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## Minor Sport Athletes Should Be Given Great Pat on the Back for Their Accomplishments

It's a funny thing about sports at A. & M.—as a matter of fact, all over Texas. People will flock to see basketball, football, or baseball games because they are "big time"—they're publicized sports. They're interesting and thrilling contests, too—in fact, I'd rather see a football game or any of the other two tilts than anything else. But that's not the point. The point I'm trying to put over is that there are other sports besides those mentioned going on at the same time and no one around here just gives a "hang." These particular athletic contests is what we call "minor sports." Swimming, pistol shooting, rifle firing, polo, water polo, fencing, cross country, etc., are only a few examples.

This corner itself has been rather negligent in the past as far as these minor sports are concerned. The boys who come out for them work as hard as the football, basketball, or baseball players and deserve a lot of back patting. And when you look at the records, these athletes do quite well for A. & M. and themselves.

First, take the pistol team. For a number of years, this particular athletic squad has been winning national meets, and at times have salvaged the national crown. It has gone to meets at Chicago, Kansas and many other large cities, and carried the prestige of Aggie athletic teams far and wide.

The water polo team is another example of A. & M. supremacy. Every year Coach Art Adamson puts out a powerful team—one which wins its share of victories. This year the tankers were undefeated in six games, and copped the Texas League crown. The same can be said about Coach Adamson's swimming team. Last year, they lost to Texas by a scant margin in the annual conference meet, but are destined to get their due revenge in the coming meet this year.

And so it goes on and on. These athletes are really the "unsung heroes" of A. & M. sports. They work and play hard, but still no one seems to take notice of the fact. Let's not by-pass them when we are able to give them a good pat on the back. They deserve it!

## Sports Squibs From Here and There; Coach Adamson's Tankers Open Against D.A.C.

Coach Art Adamson's swimming team opens its 1942 schedule in a dual meet with the Dallas Athletic Club February 7... last year, the tankers split in their two-meet series... following this, Coach Adamson's swimmers journey on to Auburn February 9 to meet with the Alabama Polytechnic College... February 10, they meet Emory U. at Atlanta, followed up with Georgia Tech, at the same place on February 11... they meet Tennessee the following day at Knoxville, and wind up their tour the next day in a triangular meet against Vanderbilt and Castle Military Academy at Lebanon, Tennessee... Prospects are bright for the swimming team this year, and Coach Adamson expects to annex a few meets before the year is out... Following their tour of the South, the tankers come back to College Station where they

will be ready to open their conference schedule... Coach Homer Norton has divided his football squad into four teams... at present here is how the first team lines up... Simmons and Trotter at ends, Tulis and Luethy at tackles, Sibley at center, Rogers and Zapalac at halfbacks, Daniels at quarterback, and Webster at fullback... alternating with these are Ed Sturcken and George Wilde... Wilde, as you remember, threw that 66 yard pass in the Rice Slime game this past season... Bill Andrews, sub fullback of the '41 Aggie team has been moved to the tackle position... Andy Cokinos, brother of Mike, will be eligible to compete in future basketball games this season... he is a great side-court shooter, and is expected to see much service... "Bigfoot" Kamperman, one of the brightest pitching prospects on the baseball team, has left school to get married.

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## Class B Swimming and Basketball Champs



Top, left to right: B Infantry Freshmen, Brandes, Garrett, Everett, Forrest, Halsell, and Chapman.  
Bottom, left to right: H Coast Freshmen, Deane, Hutson, Mallett, Ramsey, Huggins, and Griffin.

## Aggieminton is New Class B Sport; Played with Wood Bats

A new sport is being added to the freshman intramural program this semester. Aggieminton is the newcomer and it rounds out a program of 16 different sports that class B participants have taken part in.

On Monday, February 2, there will be an Aggieminton instructional period in the big gym at 5 p. m. All freshmen are invited to come down and take part in the lecture. Game credit will be given only to those who are taking intramurals. The sport will begin February 4.

Aggieminton isn't an invention, but it is an economical adaptation of economical equipment to the age old and very popular game of Badminton.

Badminton is a game that is rapidly taking first place in the field of recreational sports. Baylor university holds an annual tournament that attracts over 400 participants. College students from all over the country attend these matches and in previous years Ag-

gieland has had a representative. Badminton resembles tennis in that a ball is batted back and forth across a net.

Aggieminton is Badminton played with wooden paddles instead of rackets, and a cloth ball is used in place of the standard shuttlecock or "bird." Aggieminton intramural contests will consist of three doubles matches. The sport will be conducted in the same manner as horseshoes and handball.

A brief summary of the rules follows:

**AGGIEMINTON RULES**  
The Game: The object of the game is to volley the bird (ball) over the net in such a way that the opponent is unable to return it over the net and in the court.  
The Scoring: As in volleyball or handball, only the server scores a point when he wins a rally. The reward for the receiver winning a rally is the opportunity to serve and score. A game consists of 15 points, but to win, a player must be at least two points ahead as 15-13 or 16-14, etc.  
A tally is won when the opponent is unable to return the ball over the net and in the court. (Line balls are good.)  
The Serve: The serve must be struck below the waist level. The serve is made from anywhere in the server's right hand service court to anywhere in the receiver's right

## Cadet Gridsters Begin Hard Work As Drills Intensify

The Texas Aggie football squad, already four days in their spring training season, are settling down to serious work in preparation for the 1942 grid season. This year's spring practice was advanced by Coach Norton when the Board of Directors speeded up the Aggie educational program.

The early practices usually begin near the middle of February but this year the gridsters will be turning their practice togs back in before the end of that month. As the Southwest Conference rules on spring training sessions limits the length of such training periods to 30 days the Cadets will be through about February 24.

The 1942 Aggie backfield will be built around Willie Zapalac, the '41 blocking back, and Jake Webster, star fullback and place-kicker, both of whom were starters on the Aggie team of last year. Leo Daniels, who alternated with Derace Moser at tailback, will probably draw the starting call at that position. Cullen Rogers, Ed Sturcken, Bob Williams, and Tom Pickett, along with a number of sophomores and last year's second stringers will round out the backfield possibilities.

The Cadet line will find Dub Sibley at the pivot post, with Slat Holder and Art Mercer understudying. A couple of prospective centers have come up from the fish team. Felix Bucek, Wayne Cure, Bill Henderson, Don Luethy, Wildon Maples, and Ray Mulhollan, are the holdovers from the old Aggie squad. These players, along with a number of "blue boys" and sophomores, will be shaped into the 1942 Maroon line.

In doubles, each partner serves until he loses before the serve goes to the other team. This is true in all cases except the first serve of the first game, when only one member of the serving team serves before the serve goes to the other team. In doubles, when the serve changes from one team to the other, the server in the right hand court is the first to serve.

One trial only is allowed on service unless the server misses the ball entirely.

## Aggies Resume Conference Play Against Baylor Tues

After enjoying a brief eight day respite from the rigors of conference warfare, the Texas Aggie basketballers will trot out on the floor next Tuesday night to face the Baylor Bears, currently roosting in second place in the circuit.

The Aggies are still smarting under the sting of the defeat handed them by the Bears in their last meeting. After leading throughout the contest the Aggies saw their efforts go for naught, as Bill Haley's field goal swished through the hoop in the last thirty seconds of play to give the game to the Waco boys by a score of 48-46.

Standout performer for the Bears in this contest and the boy who finally proved to be the Aggies nemesis, was little Dwight Parks. Scoring 19 points for the

invaders, it was Parks who time and again, when it seemed as though the Aggies were on the verge of "icing" the game would drop one through the hoop to put the Bears back in the running. It was this consistent ability to stay within striking distance that enabled the Baylor boys to come from behind in the last thirty seconds to win.

The game Tuesday night is to be played in Waco, and if it lives up to expectations should be one of the fastest-stepping thrillers of the current season. The Aggies are hot for revenge, and the Bears need a victory to stay within striking distance of the loop leaders.

The Aggies do not play at home again until February 13, when they open a two day home series with the towering Arkansas Razorbacks, currently tied with T.C.U. for the conference lead. They then play home series with S.M.U. and T.C.U. before taking to the road again.

## Dimitt Appointed As Representative To Nat'l. Trainers Assn.

Coach Lilburn J. "Lil" Dimmitt, official trainer of the Texas Aggie football team, has received notice of his appointment as the Southwest Conference representative to the National Athletic Trainers Association.

The Association is made up of trainers from every organized athletic conference in the country, and has as its purpose to enable the trainers to get together and discuss their various problems as they arise.

In connection with his appointment to the position of Southwest Conference representative, "Lil" has been made chairman of the trainers of the Southwest Conference.

## Brazos A&M Cadet Club Will Meet Mon

Brazos A. & M. Cadet Club is postponing its regular Monday night meeting in order to avoid a conflict with that of the Brazos Welfare Council. The club will send representatives to the Council. An announcement will be made sometime this week, regarding the next club meeting.

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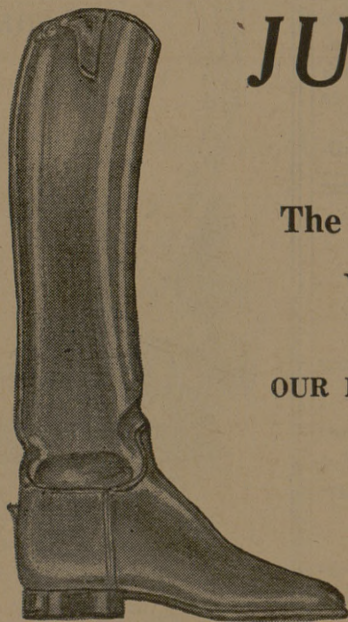
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