



# Aggie Sports



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Texas Aggies vs. S. M. U. at  
Kyle Field, April 3.

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The game with the Mustangs promises to be one of interest as the Methodist school has entered a strong aggregation in the conference pennant chase. The Aggies will be primed for the fight. The weak places that showed themselves in the Rice game last week at Houston have been removed and Coach Rothgeb's nine is rearing to go.

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The track team gave a very good account of themselves in the two relay carnivals that were held last week-end. They were only defeated in a total of four events by members of the Southwest Conference in both the meets.

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Poth, the Aggie sprinting ace, set a pace in the century race that was a bit too fast for the other contestants in this event. Evans, the famous Illinois U. sprinter and holder of the world's record for the 220 on a track with one curve, finished fully two feet behind the Southwest Conference champion.

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Harold Osborne, holder of the world's high jump record, performed for the onlookers in Houston. He began warming up and did not remove his sweat clothes until he had cleared the six foot mark. He then added seven more inches to this before he called it a day.

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Included in the lineup of the Minnesota team were several baseball men who gained prominence during the past football season. Chrisgau, who did the receiving, was captain of the Gopher eleven, while their shortstop was the man who stopped the famous "Red" Grange, halfback of the Illinois team, when Minnesota defeated the Illini 21 to 7.

Miss Dizzy: "I've missed my train and you say there is no hotel here. Mercy! Where shall I spend the night?"

Si Jones: "I guess you'll have to stay all night with the station agent."

Miss Dizzy: "Sir, I'll have you to understand that I'm a lady."

Si Jones: "Well, so is the station agent."

Doctor (examining life insurance prospect): Do you talk in your sleep?

Prospect: No, I talk in other people's sleep.

Doctor: How come?

Prospect: I'm a college professor.  
—Ex.

## PUBLIC OPINION OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS

An Editorial.

Just what does the American public think of college athletics? While many opinions of the various writers as expressed in newspapers and periodicals are not very complimentary, they are nevertheless tremendously important for they, in a crude fashion reflect the opinion of the public.

The charge most frequently encountered is that of professionalism and commercialism in strictly amateur college athletics. The "Literary Digest", June 21, 1924, in commenting on the popular indictment against college athletic practices says: "Too much money, too much professionalism, too much devotion to acquiring championships and large gate receipts at the expense of general education and true sportsmanship"—these are a few of the accusations that are leveled against athletics in our schools, and more particularly in our wealthier universities.

Commercialism! Commercialism! is the indicting cry that has been directed at college athletics. The "Literary Digest" of June 21, 1924, quotes an article signed "Veteran Sports Writer," from The Dearborn Independent of significance which contains several statements, thus: "Colleges and universities have more and more developed the commercial tendency. The gate receipts have been uppermost in the mind with those at the head of college athletics. The football schedules (and football is the great paying college sport) are so formed as to provide the greatest possible revenue. The team that is in greatest demand is the team that can guarantee the largest crowd. Teams that are drawing cards will find favor over the traditional and poorer rivals."

Are athletics to blame for the marked decrease in intellectual achievements that so characterize the poorest college era? Of interest to "The New York Tribune" reproduced in part in "Literary Digest" of May 29, 1923, "Why not restore the balance between college football and academic work by raising the standard of classroom instruction to the plane of professional coaching." Again, to quote from a letter to "Outlook," April 26, 1922: "To attribute lack of interest in scholarship and learning to over interest in athletics in many of our colleges is like attributing engine trouble to the lack of oil when there is no gasoline." Also, "Administrators and professors decrying the damnable influences of athletics oftentimes have neither the ability to lead nor drive, and American youth needing a little of both gets nothing else in many of our colleges."

"Athletics, ought to interfere with studies," says Dr. J. Duncan Spath, Director of Rowing and Professor of English Literature at Princeton, in an interview reproduced in "The Literary Digest" of May 27, 1922. Conversely—"Studies ought to interfere

## POTH WINS 100 YARD DASH AT AUSTIN AND HOUSTON

Aggies Place in Other events at Relay Games. Butler University Takes Dash Relays.

### AGGIES LOSE TO RICE OWLS 6-5

After holding a lead of two runs for the first three innings, the Aggies let Rice Institute put over a pair of tallies in the fourth. The three additional runs scored by the Farmers in the fourth and ninth were not enough to win, for Rice staged a final inning rally to tie the count. The winning run was put over by the Owls in the tenth frame.

Coach Rothgeb used four pitchers during the game. Tucker, playing at second for the cadets, led in the batting, getting three hits out of five trips, one of them being for three bases.

The score.

Texas Aggies—	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Williams, lf	5	1	1	2	0	0
Bell, 3b	5	0	1	0	2	0
Grayson, cf	4	2	1	1	0	1
Kyle, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Baker, ss	5	0	1	1	4	1
Tucker, 2b	5	1	3	3	0	1
Johnson, 1b	3	0	0	7	0	0
Schuenerman, c	2	0	1	12	2	0
Hillin, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Koerth, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Rogers, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant, p	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals.....37 5 8 27 10 3

Rice Institute—	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
G. Bloxson, 2b	5	0	1	3	3	2
Wilford, 1b	4	2	2	10	0	0
Dacamara, ss	4	2	1	1	1	2
Hale, c	4	0	0	10	0	0
D. Bloxson, 3b	5	0	2	0	3	0
Underwood, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Fisher, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Fox, lf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Wood, p	3	0	0	0	4	0
Ables, p	1	1	1	0	0	0

Totals.....37 6 9 30 11 4

\*None out when winning run scored.

Summary.

Three base hits: Tucker, G. Bloxson. Two base hits: Ables. Sacrifice hits: Bell, Kyle. Stolen bases: Williams, Grayson, Baker, Schuenerman.

The Score by Innings.

	R	H	E
Aggies	200	100	002 0-5 8 3
Rice	000	200	012 1-6 9 4

with athletics," says the scholarly rowing director. "I don't believe in athletics without studies any more than I believe in studies without athletics of some kind. I believe in wholesome alternation every day between strenuous intellectual work and strenuous physical work of some kind."

"Dusty" Poth, the famous Aggie dash artist, showed the way to the sprinters at the relay games that were held in Austin and Houston by the University of Texas and Rice Institute. The Farmer sprinter stepped off the century in 8 9-10 seconds in the Rice meet, passing the finish line fully two feet ahead of the famous "Bud" Evans of Illinois U. At Austin the time was not as fast due to a strong wind blowing against the runners.

The relay team that entered in the dashes was composed of Poth, Fay Wilson, Arnold, and Woolridge, took a second and third place at the University meet finishing behind the fast Butler University team in the half mile and behind the Butler team and the one representing Oklahoma University. At Houston Butler and Illinois tied for first, and second place went to Norte Dame in the half mile race.

Famous track stars who hold world's records in different events provided an added feature to the day. Joie Ray, seven times champion in the mile run; Harold Osborne, who holds the world's record in the high jump and who was crowned the best all-around athlete at the Olympic games in Paris last year; Jackson V. Scholz, the fastest sprinter in the world; and Floyd Hahn, holder of the world's record in the three-fourths mile, all gave exhibitions of their ability.

It is interesting to note that the Aggies were not defeated by Southwestern Conference entries in both meets except in four events and these were at Houston. In the dashes at the Rice meet, three heats were run and the Aggies entered a man in each heat. These three men placed in each of the heats and consequently entered the finals in which Poth was victor. These three men were the only Southwest Conference representatives in the dashes. The results of the events in which the Aggies entered are as follows:

#### Southwest Relay Carnival. Houston.

Javelin: First Prestie, Miss. A. & M.; 2nd Allison, Texas Aggies; 3rd Dieterich, Texas Aggies. Distance: 186 ft. 6 in.

Two Mile Relay: Illinois; Miss. A. and M.; Texas Aggies. Time 8 min. 8.8 sec.

100 Yard Dash: Poth, Texas Aggies; Evans, Illinois; Lindsey, Okla. U.; Guthrie, Okla. U. Time 9 9-10 sec.

Four Mile Relay: Texas U.; Texas Aggies. Time, 18 min. 32 sec.

Broad Jump: Woods, Butler, U.;