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AGGIES MEET BUFFALOES IN FIRST GAME

Aggies Primed for Clash With Class
A Professionals From Bayou
City Next Week.

Tuesday afternoon at Kyle Field, the first official game of the local schedule will begin with the Houston "Buffaloes" of the Texas League as the opponents. This will be the first chance to see our favorites in action. There is no doubt that the visitors will be worthy opponents and that entertainment in plentiful quantities for the most ardent fan will be furnished.

In this game one of the best amateur teams of the state will be matched with one of the best professional clubs of Texas. It is not known just who will constitute the personnel of the leaguers but the contract calls for the regular lineup. Last year that squad finished in the first division of their league. Their supporters are already speaking in glowing terms of pennant prospects for 1922. Their list includes such stars as: Manager George Whiteman, who was a world's series hero in 1916 and plays outfield for his nine; Bittle, one of the leading outfielders and hitters of the Lone Star circuit; Gene Bailey, another star outfielder; Roy Blades, sensational second-baseman; Eddie Donalds, Ike Pearson, and "Big Bill" Bolden, stellar mound artists; and many others whose performances are known to innumerable lovers of base ball.

One of the features of these games is bound in the fact that Coach Eugene Cochrehan was with Houston last season and would very probably be there now had it not been for A. and M. In spite of the fact that these contests mean nothing in a championship way, to either club each side wants to win the worst kind. No class "A" clan wants to be beaten by a bunch of amateurs and if the Farmers annex both battles, it will be laurels galore for them.

It has been four years since an Aggie nine was matched against professionals. In 1918 the team then representing the Bayou City came to College Station and was defeated 10 to 7 in a slugging match. Higginbotham, then a freshman, was pitching; "Trim" Rigney played short; "Dunny" McMurry was behind the bat; and several others who helped make athletic history for this institution shared in the victory.

Coach Gene will no doubt use Olsen and Matthews on the mound during the fracas. King Gill is very liable to get his chance to demonstrate. The catching naturally falls to Crawford. The remainder of the lineup is designated elsewhere in this issue.

A.M.C.

Whatever else may happen
Now that the country's gone dry,
The sailor still will have his port,
The farmer have his rye;
The cotton still has got it's gin,
The seacoast has its bar.
And each of us will have a bier.
No matter where we are.

GREAT INFIELD AND OUTFIELD FOR AGGIES

Infield and Outfield of Last Year Remain Intact for Gruelling Season Ahead for Aggies.

(Continued from March 3rd.)

Since this review was started two weeks ago the expected sickle has functioned and Crawford and Jack Forgason were retained as catchers. Five pitchers eligible for mound duty this year are still toiling. These are: Matthews, Olsen, Gill, Severn, and Graves.

On the infield there are seven men slaving daily in the attempt to get into the box score. At first there is only one man, Pat Dwyer. Barring accidents this one person will, without a doubt, appoint himself a committee of one to see that first base is ably cared for. Last year Pat fielded in a manner that would please the most skeptical, and batted 306 which included seven home runs in twenty-one games.

At second there remains Wilson and Doherty. They divided time around that base last year and it would not be surprising if the same thing happened this spring. Doherty seems to have the edge now. He is superior at fielding and is probably better on the bases, but last year his hitting was far below that of Wilson who cloutde the apple at a 349 clip. The latter is also an old head at the game. Either of these men can be depended upon to take care of the keystone cushion in good fashion.

With Smith and Chapman guarding third base there is little worry over this position on the part of the Aggie supporters.

"Smitty" will, in all probability, handle the hot corner in the same manner that he did a year ago. At that time his fielding bordered on the sensational at practically all times and his batting average of 289 was entirely satisfactory. Considering his experience and other things this man should, by all means, make this, his last year, the best which will be absolutely good enough. Chapman could make most any college team himself. He is fielding and hitting mighty well to have to stay off the field. It is just a case of a good man being held back by a better one.

"Bugs" Morris seems to have the call at short. He is fast, covering lots of territory, has a good strong and accurate throwing arm, and is a mortal hustler. His only trouble is occasional streaks wherein he has trouble fielding the ball. "Bugs" may not be the best fielding shortstop in the conference, but if there is a collegian in the southwest that outranks him on the offense, he has never shown up. Last year he batted 400 and led the club in number of hits, runs scored, and stolen bases. "Nuf Sed." Simpson is also out for the short field territory. Last year he was prevented from playing base ball because of a broken leg. He is a good man and almost sure to be heard from further on.

At the present time it looks as tho

The Bullethead

Wrestling might look slow and uninteresting to the person who doesn't understand the game but it is mortally interesting to the participants.

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The Oklahoma bunch fetched along a bad 'un that they felt sure would take the measure of Captain Gardner. The "flu" got Gardner and we don't know yet, but you just can't force it thru our thick skulls though that Snooks would have been anything besides the victor if the match had come off.

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This week Coach Bible is sitting in conference with the leading football directors of the world. And we swear that he rates everything he is mixin' in.

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As far as actual championship campaigns go this is an athleticless week at College Station, but base ball and track training are in full blast and next week a new story begins with two installments.

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If that old saying about a "bad beginning making a good ending" means anything at all, the Maroon and White track team of 1922 ought to be a wonder. With mumps, broken legs and influenza interfering, Coach Anderson and his bunch are having plenty of trouble getting started.

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Carl Sprague, southpaw pitcher on Aggie nines in 1920 and '21, has been bothered so much with his shoulder that he has finally given up hope of getting back in shape—a loss to both Sprague and the school.

Guynes will care for the left side of the outfield. For three years this position has been handled by Matthews, who is undoubtedly the best sun-fielder in the conference. "Lefty" will probably be used as a pitcher this year and Guynes has been shifted from center to left. This is his fourth year as an outfielder in an Aggie uniform. He is a human fly trap, and is a dependable man on the offense.

Tom Cockrell seems to be the choice in center. Cockrell practically had second base copped last year when he was declared ineligible. Owing to the fact that the infield is well cared for this spring and that "Tommy" has a habit of clouting the horsehide hard and often he has been moved into the place left vacant by Guynes' change. There is little doubt that Dinan will again occupy the right field territory. He is a catcher whom Paul Sentell converted into an outfielder because of his terrific hitting. Fred developed into a good judge of fly balls last spring and he possesses an arm that ranks with the good ones. He hit far enough and often enough last spring to average 321 for the season. His position as "clean-up" man showed how well he rated among the hard-hitting A. and M. team a year ago.

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OKLAHOMA TEAM WINS CONFERENCE WRESTLING MEET

Two Texas Entries Make Poor Showing Against Oklahomans—Captain Gardner out of Finals.

The Oklahoma Aggies won their third consecutive Southwestern championship in wrestling here last Saturday night when they defeated the Aggies and Longhorns in the local gym. The final score was: Oklahoma 31; Texas 25; A. and M. 21. The Oklahomans flashed a well balanced team and were favorites to win from the start. The score of the Aggies would have been larger but for the illness of Captain Gardner, who was unable to enter the finals, after winning in the preliminaries. There were only two falls secured in the meet, most of the matches being won by decision. Gardner obtained

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Cross Country

Saturday afternoon, March 3rd, at three o'clock there were 35 men reporting at the railroad to take part in the first Inter-Battalion cross-country meet. There were six teams entered, each team having as many as five men. It was the very best of days to contest a distance run, there was very little wind, and the course consisting of three miles, was in good condition.

The teams seemed to stay bunched but the most consistent bunch proved to be the seven men from the First Battalion Infantry. The men were led in by the veteran Palmer from the Cavalry but was crowded closely by Fish Royal from the winning team. Old, the third man to cross the line hailed from the Aviation, the next four men to finish were Weddell, Dunn, Bryson, and Spenser all from the First Battalion. When the fifth man from the Blue and White team crossed the line with only seven points scored against his team it gave the honor to the Infantry. Sweaters were awarded to the winning team by the Athletic Council. We believe in giving credit where credit is due so mention should be given Coach Snyder who coached the Varsity Cross-Country squad in the fall, as he was the originator of Inter-Battalion cross country. He evidently had in mind his cross country squad next fall also the distance men on the regular track team. It will be only a matter of time now when A. and M. can meet Texas University on the longer runs on an equal basis and can take the majority of points in the distance races. A distance man is made in a number of years and this is a step forward in the development of hill and dale runners for the Texas Aggies. Below is the result of the first Inter-Battalion meet:

First—First Battalion Infantry... 24
Second—Cavalry 46
Third—Artillery 76
Fourth—Aviation 109
Fifth—Sec. Bn. Infantry 130