



# RICE GAME LIKELY TO DETERMINE S-W CHAMPS

## SPORTS BITS

BY FRANK W. THOMAS JR.

With the Aggies being given an even break or better in winning the baseball, track, and golf conference titles in the next two weeks, it looks as though the A & M varsity sports are in for a highly successful spring season.

### Beat Rice

The game with Rice may have an important bearing on the conference baseball title should the Aggies fail to win. A loss would throw the Hightmen into a tie with Baylor—if Texas beats Baylor or vice versa. Then the fight would lie between A & M and Texas as to whether the race ended in a three way tie.

### Then Texas

If Baylor whips the Steers Thursday, each will have lost two games with the Maroon and White having lost only one. Then if the Aggies beat Texas, the championship will be ours—or if Texas beats us it will go into a three way tie. If Texas defeats the Bears the battle will lie clearly between A & M and the Longhorns for the championship.

### And Get The

With the close marking of victory that Rice won the track meet here Saturday, the A & M cinder chasers are given almost an even break for the conference title.

### Conference

The meet lies clearly between Rice, Texas, and A & M, with the other conference schools doped to take but few points. Rice was the last school to hold the title before A & M took it for the last two years.

### Baseball and Track

The Aggie golf team, led by Penhead Schriever, is undefeated as yet, having tied the Texas team and defeated the Rice crew. This puts them in an excellent position to bring home another conference title for the school.

### Championship

Squawk Veltman led the A & M baseball team with the number of runs scored on the recent road trip, crossing the plate 9 times and being the star of the Baylor game with his home run in the ninth to break the tie and win the game.

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Sweetie Davis gathered the largest total of hits during the trip, getting 6 hits and 2 runs. Beau Bell collected 5 hits and 4 runs. Mitchell and Pampell each tapped the ball safely four times.

An extract from the "Sport Fodder" column of The Texas Aggie, publication of the Ex-Students' Association, gives an interesting light on the old school as it usta was.

"Even in the 'good old days' there was trouble over athletes failing to keep in training. A copy of the A & M 'Battalion' of June 1900 gives some frank statements on the problem. In relating the list of football players on the team of '99 the following statements are made. ' . . . our star half, . . . would persist in smoking his cigarettes.' And how is this for a gentle rebuke? ' . . . end, a hard

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## One Half Point Gives Owls Meet

Nosed out by one half a point by the Rice Owls in the triangular meet with Rice and Texas Saturday afternoon at Kyle field, Coach Frank Anderson's champion Aggie track team will be forced to better their records to win the conference title at T C U the coming week-end.

The meet Saturday afternoon was close throughout the afternoon with A & M and Rice alternating in the lead. At the end of the one mile relay, A & M was leading by four and one half points, but the results of the javelin throw in which the Owls took second and third places, was enough to give them the scant margin of victory.

Captain Rufus Emmons covered himself with glory in winning first in the 100 and 220 dashes, and taking part in the 440 and one mile relays, the latter of which A & M romped to an easy victory. Emmons was high point man on the meet with 11 and 1-4 points to his credit.

Honors for the one mile relay victory go mainly to Percy Mimms, Aggie half miler. After George Lord

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## Golfers Win Over Rice Owls For First Victory

Winning three singles and two doubles matches, the Aggie golf team led by Bernard Schriever of San Antonio, took a 4-2 decision from the Rice Owl putters Wednesday afternoon on the Bryan country club course.

This match was the first win for the team in conference competition this season, although they are credited with a 3-3 tie match with the Texas University aggregation.

Besides winning from Rice and tying with Texas, victories have been registered over a number of city teams in practice affairs since the start of the season.

Friday afternoon the team is scheduled to meet the S M U Mustangs on their own course in Dallas and possibly the T C U Horned Frogs in Fort Worth Saturday. The latter will not be a conference match, however.

The following men, having turned in the lowest scores in the last competition between team members, will make the trip to Dallas: Bernard Schriever, captain and coach; Toad Christian, Abilene; Perry Keith, Dallas; and Charlie Malone, Dallas.

Following the match with S M U the team will be idle until the conference meet May 14, 15 and 16, in Dallas.

## Aggies Win Over Bears, Frogs And Mustangs In Fast Games

### Three Straight Victories Give A & M Lead Of Conference

Crossing the plate 30 times in three games Beau Bell's hustling Aggies completely routed the Baylor Bears, T C U Horned Frogs and the S M U Mustangs last week, thereby winding up the final road trip of the season with three wins and exactly no set-backs. By these victories the Aggies stepped into first place with their age old rivals, the Texas Steers a close second.

The start of the ninth inning of the Baylor game found the Aggies and Bears tied up at three all, but a walk to Mitchell and Squawk Veltman's timely circuit clout practically eliminated the Bears from the title chase. Marshall Shaw, with flawless support from his team mates, pitched well for the entire game allowing eight scattered hits in the nine inn-

ings. Baylor threatened to score in the ninth, but with two on the bases and two men out Shaw breezed three past Jackie Wilson, slugging Baylor outfielder, to end the game.

Making hits count for runs and taking advantage of Horned Frog bobbles, A & M easily took a 16 to 3 victory from the lowly Froggies. Three T C U pitchers were unable to stem the Aggie attack and when the affair ended fifteen hits had been made. Ab Hawes hurled well throughout the game, and chalked up his second conference win this season with no defeats.

The S M U affair was just another victory for the Aggies with Bob Scheer, the pride of Marshall, doing an excellent bit of mound work. Although he was touched for 11 hits, he succeeded in keeping them well scattered and the Mustangs were able to tally only once, while the Aggies were busy scoring nine times.

## Aggies Net Squad To Play Tex. Sat.

Playing the final matches before the conference meet which will take place here on May 14, 15 and 16, the Aggie netters under Captain Frank O'Bannon will engage the powerful University of Texas net quartet here Saturday afternoon.

Texas has one of the most powerful teams in the history of the school, being undefeated for the season and

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## Freshmen Tossers Show Form In Two Victories

While the varsity baseballers were taking Baylor and T C U for a cleaning, Coach Earl Lyon's Aggie freshmen baseball team was busy at college humbling the Blinn Memorial College of Brenham in two out of three games Friday and Saturday. The freshmen won Friday's game by a 6-5 score, losing the first game Saturday 3-2 and taking the twilight event 7-6.

McMillan and January issued hits sparingly Friday while their teammates collected six runs and held

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## Three Way Tie Between Texas, A & M, and Baylor May Close Season

### Aggie Swimmers Easily Win From University

Seven first places in the eight events of the meet enabled Dan Humason and his Aggie swimmers to win decisively over the Texas University navigators by a score of 50 to 25, in the Y M C A pool Saturday afternoon. This victory was the second for the Aggies this season in three meets, being defeated in the initial meet by the Houston Y M C A.

From the very beginning of the meet when the Aggies won the opening relay race with a margin of three and one-half seconds, they assumed the lead and were never in danger throughout the meet.

Probably the feature of the afternoon was the work of Dan Humason, Aggie captain and coach. Humason took three first places and figured prominently in the four man relay team victory. He was first in the 100 yard back stroke, the 220 yard free style and the 100 yard free style, in which he set a new tank record for the Y M C A pool.

One of the closest races of the meet was the 40 yard free style in which Howder of A & M, Fort Crocket, nosed out Irwin, Texas University, by 3/5 of one second.

The one first place won by the University was in the fancy diving competition. Taylor of Texas won over S. H. Garrison, A & M, with a nine point lead. Cecil Threadgill another A & M man was third in this event.

The medley relay team, composed of Dan Humason, Robert L. Suggs, San Antonio, and J. D. Howder easily topped the University team with a nine second lead at the finish line. Suggs also won a first place in the 100 yard breast stroke race.

Returning with three victories over the schools in the northern end of the conference loop and leading the conference race by one-half a game, Captain Beau Bell and his Aggie nine will meet the Rice Institute baseball team on Kyle Field Thursday afternoon in the last conference game before the final game with the University of Texas Longhorns on May 16.

With the Aggies heading the conference win column, the game will be of much importance to the Aggies as a defeat at the hands of the Owls would greatly reduce A & M's title chances.

Although fourth in the conference standings, Rice is an ever dangerous opponent, as Owls have a powerful combination that has been unable to click together thus far in the season, and if the feathered tribe be right, they will be hard to beat. Rice has won three out of eight conference tangles to date, having two more games to play.

Ray Hart, ace of the Owl staff, will likely draw the assignment against the Maroon and White crew.

Marshall Shaw, leading Aggie pitcher, will probably take the mound for the Aggies, with Garvey behind the bat. The rest of the line up will probably be: Carpenter, first base; Davis, second base; Pampell, third base; Henderson, short stop; Bell, left field; Veltman, center field; and Mitchell, right field.

### FISH BANQUET

"Citizenship" was the topic chosen for a talk before members of the freshman class at a banquet held in the mess hall annex Monday night by Bishop Clinton S. Quinn. Class president Barfield was the only other speaker on the program.

## First Football Coach Was Paid With Donations From Corps

### By W. J. Faulk Battalion Sports Writer

For thirty-seven years A and M has been represented on the gridiron in intercollegiate combat, but for only thirty-two of them has there been a regularly paid football coach.

From E. C. Boettcher of East Bernard, who wore the Maroon and White for four years as a linesman and who played every minute of every game held during his time in college comes the story of A and M's first gridiron tutor.

In 1898 the so called Aggie football squad being without the services of an advisor, players raised the sum of \$50 by means of passing the hat throughout the then small cadet corps, and with this amount hired a man by the name of Taylor from the Kansas City Athletic club to serve as coach. The money lasted but one month, and so likewise did the coach, for when it

was found that no more money was forthcoming, coach Taylor folded his tent like the Arabs and departed northward again to Kansas City.

In desperation the team appealed to the cadet corps once more, which body finally responded by donating to the fund all refunds due the members at the end of the school year. The refunds would consist of the residue remaining from a \$5.00 breakage fee.

With more cash in sight, another coach appeared on the scene. This one finished the season of 1898 but failed to return the following year.

The same policy was used to obtain funds at the start of the next season, and Coach Murray appeared on the scene as a result. He remained for several seasons.

The collection means of raising sufficient money to keep the football mentor satisfied was used until par-

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