

RICE TAKES CONFERENCE TRACK MEET

SPORTS BITS

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When the conference meet was over Saturday eve, fourteen members of Coach Frank Anderson's track team had run their last race bearing the colors of Aggieland. It has been mainly through these fourteen men that A & M held the conference track title for the past two years.

These men were the most brilliant collection of track stars assembled here in a number of years, if not the most brilliant in the history of the school. With their passings, vacancies are created which will be hard to fill.

In the dashes and relays, Coach Andy loses Captain Rufus Emmons, Rube Tracy, Maurice Sessions, and M. H. Badger. The loss of Emmons will hurt, as Rufus is probably the most consistent 100 and 220 yard dash man in the conference today, in addition to being high point man for the year on the A & M squad.

The conference will also lose the two leading hurdlers in both the 120 highs and 220 lows with the passing of Harlan and Slocomb. Winders and Perkins will be lost in the distance runs.

Bull Floyd, conference javelin record holder, who was unable to compete this year because of injuries will be lost through graduation. J. C. Barron will also be lost for that reason. The conference meet last week was the first intercollegiate meet Barron had taken part in between Southwest conference schools.

Teet Laster and Holsenbake have jumped their last high jump for the Maroon and White. Sam McCluney will be lost in the discus and shot. Harry Stiteler, conference pole vault record holder, has also completed his last vault for the Aggies.

Herman Harlan, dashing Aggie tall timber topper from Cameron, placed his name in the mythical hall of fame Saturday afternoon when he sprinted to a thrilling victory in the high hurdle race in 14.6 seconds which is just two tenths of one second short of the world's record in that event.

Because of his very excellent time in winning the race Saturday and because it was made possible by his own determination and stamina, Harlan is already being mentioned as a prospective member of the United States Olympic team in 1932.

At the start of his sophomore year Harlan was advised by Coach Anderson that his time could be put to a much better use than trying to be a hurdler, and Coach Andy thought so little of his future that Harlan was refused a uniform and was not allowed to eat on the training table. But this statement only served to increase Harlan's desire to reach his goal, and thus the story begins.

Harlan had his first taste of victory in a dual meet with Texas University late in his sophomore year when Slocomb, his teammate was eliminated from the high hurdle race by tripping over the first and running through the second hurdle. Harlan seeing this, dashed with almost superhuman effort and won handily from the steer entries. Previous to the above mentioned race Harlan had never gained a victory over Slocomb even in practice, but since that time Harlan has never been beaten in the high hurdles by Slocomb.

Record of conference meets in which Harlan has been a participant for the (Continued on page 5)

Heavy Hitting Wins Slug Fest from Owls

Leading the sluggers for the afternoon, Captain Beau Bell had a perfect day at bat with four hits and one walk and let his title bound Aggie baseball nine to a 14 to 11 victory over the Rice Owls in a loosely played affair at Kyle Field Thursday afternoon. The win kept the Aggies in undisputed possession of the first place in the conference baseball flag chase.

From the start of the game the Aggies showed little respect for the slants of Ray Hart, ace of the Owl twirling staff, slamming the pill in all direction to chalk up five counters in the opening round. The Ricemen then came back in the next two rounds and hopped on Shaw for eight safeties which accounted for three tallies. Shaw then retired in favor of A. Hawes at the start of the fourth inning.

Hawes hurled well for two innings with only one scratch being registered off his delivery. The Owls began scoring again in the sixth, however, and were not successfully checked for the remainder of the way. In the eighth, with one out and one man on base, Hart hit a home run over Veltman's head in left center field and started a rally which netted 3 runs before the side was retired.

The start of the ninth frame found the Aggies with a six run lead but the cadets were unable to get anyone out and the Owls scored three times before Hammett popped out to Veltman to end the game.

While the Aggies were taking the measure of the Owls, Texas University was whipping the Baylor Bears to the tune of 5 to 1, which leaves the Steers in possession of second place and only two games to go. Texas plays Rice Friday, May 15 and comes to College Station the following day for the final game of the season, which will decide the conference champion.

Texas Netters Hand Defeat To Aggie Team

In the final matches before the Southwest Conference Meet, the Texas netters defeated A & M here Saturday 5 to 1. Emery and Cunningham won the Aggies' lone tally by winning their doubles match.

The Aggies were given a bad break when Captain O'Bannon turned an ankle and was taken from the game. French substituting for O'Bannon, and Saenger went into extra sets before losing their doubles match.

LaCosste and Barnes did not make the trip but will be in condition for the meet next Saturday. Captain Frank O'Bannon will likely be unable to compete because of his injured foot.

A one-day census of the French populace was taken recently. Although it is believed the population has increased by a few hundred thousand since the last census in 1921, the results have not yet been made public.

Golf Team Leaving For Conference Meet

While the A & M diamond crew is battling the Longhorns here at College for the baseball title, Captain B. A. Schriever and his golf mates will be battling the rest of the conference schools for the Conference Golf title at Dallas this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The matches will be played at the Dallas Country Club.

The Southern Methodist University is rated at the strongest team in the conference, with the Aggies as a close second. The qualifying rounds will be played Thursday morning and the team championship decided by these matches.

The final matches for the individual championships will be played Saturday afternoon with 36 hole matches.

The team, composed of Captain B. A. Schriever, C. C. Malone, Perry Keith, and G. L. Christian, will leave Wednesday afternoon.

A & M Riflemen Win National Honors

Completing the most successful season in the history of the college, the A & M rifle team, coached by Lieutenant Nachman, has for the second consecutive time, placed first in the National intercollegiate small bore indoor rifle matches and in the eighth corps area competition, and second in the Hearst trophy competition.

The team far outpointed all opponents with a total score of 7740 points out of a possible 8000 in the National intercollegiate firing. The score of the nearest rival has not yet been received. Proof of the very excellent firing by the team was noted by the fact that in ten scores turned in to the national judging board the total difference was only four points. The high score was a 776 out of a possible 800 while the low man had a total of 772 points out of a possible 800. Scores include firing in four positions, prone, kneeling, sitting and standing.

First place in the Hearst trophy firing went to Washington State University with a bare three points margin over the Aggie riflemen. However, Lieutenant Nachman's sharpshooters hold several victories over the redwoods boys in meets held earlier in the season.

The eighth corps area match was just another walk-away for A & M, with very little competition from any of the schools entered.

Those men composing the winning team in the National Intercollegiate match are J. S. Porcher, captain elect for 1932 from El Paso; W. G. Allen, Dallas; J. A. McDavitt, San Antonio; F. K. McGinnis, Dallas; E. R. Rhine, San Antonio; C. W. Crass, Palestine; E. O. McKay, Tyler; Lawrence Cook, Dallas; O. D. Price, Texarkana; and J. Harding, Dallas.

Members of the team placing second in the Hearst trophy are W. H. Myers, team captain from Valley View; J. S. Porcher; C. W. Crass; E. L. Anderson, San Antonio; and E. R. Rhine.

Rice Owls Win Conference In Southwestern Championship Contest

Seven Swimmers Named To Receive Sweaters

Seven members of the Aggie swimming team have been named by captain and coach Dan Humason to receive sweaters for the 1931 season, which came to a close when the team was nosed out by the Houston Y. M. C. A. in an open meet in Houston Saturday night 36 to 30. The Galveston Sharks, representing the city of Galveston, and several individual entries were other contenders in the meet.

C. M. Everts of Houston, a former member of the A & M swimming team and the only individual entry to place, won third place honors with five points, which he earned by taking first place in the fancy diving. The Galveston Sharks were in the cellar as a result of their inability to amass but four points for the entire meet.

Dan Humason of the Aggies and Adamson of the Houston team tied for high point honors of the meet each with a total of 9 to his credit. Humason was first in the 100 yard back stroke, second in the 200 yard free style and a member of the medley relay team which took a second place.

In the regular four man relay team race A & M was second to the Houston crew by a few seconds, but the Aggies followed this by winning both first and third places in the 50 yard free style affair. Hooper and Osborn were victors in the latter. The 100 yard free style was a complete loss to A & M, with Houston taking both first and second places. Bob Suggs, the San Antonio lad, swam a nice race to lead his opponent in the 100 yard breast stroke race while Seth Garrison from "Cowtown" was (Continued on page 5)

A powerful Rice Owl track team ran rough-shod over all opponents in the Southwest conference track and field meet Saturday afternoon to win the conference championship with a margin of ten points over their nearest rival, A & M. The seven conference institutions finished in the order named: Rice 48½ points; A & M 37 points; Texas 35½ points; S M U 24 points; T C U 17 points; Baylor 12 points and Arkansas University 2 points.

Herman Harlan and Don Slocomb, both of Cameron, and running their last races for A & M, shown brilliantly in the hurdle races. Harlan won a thriller in the 120 yard high hurdles when he dashed down the lane to cross the finish line in 14.6 seconds and thereby erased the conference mark of 15 seconds flat. Slocomb came through to win the 220 yard low hurdles with Ike Morris, sterling Aggie sophomore hurdler, running a close second.

Harry Stiteler established a new record in the pole vault when he topped the bar at 13 feet ¾ inches to better his record of last year by one fourth of one inch. Stiteler's vaulting far outshone anything he has done this season and as result his record breaking was the biggest upset of the meet. Baldry of Rice failed to show his usual form in this event and was forced to accept fourth place.

With a three yard lead at the start of the last lap of the mile relay it was apparent that A & M might win, but the speedy Westerfelt of Texas soon took the lead, leaving Holloway of Rice and Badger of Aggies for second and third.

R. C. Barron of Wellborn, winner of the javelin throw in the intramural meet this spring and participating in conference competition for the first (Continued on page 5)

Conference Standing

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Team—	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
A & M	9	8	1	.889
Texas	8	7	1	.875
Baylor	10	7	3	.700
Rice	9	3	6	.333
S M U	10	2	8	.200
T C U	10	1	9	.100

CONFERENCE SCORES

May 7—A & M 14, Rice 11.
May 7—Texas 5, Baylor 1.

WHERE THEY PLAY

May 15—Texas vs Rice at Houston.
May 16—A & M vs Texas at College.

TENNIS RESULTS

May 9—Texas 5, A & M 1.
WHERE THEY PLAY
May 14-15-16—Southwest Conference Meet at College.

GOLF RESULTS

S M U 6, T C U 0.
A & M 1, S M U 5.
WHERE THEY PLAY
May 14-15-16—Southwest Conference Meet at Dallas.

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