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Coach Homer Norton's 1942 Gridiron Team Is Improving Greatly Day by Day

The main event on Kyle Field this afternoon will be the intra-squad game exhibited before the home folks by Coach Homer Norton's streamlined Texas Aggie gridiron machine. "Streamlined" is the exact word for the edition of the '42 eleven for today this team according to Coaches and "rail-birds" is looking far better than did the '41 team at the same time. There is, fundamentally, not too much difference between the two editions—the '41 and '42 teams. As everyone already knows, the '41 team absolutely lacked a potent running game, but in its stead possessed one of the best aerial attacks in the country. Well, this year's team compares more than favorably as far as the passing game is concerned, and, at this time, seems to have developed a

strong running attack to go with their aerial display. Ed Sturcken, Jake Webster and Otto Payne have added much power to a seemingly average weight team. These three have been alternating much at the fullback post, and each packs a wallop. Leo Daniels, soph ace last year, is fast developing into a great threat, and should be the sparkplug of the team next year. Yes, the '42 squad is showing vast improvement and may become a dire threat by next September.

As Dean Kyle puts it, "There's no law in winning four consecutive championships." That's getting a bit ahead of ourselves but you just take time out this afternoon to watch this team work. The scrimmage is slated to start at 3 o'clock so don't miss out on anything.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; T Club To Have Benefit Show at Campus, Feb 26

Pete Henry, president of the T Club, has announced that the Campus Theater will offer the club a benefit show February 26, the day before the T dance. . . The picture scheduled to be shown that day is "Bean Geeset," starring Gary Cooper . . . Ben Stout, star tackle prospect from the freshman team, is also an all-time shot-put record holder in his home state of Oklahoma . . . Frank Bibbs, cross country letterman, offers this explanation as to how he could break into the news, "If I break into the news, it'll be the obituary column." . . . No cracks, now . . . the boy deserves plenty of praise for his contribution to the cross-country team . . . he has worked hard all year, running five miles per day. . . the draft certainly hit Coach Jack Gray's Texas university basketball team right in the mid-section. . . Gray has an eight-man

squad at the present time. . . Dub Oxford, assistant sports editor of The Batt, has decided to go the way of all poor fools. . . he is engaged to Nan Pinchback of Beaumont and plans to get married upon graduation. . . there is a report that Red Goatley, star pole vaulter of the Aggie track team, is ready to quit in order to give more time to his studies. . . After making 56 grade points the first time he has to find time to study? . . . All we can say is that Red will be a mighty foolish young fellow if he decides to forsake the track team. . . a boy who can make that many grade points has enough spare time to take care of both enterprises. . .

Dr. O. H. Pepper of the University of Pennsylvania for several years has devoted a clinic to geriatrics—the specialty of the diseases of the aged.

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Baseball Team Opens Conference Schedule May 8-9

Razorbacks Expected To Be in Top Shape for Bear Contest at Waco Tonight

The Texas Aggie baseball team will open its Southwest Conference season this year with the Baylor Bears in Waco with a pair of games on March 20-21, and close it with another two games with the Texas Longhorns at Austin on May 8-9.

The schedule for the non-conference games has not been completed but Coach Lil Dimmitt has announced that the Aggies will swing into action against the Sheppard Field Flyers, now coached by Lieut. Marland Jeffrey, former star Aggie outfielder, at College Station on March 4-5.

Following is the conference schedule for the Aggies:

March 20-21.....Texas at College
March 31-Apr 1.... S M U at Dallas
Apr 2T C U at Fort Worth
Apr 11 Baylor at College
Apr 18 S M U at College
Apr 21 Rice at Houston
Apr 24-25 Rice at College
May 1-2 T C U at College
May 8-9Texas at Austin

85 Take First Aid Instruction Course

The First Aid Classes which were organized early this week and have a total enrollment of 85 men, are getting off to a rapid start, according to W. L. Penberthy of the physical education department.

Grid Team to Have Intra-Squad Battle Today at 3; Public Invited



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INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Things in the intramural corner are now moving at a fast clip. Horseshoes have seen a lot of fast action, and so has volleyball. Class A basketball finals will be played Monday night with E battery Field Artillery and A battery Field Artillery vying for top honors. The class A speedball finals will probably be run off Friday and that will probably wind up all class A sports for the first semester.

Field Artillery Peppers CWS
Going into the speedball quarter finals, 2nd Headquarters Field Artillery and A CWS played one of

the closest games this season. At the half time, A CWS was leading the match. Coming back with renewed vigor at the beginning of the second half, the 2nd Headquarters Field team began to rally and a march toward a score was begun. The rally for the Artillery was sparked by Donald Puntch and Bill Beckman. Artillerymen Power and Saunders also helped overtake the test tubes.

Volleyball Scores
B Cav, 2; 5 CHQ, 0
3 Hdq. FA, 2; A Eng, 0.
A Cav, 2; FA Band, 1
A CAC, 2; H Inf, 1
D FA, 2; B CAC, 1

Class B Intramural Football Winners



Pictured above is 3 Hdq. Field Artillery, who copped the Class B Intramural football crown. Front, left to right, Davison, Johnson, Utesch, Barrier, Shaw, Press. Second row, left to right, Peter, Nash, Warren, Swenson, and Radley. —Photo by Jack Jones

Prospects of Track Team Are Bright; Best In Seven Years According to Coach Rollins

By Chick Hurst
Nothing much has been said about them, but when the month of March rolls around some people are going to get quite a surprise when they take a look at the Texas Aggie track team of 1942. According to Coach J. W. "Dough" Rollins, A. & M. will turn out one of the best track teams in the history of the school this year. "In fact," says Coach Rollins, "barring injuries this will be the best team that A. & M. will have had in the entire seven years I have coached track here."

The squad has been working out since January 10 and since the weather conditions have been very favorable, it is fast rounding into shape for the coming campaign. If the favorable weather continues and no serious injuries are sustained in practice sessions, the squad should be in tip top condition for the opening meet of the season.

Captain of the team this year is Roy Bucek of Schulenberg. It will be remembered that Bucek was high point man in the conference track meet last year, and in addition was presented with a watch by Coach Clyde Littlefield of Texas for being the outstanding man to compete in the conference meet. Bucek pulled a muscle in practice last week, and some concern is felt over whether or not he will be in first class condition for the start of the season. However, if the injury is not rehurt, Roy should be in shape to face plenty of tough competition by the time the season gets into full swing.

In addition to Bucek other boys who will bear watching are Pete Watkins and Albert Ricks in the

high jump, and Johnny Zeigler and Joe Vadjus in the distance runs. These boys have made quite an impression on Coach Rollins in their workouts so far, and should improve still more by the time the season opens.

As things stack up at this time,



the boys from the Institute in Houston appear to be the team to beat for the conference championship. Expert opinion gives Rice the championship slot in the pre-season dope, with A. & M. and Texas slated to fight it out for second place. But a quick look into the records will reveal that pre-season

dope is very wrong sometimes, and quite a few people may be surprised when the race is over next May.

The Aggies will open the current season by traveling to Laredo for the Border Olympics on March 6. On March 14 they will have their first home meet of the season when they tangle with San Marcos Teachers here. One week following, on March 21, they journey to Ft. Worth for the Southwest Fat Stock Show meet. On March 28 the Aggies go to Austin where they will compete in the Texas Relays. Following this, on April 2, comes their second home exhibition, a dual meet with the Texas Longhorns.

The third and last home engagement occurs here on April 18, a quadrangular meet with S.M.U., Baylor, and T.C.U. On April 25 the Aggies trek to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in the famed Drake Relays. One week later they will take part in a triangular meet in Houston with Rice and Texas. The season will wind up May 8-9 with the conference meet which will be held at Dallas.

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Squads to Have Regulation Game If Weather Permits; Team Working Hard

Coach Homer Norton's football squad, which has been knocking heads in recent scrimmages, will strut out for the home folks in an intra-squad battle Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, weather permitting.

Four Teams

Coach Norton has already divided his 65-man squad into four teams and each scrimmages the other on specific days. The gridsters are developing into the peak of condition at a fast clip, and at the end of practice, February 25, they should be in midseason shape.

The hard-working footballers started working out January 26, and since the conference rules dictate that a team can practice but 30 days, the Aggie coaches have had to work fast in order to get the boys ready for a heavy grind come September. Fundamentals were the order of the day for the first two workouts, but head-knocking and scrimmages have assumed their respective places.

Ed Sturcken, the Aggies' new discovery, and Leo Daniels have kept up with their advance notices, and are the bright spots of recent practice sessions. Sturcken's smashing thrusts and aerial displays have been superb, while Daniels has more than made up for the loss of Triple-threat Derace Moser, '41 Aggie star.

Jake Webster, place-kicking specialist and regular fullback, George Wilde, star of the past Fish team, and Willie Zapalac, blocking back, too are serving advance notices that they will be hard to keep out of the lineup. These three have shown Coach Homer Norton that as far as the quality of backs was concerned, he had nothing to worry about.

Defensive End

Nute Trotter, who is regarded by End Coach Dough Rollins as one of the best defensive wingmen in the United States, too, has had more than one coach give him a wide-open eye. Trotter is the first string end, and is living up to expectations. His offensive ability has been slightly below his defensive zeal, but coaches have much hope that he will bring the former up to par.

Others in the line that have been doing satisfactory work are Boots Simmons and Floyd Hand at ends; Weldon Maples, Ray Mulhollan, Felix Bucek, and Wayne Cure at guards, Bill Sibley at center and Bob Tulis at tackle.

Ark Concludes Series Against Baylor Tonight

Non-Conference Games Not Completed; Open Against Sheppard Flyers March 4-5

WACO, Feb. 7.—Texas basketball followers will get their third glimpse of the defending champion Arkansas Razorbacks in Southwest conference play tonight when Coach Glen Rose's hoopsters engage Coach Bill Henderson's clever Baylor Bears.

The series brings together remnants of the great machine which Rose skippered to Arkansas' ninth league title last winter and the team rated as the team to beat for the 1942 honors. Arkansas goes into the series sharing the loop lead with T.C.U., while Baylor ranks fourth as all entries emerged from semester examinations.

The Razorbacks have won three of four league games, breaking even with Rice at Houston after sweeping a home set with S.M.U. The Bears have lost decisions to Texas and the high-flying Owls, after downing T.C.U., S.M.U., and the Texas Aggies.

In all probability the Razorbacks will be full strength for action against Dwight Parks and company at Waco. Captain R. C. Pitts, the team's leading scorer and fifth in the conference individual race will pilot the cardinal and white quintet from a guard post.

Gordon Carpenter, the 6 foot-6½ inch junior sensation, will be at center and Clayton (Foots) Wynne will pair with Pitts in the (See ARKANSAS, page 4)

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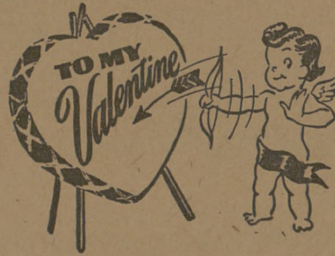
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