

Friday's Tilt Called Off; Ags, Rice Play Two Today



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Tracksters Still Due to Come in Second Best in SWC Meet Despite Recent Victories

The Aggie track team's recent overwhelming dual victories over Rice and Texas, the two teams favored to fight it out for the Southwest Conference track crown May 8 and 9 at Dallas, brings up a question of major importance. The big question is, "Can the Aggies slip up on the two powers and grab the conference honors?"

That particular query is not easy to answer. If the whole affair was a triangular meet between the Aggies, Texas and Rice, there would be an excellent opportunity for Coach Dough Rollins' thinly clad, however, the fact that six teams will be entered in the meet makes it rather difficult for the Cadets.

And here's why. Coach Rollins' boys have a fine track team—one of the best Aggie squads in years. They have three or four boys who are sure to win a number of events, but the problem that I have harped on consistently since the Texas defeat is that the Aggies just don't have enough second and third place winners to cop such a meet. For example, some events that the Cadets were able to win over Rice and Texas in dual meets are specialties of the other conference schools.

As Dough Rollins puts it, "It

looks like we will cut part of Texas' throat and Texas will return the favor to us, which, incidentally will leave Rice unmolested. The Owls have specialists in the shot, discuss, hurdles, 100 yard dash and in other events are likely to gain second or third place.

Dough figures Rice has more than an even chance to win, with Texas and the Aggies only a notch behind. "It'll be very close," says Dough.

However, even Coach Rollins can sometimes go haywire on his calculations. Before the Rice affair, he figured the Owls to win by at least five points. And rightly so. Rice seemingly had much better material, but he didn't figure on Felix Bucek copping the discus or Roy Bucek sweeping such an easy win over Rice's ace Bill Cummins in the hurdle events.

It doesn't look exactly rosy for the Cadets in the Southwest Conference meet, but don't count 'em out by any means. They'll have a lot to say before the whole thing is over. No one figured they'd have a Chinaman's chance against Rice or Texas, so who can tell what they can do in the coming meet. At any rate, this will be the Aggies' best chance of winning the track title in years.

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It Was This Way:

Aggieminton, Popular 'Mural Sport, Revision of Badminton

Ever hear of the game called badminton? Well, a lot of Texas Aggies did and wanted to play the game but found that the cost of the rackets and shuttlecocks used in the game might total up to a cost beyond their pocketbooks. Carleton (Spike) White, an instructor in the college physical education department, looked into their problem and came up with a similar game which he named Aggieinton, since it was the Texas Aggies who created the demand for such a game.

It's all very simple and anyone can manufacture their own equipment "Spike" pointed out. All you need to buy is a badminton or volleyball net and your expense is over.

But how about the racket and shuttlecock? he was asked.

All you need is a 12 x 18 inch piece of three-eighth inch ply-board or composition such as common wall-board. Saw out a paddle like a ping-pong paddle, only slightly larger. Whittle out two more pieces of white pine scrap and glue or attach them to the paddle to form the grip handle. That solves the racket problem.

But the shuttlecock? Ask your grocer to save an empty onion, orange or grapefruit

sack and from that wide-webbed material cut a one-foot square. Take a big handful of scrap cotton and compress it with the hands to the smallest ball possible but still about two inches in diameter. Add more cotton to get that size if the bird is too small. Then pull the corners of the square tight about the cotton ball and twist it to further compress the mass.

Next take a strip of one-half inch adhesive tape and wrap that around the twist in the bird. Then take more tape and run it from the first strip at right angles around the bird and back to the other side of the bird. This gives support to the bird at the half-way section so do it again to divide the bird into quarters.

Finally, fray out the corners of the sacking above the twist and that gives it the flutter in the air and control of flight. Instead of shuttlecock, "Spike" calls his a bird and his racket is a paddle. The net used was bought for volleyball and the game is played on the volleyball courts, so all that remains of badminton are the rules which closely follow those of tennis as to service and return of the ball, except there is no bounce to a shuttlecock in badminton or the bird in Aggieinton.

The game is highly popular at

Texas A. & M., and can be played as doubles or singles. This year "Spike" has 50 boys enrolled in his freshman class in the subject of Aggieinton and when they complete the course they have made every bit of equipment except the net.

As a competitive sport, it attracts approximately 1,000 boys in the tournament for freshmen. Each of the 63 military organizations enter teams averaging 15 men each while another two hundred or so students play the game for the pleasure and physical benefit they derive from the sport. For exercise and improvement of the wind, there are few better games for that bird will fly through the air but when it gets ready to settle, it stays down—and the player must be there to make the return or lose the point. No first bounce in Aggieinton.

"Spike" estimates that aside from the net, and that could be made from the same onion sacks, the total cost of making the bird and paddle, plus some lime to mark out a court, is less than ten cents. Trying pricing badminton rackets and shuttlecocks and anyone can see why Aggieinton is such a popular sport with the Texas Aggies.

First Game To Go Off At Two o'Clock

Charlie Stevenson And Smokey Carden To Be on Hill Today

The baseball game between the Texas Aggies and the Rice Owls was postponed yesterday because of rain, thus forcing a double header, this afternoon. Game time has been reset for 2 o'clock, with the first game being run off at that time on the dot. The night cap will start following a five minute rest period, and, according to the conference rules, will consist of only seven innings.

Stevenson and Carden

Coach Lil Dimmitt has nominated his two ace hurlers, Charlie "Bones" Stevenson and J. B. "Smokey" Carden to face the Owls in today's frays. Stevenson, who has already pocketed six games to his credit, will probably hurl the opener, with Carden, still seeking his first conference win, toeing the slab in the second tilt. Meanwhile, Coach Cecil Grigg of the Rice Owls is in quite a dander as to who he'll sacrifice to face the hard-hitting Cadets. His ace, Jimmy Pendarvis started against the Dimmittmen but found his round-house curve was no myth to the slugging Aggies. Don Leigh and Lefty Vogt followed but fared no better than their predecessor. However, it is almost certain that the aged Rice mentor will counter with Pendarvis in the first game, and probably let either of the left-handers—Leigh or Vogt—see service in the nightcap.

No Practice

The adverse weather this past two days has not been doing Coach Dimmitt's hitters any good. They have been kept indoors since the drizzle began, and are ready for some kind of action. Their hitting up to date has been more than up to par, and Coach Dimmitt plans to keep up the good work.

Navy Fund

Incidentally, today's gate receipts will still go to the Navy Relief Fund as planned. This was to be done yesterday but Jupiter Pluvius had something else to say about it. Coupon books will be good at the game, but buckets will be placed at each gate entrance for contributions that might be given to the fund.

Texas Aggie Track Team Entered In Drake Relays

Cadets Have Strong Chance To Come Home With Title; Watkins is High Jump Ace

Ten Texas Aggie tracksters are representing Texas A. & M. in the renowned Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. The relays began yesterday and will reach their climax today.

This year the Cadets have a strong chance to come home with a title in the matches. Pete Watkins, ace Aggie high-jumper, is the leading contender for the high jump contest. The record at the Relays for the high jump is 6 feet 6 inches and was set by Harold Osborne of Illinois in 1922. This twenty-year-old record is the oldest mark on the Relay's books. Watkins has been bettering this mark all during this season and, hence, is expected to make a good account of himself.

Roy Bucek, track team captain and hurdle star, will be fighting for a place in the 120-yard high hurdles against Bob Wright of Ohio State, the defending champion. Pete Owens of Howard Payne is also a definite threat in the hurdle events.

"Black Aggies" Are Again In Limelight; Play Game Sunday

The College Station "Black Aggies", better known as the Grand Prize Tigers are again in the limelight. They play the Faust Red Devils Sunday on Coulter Field in Bryan. Game time is scheduled for 3:30 and Manager Charlie Hadley, Chemistry department employee, stated that reserved seats will be on hand for white spectators. The team is composed of colored employees of the college.

Sports Squibs From Here and There; Notes On Pete Watkins' High Jump Competitors

More notes about Pete Watkins, the Aggies' high jumping ace... a follow-up letter from Tommy O'Brien, sports broadcaster for KRIC, Beaumont, shows some of the competition Pete is encountering from some of the nation's best high jumpers... Gil Green, USC track star, has cleared 6 feet 7 3/4 inches but has not been able to out jump that mark... Henry Coffman, current conference record holder with a jump of 6 feet 7 3/4 inches, is ineligible to compete this year because of scholastic difficulties... Incidentally, Coffman is from Rice Institute... Other outstanding marks of the year include Adam Berry, Southern University, who hurdled the timber at 6 feet 6 1/2 inches... Josh Williams of Ashberry Park

Athletic Club, New Jersey, also jumped the same mark... The world champion high jumper, Les Steers of Oregon University, who cleared the 6 feet 11 inches mark is not at Oregon this year... he has been competing in AAU meets and his best mark so far has been but 6 feet 5 inches... Dick Bolduck, enthusiastic Los Angeles youngster, has been astounding sport experts over the country with his 6 feet 6 inches jump... Anywhere you go, however, you still are not able to find anyone with Pete Watkins' record of 6 feet 8 inches... Incidentally, Pete won the high school championship with a jump of but 6 feet 2 1/2 inches... Giving another glance to the baseball records, I find that the recent 26-0 drubbing the Aggie diamonders gave the Rice

The Rains Came; Intra Department Uses Wet Weather to Catch Up

Everybody talks about it, but no one does anything about it—you've guessed it, the weather. But wait a minute; the intramural department does do something about it.

By taking advantage of the wet days, they bring all game preparations up to date and plan new schedules. Not only that, many games may be played in the gym during bad weather, therefore, the intramural department is ahead of varsity athletics where all of this bad weather is concerned. But somebody, please smile or do something and stop this rain!

INTRAMURALS

By DUB OXFORD

Third Corps Headquarters, in a Class A Softball match, came from behind to defeat E Coast 10-7. The CHQ boys suffered from some early errors but rallied behind Ed Blackaller's hurrying to turn the tide. L Infantry walloped C Field Artillery 23-5 and the E Infantry boys tried to

C Cavalry nosed out A Field Artillery 7-6 while A CWS and Headquarters Signal Corps battled to a 11-11 tie. I Infantry took 5 CHQ 14-10 and I Field Artillery beat A Engineers 14-6.

Class B Water Polo

B and M companies, Infantry, battled to a 1-1 tie as J. R. Runkles starred for B company and L. O. Hay was outstanding for M company. J. King led B Engineers to a 2-1 victory over D Coast Artillery. R. L. Clinton tallied for the losers.

D Engineers took C CWS and B Cavalry beat E Infantry by identical scores of 2-1. F Infantry blanked B Engineers 1-0.



Oxford copy the Aggie Varsity when they whitewashed H Field Artillery

Rice Institute Almost Grabbed Albert Ricks, Coach Rollins' Ace High Jumper and Vaulter

Coach Emmett Brunson, of the Rice Owls track team, probably felt like stomping his hat Tuesday afternoon after the Aggie tracksters defeated Rice. Especially so, if he knew that Albert Ricks, who racked up nine and one half points for the Aggies, had once tried to enter Rice on his track ability and had been turned down.

Houston Product

Ricks, a product of Lamar High School in Houston, wanted to take an engineering course and come out for the track team at the same time. Rice officials refused to give him an athletic scholarship, saying, "Engineering and athletics don't mix." So Albert packed up and came to College Station, unheralded and unsought after.

He had really wanted to come to A. & M. anyway—an older brother had gone here—therefore,

when Rice refused, A. & M. was the choice.

Ricks is now a classified junior in aeronautical engineering.

Consistent Winner

Scoring in each of three events, the high jump, broad jump, and pole vault, Al Ricks has been one of the most consistent point winners on this year's surprising Aggie track team. He picked up 9 1/2 points against Rice Tuesday; scored 11 points in the quadrangular meet here last Saturday; and was high point man with 14 points in that all-important victory over the Texas Longhorns. He won the pole vault in all three meets.

Perhaps his best individual triumph this season, however, was in the Texas Relays at Austin. There Ricks tied with Don Boydston of Oklahoma A. & M., and Bill Christopher of Rice for first in the

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Wayne Rohrer Is New Captain Of Aggie Golf Team; Squad Met S M U Friday

Led by newly elected captain Wayne Rohrer, the Texas Aggie Golf team met Southern Methodist University on the Bryan Country Club links yesterday.

The newly elected captain is from Galveston and is in G Infantry. Rohrer has been playing golf all during his college days and is now a number one putter on the Aggie team. The golf team is coached by Colonel F. G. Anderson and in the coach's estimation Rohrer has been a fine and steady player.

Many of the wins credited to

Aggie golfers are because of the famous club swinging of Rohrer.

The Aggies played golf in wet weather yesterday thus proving that they were true golfers. The meet was highlighted by the long drives the S. M. U. team gave forth with, and the putting on the wet greens by the Aggie team.

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