

Star Baylor Cage Player Also Preaches

WACO, Tex., March 18 (AP)—Jackie Robinson is going to miss next Sunday from the Ninth Street Baptist Church pulpit. But the 80-odd members won't mind. Their pastor will be working for the Baptists anyway.

Robinson, an ordained minister, is a star guard on the Baylor University basketball team. His coach Bill Henderson, calls him the most valuable man to his team in the Southwest Conference.

Baylor leaves tonight for Kansas City where the Baptist school will play in the Western Regional Tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Jackie has an idea he'll be on the way to New York Sunday. He thinks maybe Baylor will be heading for the Championship playoff of the NCAA. You know, the winner at Kansas City meets the Eastern Regional titlist Tuesday night in Madison Square Garden.

Baylor plays Washington Friday night. If the Bears cop that one they'll take on the winner of the Kansas State-Wyoming game Saturday night. But winning that first game alone will insure a trip to New York. The runner-up in each regional tournament also plays in the big tournament.

If Baylor loses to Washington, however, Jackie will stay in Missouri Sunday to preach at a youth revival. "But I think we can take 'em," he says.

The colorful Robinson has missed only four games in three years as a Baylor cager. One was because of illness, three were because he went to Honolulu to preach at a youth meeting.

In each year he has been all-conference. His first two seasons he was Baylor's leading scorer but this year he has been doing the feeding. "Jackie wants the other boys to make the points," says Henderson. "He passes to them every time he can."

"I got on him for not trying for more baskets against Texas, the night we lost our only conference game."

"He said he kept thinking we'd win the game anyway. I don't mind him feeding the ball so long as we win. He's mighty good at handling it."

THE BATTALION SPORTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1948

St. Louis Wins NP Tourney By Beating NYU

NEW YORK, March 18 (AP)—There wasn't any doubt today about the class of the St. Louis University basketball team, and its string-ban center, All-America Ed MacAuley.

The Billikens from the banks of the Mississippi put on a collective show last night to overwhelm New York University, 65-52, in the finale of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden. All the Bills displayed superb teamwork, but MacAuley was outstanding.

Six-foot-eight Ed, who looks as if he might snap in half at any moment, came up with a brilliant individual performance as the Bills gained a berth in the Olympic games trials.

MacAuley poured in 24 points before he got tired shooting at the net and was content to feed his mates for the buckets that all but ran the NYU Violets purple-faced. He was unanimously voted the tournament's most valuable player.

The preliminary consolation game, won by Western Kentucky, 61-59, after a rough overtime tussle with DePaul, provided most of the evening's thrills.

Yet for all of the one-sidedness of the main attraction the crowd of 18,492 for the most part stayed put and marveled at the hoop wizardry of coach Ed Hickey's St. Louis proteges.

Controlling the ball for the most part, St. Louis bore down after MacAuley made it 12-5 with 10 minutes gone. NYU saw little of the ball, and when the Violets did gain possession they didn't appear to know what to do with it. They tossed it away half a dozen times in the first half.

Coming onto the floor after leading 25-18 at halftime, the Bills and MacAuley broke the game wide open. In four minutes, they were on top 35-20, and Ed had made nine of the 10 points.

Mural Wrestling Results Posted; Finals Approach

Intramural wrestling bouts have been running at full speed every afternoon this week. Matches will continue through Friday in the quarter finals bracket.

The quality of the wrestling improves as the program gets closer to the finals.

Here are the results of the last two day's bouts:

TUESDAY
129 Lb. CLASS
Garcia, C Comp. over Jeanes of A Inf. (2-1) in one of the closest bouts this week.

Thompson, D FA, over Romario, B Cal. Thompson won by a pin in 3:50.

139 Lb. CLASS
Blackelock, B Eng., over Anderson, C Cal. in 2:43.

159 Lb. CLASS
Lessner, A Inf., over Jurley, White Band in the last five seconds.

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Several TU-Ag Duels A&M Baseball Teams to Play Against Southwestern, Brooke

The 1948 swimming season comes to an official close Saturday night at the end of the Southwest Conference Swimming meet in P. L. Downs Jr. Natatorium. Four major schools, Texas University, Southern Methodist, Baylor and Texas A&M, will be represented in full, with Rice and TCU scheduled to bring special-event men.

Qualifying preliminaries will be held tomorrow night at 8:00. Candidates will qualify by times, except in the 50-yard dash, in which they will qualify by places.

There will be no charge for the preliminaries, but there will be a small admission charge for the conference finals which start at 7:30 Saturday evening.

As to the winning team, Coach Art Adamson said, "We could win by one point or lose by twenty." That, however, is probably an over-optimistic statement.

The meet is definitely between Texas U. and A&M, and they are so closely matched that there probably will not be over a five-point win for either team.

Two of the most exciting and close events will probably be in the 220 and 440-yard free style races. Aggie Bernie Syfan, Texas' Jim McCann and SMU's Larry Goodman will share the spotlight in these crucial races.

Two firsts for either A&M or Texas in these events could mean the difference of the meet.

Another TU-A&M duel will be featured in the 50 and 100-yard dashes, with Jack Tolar and Aggie Jack Riley vying for second places behind Danny Green.

Baylor's Bullet Manale will be diver Jack Tolar's main opponent in the diving event. Conference Champion Tolar is expected to win, but an upset by Manale is not impossible.

The backstroke is another race which will help decide the meet. A&M has several backstrokers, Howard Spencer, Ed Kruse, and Buddy Fisher. Bob Cone and McLelland of Texas will probably furnish these Aggies their main competition.

Texas and A&M have split two meets this season, both teams winning on their home grounds. Texas did not reach full strength until mid-season, after it had lost three meets in a row.

Although underdogs in this meet, the Cadets are still in the running. The outcome will probably depend on the above duels.

SPORTS DAY

Timmons, A Inf., over Holleman, C Cal., in 40 seconds.
Potts, Mitchell, over Miller, A Inf., by a pin in 4:28.
Valdes, Dorm 5, over Roach, C Comp., by a pin in 3:02.
Lasseter, Dorm 14, over Burrus, C FA, (3-1) after an overtime period.

169 Lb. CLASS
Faulk, C FA, beat White, B FA, (4-1) in a match in which the wrestlers were on the mat most of the time.

Jackson, E FA, outparried Deeds, Dorm 5, (3-1) in a slow bout.

Koopman of A AF over Adair of B Cal. by a pin in 2:15.
Sargent, B Comp., over Desmuke, B FA, after Sargeant finally rolled Desmuke on his back.

Imhoff, B Eng., over Slayton, Maroon Band, in a rough bout. Imhoff finally pinned Slayton in 4:15.
Stites, B FA, over Landry, White Band, by 2-0 in a close match.

Wednesday's Results
149 Lb. CLASS
Kelton, B Comp., over Taylor, B FA, 9-7.
Kaspar, C Inf., over Gibson, No. 14, Pin in 2:30.

Keese, B Comp., over McGown, C AF, Pin in 4:20.
Mobley, White Band, over Burch No. 14, Pin in 2:20.

Flesher, No. 14 over Clayton D FA, 2-0.
Dockery A Comp over Conger L-6 T. C. 5-4.

Harrison, B Eng., over Buescher A AF, 3-1.
169 Lb. CLASS
Sargent, B Comp., over Faulk, C AF, 2-0.

Scott, A AF, over Stites B FA, 3-0, overtime.
Imhoff, B Eng., over Jackson, E FA, Pin in 3:10.

Bueck, C FA., over Kinard, W Band, 7-5.

179 Lb. CLASS
Johns No. 15, over Hildebrandt, A Comp., 5-4.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS
Klatt, D FA, over Kruse, B AF, Pin in 1:30.
Bland, B AF, over Heffron, A Eng., 2-1.

Christie, No. 14, over Germany, E FA, Pin in 1:13.

SPORTS DAY

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R. Mar. 18 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers have changed signals on Ray Campanella, Montreal catcher. Instead of trying to develop him as an outfielder, they now are using the slugging Negro catcher at third base.



Getting ready to burn a fast one across the plate is BOBBY FRETZ, one of the Aggie sure starters this season. FRETZ is from Houston and also plays infield.

A&M's baseball teams swing into action for the first time this weekend with the Fish starting the season off this afternoon with a game against Southwestern University of Georgetown at 1:30. The varsity initiates play Friday afternoon meeting the Brooke Medics Saturday afternoon as part of the Sports Day Program. The Aggie nine meets the Comets in the second game of the series.

The Medics always field a good team, and the Farmers may be lucky to get an even break in the series. A lack of pitching talent

The Farmers will field one of the heaviest hitting crews in the conference this year and with some improvement at the mound and in the field could easily win the conference title.

The game Friday afternoon gets underway at 3:00 p. m. and the contest Saturday starts at 4:00 p. m. immediately after the intrasquad football game.

Tennis Team In Match With Vanderbilt U.

A&M's Tennis team will play its first home match tomorrow afternoon against Vanderbilt University at 1:30 on the concrete courts as a preliminary to Saturday's Sports Day match with Sam Houston.

After his recent exhibition here, Bruce Barnes, former National Single Champion, said that he considered the Aggie doubles team of Bill Bennett and Bennie Stanford one of the best in the conference.

There will be two doubles and four singles matches on the program. Rodney Sellers will play one singles match for the Cadets and Bennett and Stanford will probably play two of the others.

Other Aggies likely to see action are the Aaronson twins, Allan and Alvin. These twins are freshmen and will not be able to enter conference matches this year, but Coach W. M. Dowell is preparing them for the coming seasons.

Vanderbilt is making a tour of the Southwest and will play several conference teams in the next few days.

Eight players will play for the Commodores against the Farmers.

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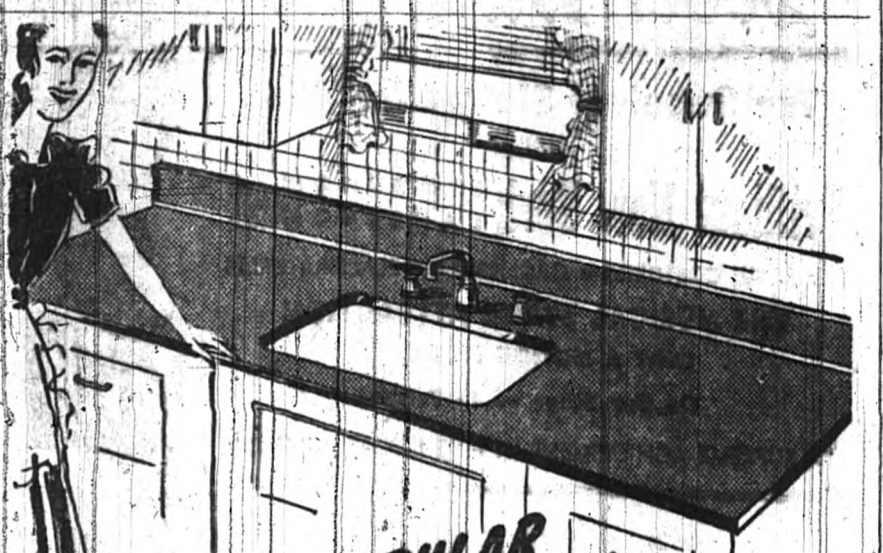
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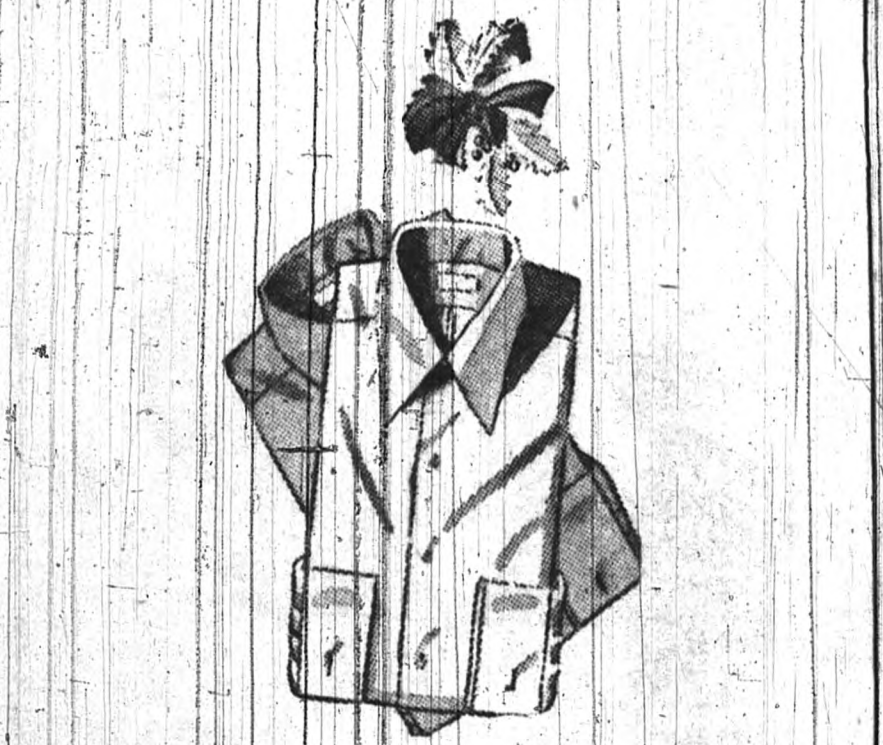
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