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## Aggies and Longhorns Favored to Fight It Out in Every Major Sport in Conference

Tomorrow night at Downs Natatorium, the preliminaries for the Southwest Conference swimming meet will be held. Saturday the long awaited meet will be reeled off. Again, as of years before, the battle for the championship, will be between Texas university and Coach Art Adamson's tankers.

That in itself is not very unusual for Longhorn and Aggie swimming teams have been battling it out for top position for many years. But the thing that is surprising is that both Texas and the Cadets are expected to fight it out for top honors in just about every sport. Football was the first one, and the Aggies won out although actually being defeated by the Steers.

Then came the Border Olympics at Laredo and Texas was victor by a scant margin. Saturday afternoon, the Fort Worth Fat Stock Exposition track meet will be held, and the odds again favor the Aggies and Longhorns to finish

## Sports Squibs From Here and There; Track Team Suffers Blow as Knight Pulls Muscle

Coach Dough Rollins' track team suffered a hard blow when Jimmy Knight, member of all the Aggie relay teams and the 220 yard dash, pulled a muscle . . . he will probably be out most of the season . . . Leo Daniels, Aggie football star, has come out for

1-2. Texas is favored to win, of course, but not by an overwhelming margin by any means.

Also on Saturday, Coach Lil Dimmitt's Aggie nine opens its conference season against Baylor. This is another sport that has been wholly dominated by the Cadets and Longhorns for the past 10 to 12 years. Texas has won the title 21 times in 26 years, with the Aggies laying claim to three, and the other conference teams to the rest. However, in those fruitful years for Texas, the Aggies have almost continually finished second best. This year, the report from the Longhorns is not too enlightening for TU fans, as they are said to have one of their weakest teams in years. The Aggies are strong and have a good chance to replace the university boys as the current pace-setter.

Whatever else happens this year, the two state colleges can boast of the fact that when athletes are needed in the conference, the Aggies and the Longhorns can produce them.

track, and will probably take Knight's place . . . Derace Moser, Coach Homer Norton's ace last year, made his first appearance on the cinder track Monday afternoon . . . Little Harry Stiteler, former Aggie star athlete and coach of Corpus Christi High School was chosen head mentor of Waco High . . . Here is what John Sidney Smith, sports editor of the Bryan Eagle, has to say about

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# Aggies Open Season at Waco Tomorrow

## Baseball Team Will Play Two-Game Conference Series on Baylor Diamond

Coach Lil Dimmitt's Aggie baseball team opens its conference season tomorrow afternoon when they invade Waco and the Baylor Bears for a two game series.

This series is regarded as crucial in the minds of baseball experts in the conference since Baylor and the Aggies, along with Texas university, are favored to fight it out for the coveted diamond championship.

The Aggie diamonders this year have won three and lost one for their pre-season record. They opened the season by sweeping a twin-bill from the highly touted Sheppard Field Flyers and split a two-game series with the Oklahoma university Sooners.

Baylor, meanwhile, has played but one tilt, and that one was a losing affair with the OU Sooners last week.

Dimmitt's team has shown much spark and fire in recent work-

outs and most fans agree that he has a ball club capable of many victories. The baseball nine is as yet unproven but it has shown plenty of possibilities.

The probable starting lineup for the Cadets tomorrow in the Bear game will include Sam Porter, 1b; Ira Glass, 2b; Les Peden, 3b; Cecil Ballow, ss; Cullen Rogers, lf; Bill Black, cf; Jimmy Newberry, rf; John Scoggin, c; and Charlie Stevenson, p.

## INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

### TODAY IS THE DAY.

Today, Thursday, March 19, is the last day in which men may weigh-in for intramural boxing.

You have until 7 p.m. tonight — after that, it's "no soap." All men who weigh-in, however, must make their weight before they may fight.



And speaking of fighting, what is the matter? Don't you want to defend the good old honor of organization? Hie yourself down to the Physical Education department office anytime today—but before 7 tonight—and weigh-in for the annual fisticuffs.

### Wrestling Dope

Any team may enter five men as a wrestling team, and the possible number of points that they

may win is 50. But don't forget this. Every time a man forfeits, his team loses ten points. Defaults, where a man is in the hos-

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pital or otherwise ill, do not count as forfeits.

Class A volleyball has been completed and the drawing for the playoff will be held in the intramural club room at 6 p.m. tonight.

The following is a list of the league winners:

F Engineers  
G Coast Artillery

## Nickie Ponthieux, Former Aggie Athlete, Is "Man Behind Scene" in Intramural Dept

By Mike Mann

Another of the unsung heroes of Aggieland is N. A. (Nickie) Ponthieux, physical education instructor and assistant director of intramural sports. Nickie is one of the "men behind the scenes" of the Aggie physical program.

Ponthieux was born at Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1919 but attended grammar school at Orange, Texas. He entered junior high school at Beaumont. From there he went to Beaumont High School where he participated in four sports — swimming, basketball, football and tumbling for the Royal Purples of Beaumont.

During his high school days Nickie gained the acquaintance of Art Adamson, Aggie swimming coach. He entered A. & M. in 1937 with the main desire of receiving swimming instructions from Adamson.

Ponthieux was quite prominent in freshman athletics at A. & M.—acting as captain of the fish swimming team in 1937-38 and winning the title in the 159-pound class of intramural wrestling.

Three varsity swimming letters were earned by Nickie in the years 1938-41. During his senior year, 1940-41, he was captain of the varsity swimming team. Ponthieux was also active in the intramural department; serving as departmental intramural manager from September, 1938, through June, 1941.

In June, 1941, Nickie received a B. S. degree with a Physical Education major. During his first year and a half at A. & M. he studied chemical engineering and then switched to P. E.

Nickie has spent a number of his summers in the employ of the Beaumont swimming pool and attended summer school here one year. During the summer of 1941 he worked for Consolidated Steel, Ltd., as a loftsman in the shipyards at Orange.

In September of 1941, Ponthieux began his present work with the Physical Education Department. He quit his job with the shipbuilding company to come here.

Pres. Robert L. McLeod, Jr., of Centre college has warned students of the danger of spreading unfounded rumors concerning Centre men in the armed service.

Nicky says he is well-satisfied with his work and wishes to continue it as long as possible.

Nickie has been called for service with the armed forces but was rejected because of poor eyesight. Since Luke Harrison left for the army, Ponthieux is the sole bachelor on the P. E. staff. He is definitely single and says he likes both blonds and brunettes with a

preference for small women.

Well, Nickie, maybe someday the right one will come along. Here's hoping!

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## Swimmers to Seek First Championship In Ten Years Against Texas Saturday

The Southwest Conference Swimming meet will take place here in P. L. Downs Natatorium on the nights of March 20-21. The preliminaries will be staged Friday beginning at 8:00 p. m. while the finals will be run off at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

Texas University has won this meet for the last ten years while the Aggies have taken second place for the past eight years. Last year at the meet in Austin, the Cadets won seven out of a possible ten first places but lost

to the Longhorns by a score of 77-70.

The events in which preliminaries will be held Friday night are: 50-yard free style, 100-yard free style, and diving.

The Aggie swimmers will be led by Captain Ernie Conway, a veteran letterman. Other members of the team are: Bob Taylor, Fred Renaud, Jack Baird, Ben Looney, "Happy" Goodman, "Shrimp" Lapham, Bob Cowling, Dick Winters,

Jimmy Kiel, "Happy" McKee and Guy Johnson.

Taylor is a specialist in the free style sprint events and is expected to endanger the existing records this week-end. Bob Cowling will be vying for breast stroke honors for the Cadets.

## Athletic Council Awards Letters

The Texas A. & M. Athletic Council announced basketball awards following a meeting held on the campus Tuesday.

Varsity letters were awarded to Captain Bill Henderson, Houston; Captain-elect R. B. Bayer, Houston; Ray Jarratt, Stephenville; Mike Cokinos, Beaumont; Leland Huffman, Stephenville; Bill Underwood, Houston; Leslie Peden, Azle; and Fred Nabors, Little Elm.

Freshman numerals were awarded to Homer Adams, Dallas; Harry Hope, Houston; Robert Barton, Pasadena; Robert Hovel, San Antonio; Gordon Moore, Wichita Falls; Joe Sample, Dallas; Henry Foldberg, Dallas; and James Woods, Mt. Enterprise.

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