

Pros Test Ag Nine; Two Trackmen Out

Aggie baseballers face their toughest assignment of the young season tomorrow at 3 p.m. against the New Orleans Pelicans at Huntsville, and Saturday two of A&M's top trackmen will miss the triangular meet home opener with Rice and LSU.

The powerful Pelicans had a pennant contender all the way through the tough Southern Association schedule last year, and finished only two games behind front running Atlanta.

Under new manager Andy Cohen the Pittsburg Pirate farm club poses a definite threat to other pennant hopefuls this year.

This is the second straight spring New Orleans has trained on the sprawling conditioning plant six miles out of Huntsville, and 40 players are battling for positions.

Back from last year's club are such top performers as infielders Eugene Freese and Clem Koshorek, outfielder Bob Honor and pitcher Donald Schultz.

Freese was the top Pelican slugger last season with a .332 average and was fifth in the league. Honor was just behind him with a .331 mark.

Schultz led New Orleans' array of outstanding twirlers, posting an 18-11 record. He was only 10 strike outs behind the loop leader, with 174.

Koshorek begins his 10th year of professional ball this season after a winter of play in the Venezuelan league. He finished up the winter season with a .319 batting average.

The Aggie freshmen take on Bryan high school in a practice game on Kyle field tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Pinky Cooner, former A&M Consolidated mound star, will probably start for the Fish.

Coach Frank Anderson announced that Bobby Gross, Southwest conference shot and discus champion, is definitely out for the remainder of the season.

Gross undergoes an operation at St. Joseph's hospital in Bryan next week.

Another regular, Bobby Robison of Bryan, will not compete Saturday because of a pulled muscle. He would have been favored to win the broad jump.

A&M's sturdy trio of weightmen, Tom Bonorden, Lee Newman

and Henry Johnson, will be favored to sweep the shot and discus. All have thrown the shot over 50 feet this year, and Johnson has bettered 53 feet in practice.

High jumper Fritzie Connally has downed all competition from other conference teams and should win easily. He cleared 6-4 at a meet in Austin earlier this year.

Scrubs Unveil TD Punch, Defense Skill

"UCLA" stole the show yesterday in A&M's 15th day of spring football practice, breaking loose for about eight touchdowns against the Blues and stopping them cold on defense.

Billy Stevenson, Cliff Hamby and Luther Hall sparkled in the Light Blue single wing offense, and Jim Langston, Norman Noble and Tommy Strait stood out on defense.

Strait, a 1953 halfback switched to end, also scored three consecutive times on an end-around play.

All in all, however, it looked like one of the best sessions of the spring for the Cadets who showed sharp blocking and tackling. The Maroons, quarterbacked by Donald Grant, had more success defensively against "UCLA" than the Blues, but had trouble getting over the goal line.

Maroon tackles Jack Powell and Charles Krueger and end Gene Stallings played leading roles in stopping the offense. But the Red backfield of Grant, John Crow, Ed Dudley and Ken Hall failed to generate much scoring punch against their high-spirited opponents, predominantly 1955 sophomores.

Quarterback Elwood Kettler, end Bobby Drake Keith, tackle Henry Clark, and halfbacks Billy P. ete Huddleston and Gene Henderson are still recuperating from injuries.

The Reds had Stallings and Dean Meeks at ends, Powell and Krueger at tackles; Dee Powell and Dennis Goehring at guards; and Herb Wolf at center.

HARNES DRIVER BECOMES SUPERINTENDENT
WASHINGTON, Pa.—Harness driver Harry Harvey is giving up competition to become superintendent of Del Miller's famed Meadowslands farms near here.

For the past few years Harvey had assisted Miller as a driver. In addition to owning the farm, Miller is one of the top drivers in the country.

Harvey won the 1953 Hambletonian Stake with the filly Helicopter, a race which paid \$117,000.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Editor

In the light of the latest announcement about the quest for A&M's next basketball coach, Aggie fans can rest assured the search will be ended a lot quicker than the one which occurred the last time there was a head coach vacancy here.

Paul Bryant said he hoped the new man will be named by April 1, at the same time adding "we want to move slowly and carefully." Trying to read between the lines, always risky where Bryant is concerned, we get this impression:

The list of candidates with a good chance for the job probably will be short, because Bryant knows the kind of man he wants, and it's doubtful if there are many available that measure up to the standards.

An 'Unknown' Has Good Chance

There is an excellent chance that a relatively unknown coach will be signed, that's obvious. The new man will have to want this job above anything else and have supreme confidence that he can handle it, in order to come up to the specifications.

That's the way Bryant is made up, and that's the way he wants his associates in the department.

Whoever the new coach is, he won't have any more integrity and character, or command any more respect as a man than John Floyd.

Floyd was often criticized for his coaching methods and his deliberate-offense style of play. If, after his successful first season here, he had had top material and won more than he lost, Floyd's tactics certainly would not receive any "knocking."

But the way collegiate athletics are today, a coach simply has to win to keep his job. Like somebody said, it's a tough way to make a buck.

Bryant Man Next Allen Grid Coach?

A former Bryant football player at the University of Kentucky in 1950, now a high school coach in Kentucky, will be named the next grid coach at Allen academy within a couple of days, says an informed source.

A formal letter of acceptance is expected from the man any day. He visited around the Aggie athletic department Saturday afternoon,

and left for Kentucky after the first half of the Maroon-White game-condition scrimmage.

If things go smoothly and the man is hired, A&M should be getting a lot of gridiron talent from Allen in a couple of years.

Aggie supporters are trying hard to land Wayne Lemons, 6-5 Allen center who last season shattered (See SPORT SHORTS, page 7)

Five to Enter NCAA

Five A&M swimmers will compete in the NCAA meet at Oxford, O., next week, coach Art Adamson said he will know the rest of the team tonight.

Norman Ufer, Dick Weick and Dick Hunkler and one more will swim the freestyle relay. Adamson said he will know the rest of the team tonight.

Horne and Hunkler also will swim in the 50 yard freestyle, Ufer in the 100 yard backstroke.



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