

Coaches Stress Blocking In Spring Practice

Conference Swimming Meet To Be Held Here Saturday Nite

Norton And Hubbard Well Pleased With Material Out For Practice

"Blocking, blocking, and more blocking," is the battle cry for Aggie footballers as spring training swings into its third week. With the players rounding into top physical form, Coaches Homer Norton and Cal Hubbard are putting their prospects through daily scrimmages and drilling them especially on football fundamentals rather than attempting to create team plays to any extent in this phase of the training.

With the idea in mind that there has never been a great team that did not have exceptionally good blocking, the coaches will devote most of the remaining time allowed for spring training not only to teach the boys how to block, but to also create in the players a desire and a delight to block. In the words of Hubbard who has just completed actual playing, there is no part of football that is more real fun and gives a player greater pleasure than to carry an opponent completely out of the play by a terrific block. "Why," said Hubbard, "I had rather flatten out a would-be tackler than eat. It is a lot more fun than to actually make a good tackle." "But," he continued, "blocking is like eating olives. At first the player looks at blocking just as work and until he learns how to block effectively and powerfully, takes it something like medicine. Then as blocking is learned and becomes natural with a boy, he begins to get delight in it as he can in no other phase of the game."

Norton then said that the purpose of the coaches would be to instill such a desire into the boys although it would be hard work at first and would take continued drilling to do so. "But," said Norton, "the players had just as well get it into their minds now to learn and perfect blocking because if they don't, they will get so tired of the continued drilling that they will have to learn it if for no other reason than to stop the intensive drilling on blocking."

Scrimmages Every Day
Although there will be scrimmages every day until the end of the season, there will not likely be any full game played at the end of the thirty days training as has been the custom in past years. "We are advancing at a rapid rate in the training," Coach Norton said, "but we still have plenty of work to do on the fundamental drills and won't have any time in this

short session to work on team plays enough to put on a regular game at that time. There will be long and hard scrimmages held daily for the rest of the season, however."

Fine Material
When asked what his opinion of the material out for spring training so far, Norton said that, although it was really too early in the season to predict anything at all on what the boys would do next year because of the many elements that might enter between now and then, the material is the best that he has ever had to work with and there is more natural ability in the boys here than any he has ever started with, barring none. "The main trouble with the boys themselves is this he added, "they actually do not know just what possibilities they have and do not know how good they can become with plenty of hard work and training."

Varsity Golfers Chosen As Result Of Recent Tryout

Meets With U of Texas and SMU Are Scheduled In Addition To Conference Meet At Fort Worth May 8.

As a result of the recent elimination round held at the Bryan Country Club, the 1934 Aggie varsity golf team will be composed of Frank Bolton, College Station, George Bargmann, Gonzales, J. B. Heinen, Dallas, and W. H. Turner, Longview. These men won positions on the team by virtue of their low qualifying scores and they have been practicing regularly in preparation for the dual meets of the spring and for the conference meet to be held in Fort Worth May 8, which is the climax of the period

Scenes From Spring Training



Above are a few scenes taken from the spring football training camps taken from their second week's practice. In the center are the coaches working out with the team. They are Head Coach Homer Norton, Line Coach Cal Hubbard, Freshman Coach Ray Murray, and Backfield Coach Manning Smith. The team scrimmages each afternoon and will continue to work out every afternoon until the time for spring practice to end.

Watching the Aggies

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ACTIVITY IS the key word to Aggie athletics for this week-end. Starting Saturday afternoon at three o'clock there will be a baseball game between the Aggies and the "Grand Prize" team of Houston. Then Saturday night at eight o'clock the conference swimming meet will be held in the Aggie pool. Sunday afternoon the wrestling finals will be held in Memorial gymnasium and besides this there will be a hard scrimmage in the spring football training, the freshmen track men are scheduling a track meet with Harry Stiteler's (ex-Aggie star athlete) Smithville high school team and the final championship games in intramural horseshoe pitching and volleyball will take place. To add to the hum and buzz of activities in sports, boxing and playground ball are starting.

HERE IS THE SPIRIT the Aggies want. After spring football training began, somebody told Cal Hubbard about big W. H. Miller,

of preparation and competition. Individual positions on the team at present are in the order of the members of the team listed above. By challenging and defeating the man just above himself on the rankings, each man has a chance to improve his standing as he improves his game. Challenges must be accepted within two weeks from date of issue. This keeping of individual standings was inaugurated this year in order to keep the team in condition by keen competition within itself.

While there has been no regularly designated coach, Hugh Carpenter, former assistant pro at the Cedar Crest Club in Dallas and who is now attending school here, has been voluntarily lending his assistance to club members. No captain has been chosen to lead the team this year.

Before the conference meet, two dual meets have been scheduled: University of Texas, at Austin on April 28; and S M U, here on May

gigantic 270 pound man who had not reported for spring training. Hubbard immediately looked Miller up and found out that he had to work during the time that spring training was going on and for that reason could not report. Such a small detail did not stop Cal from obtaining the big boy so he arranged to come out and work individually with him during any off period that Miller had. Hubbard found after a little work that Miller was exceptionally fast for a man of his size and has hopes of developing a star player out of him.

IF the coaches had not shown this interest in Miller, he probably would not have even thought of going out for football and as far as football is concerned would have been wasted material. Norton expressed the belief that there are many boys in school at A and M now who have natural abilities in football but do not even know it themselves. Norton does not want a man who has done things in football as much as he wants men who can do things and even if they have never had any experience in the grid game, he wants them to come and talk to him if they have any idea at all of being able to play. It is not too late yet for anyone who aspires to play to enter training and Coaches Norton and Hubbard said Monday night that the training was open to anyone who wished to come and talk to them about coming out.

JOHNNY MITCHELL AND H. C. STEFANI, both of Galveston, have made an enviable record in intramural handball during the last four years. In fact during this time they have made it hard for all the other teams to do any more than just enter the handball tournaments. This year they were instrumental in Battery B Field Artillery winning the intramural championship in this sport for the fourth consecutive year that they have been members of the team.

AGGIES TIE FIRST GAME WITH HUMBLE OILERS LOSE 2ND

Mooty and Moon Hurl for Aggies in Games Played at Henderson; Both Go To Extra Innings.

Coach Roswell Higginbotham's Aggies and the Humble Oil nine were hardly able to break a deadlock in two extra inning ball games at Henderson Friday and Saturday afternoons. The first contest, which ended in a 6-6 deadlock, was called on account of darkness at the end of the twelfth inning. In the second game, it took eleven innings to settle the dispute in favor of the Oilers by a score of 8-7.

"Jake" Mooty pitched effectively in the first contest after a rather wild start. The Oilers had Mooty in serious trouble when he passed three men and allowed three hits in the second inning but after this did not threaten the hurling "Jake" seriously. The Aggie righthander settled down in the latter part of the game and held the Oilers scoreless for the last five innings.

Bill Sodd furnished the batting power in the first contest with 3 hits in 6 times up, two of these hits being doubles. Mooty and Cochran collected two hits each off the Oilers.

In the second game, "Bugga" Moon, Aggie captain, ran into a bit of "pitcher's tough luck". He distributed 10 hits over eleven innings and allowed only 3 earned runs, yet lost the game. Moon was steady in the pinches despite the ragged support given him by his mates and allowed only one extra base blow.

Voelkel, Aggie second baseman, got three of the seven Aggie hits in the second contest. Bill Sodd was good on the defense and gave the Oilers warning early in the second game to stay near the bags when the ball was in his possession as he threw the fleet-foot Novar out at the plate when he attempted to score from third after Jones had filled out to Sodd in centerfield. Errors were few in the two games for so early in the season with the Aggies making only two each game.

195 Wrestlers Sign Up For Competition

Entries were heavy this year in intramural wrestling, as the check-up at the conclusion of the weighing-in formalities showed that 195 cadets had become aspirants for the championship medals which are awarded the winner in each of the eight weight classes.

The first bouts were held Monday of this week and plans call for a number of matches each day until all winners are determined.

Weighing-in for boxing, which sport follows wrestling on the intramural calendar, was held March 19.

New Coaches Talk To Honor Society

Members of the Scholarship Honor Society were entertained by brief talks from Coaches Norton and Cal Hubbard at their regular meeting in the Asbury Room Tuesday night, March 13.

Coaches Norton and Hubbard, who will have charge of the A and M football team next year and who are now directing the spring training here, both expressed great hopes and expectations for the Aggies next year since they are receiving so much cooperation in spring training. Both coaches stated that they were more than glad to be on the A and M campus and that they had certainly enjoyed their visit here since their arrival.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The fifth annual soaring contest for primary gliding flying will be held as usual at Elmira, New York, June 23 to July 2, it was announced by the Soaring Society of America.

FOUR CONFERENCE SCHOOLS ARE TO BE REPRESENTED

Texas University Tankmen Expected To Capture First Place; Students Admitted To Meet for Fifteen Cents.

Crack swimmers from four Southwest Conference schools will meet in the Aggie swimming pool Saturday night at 8 o'clock as the conference swimming meet takes place. Three schools will enter complete swimming teams. They are Texas University, S M U, and Texas A and M, while Texas Christian will only have entries in one or two events. Because of the small number of schools entering teams, no preliminaries will be necessary. Conference records are expected to be broken from all sides when

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