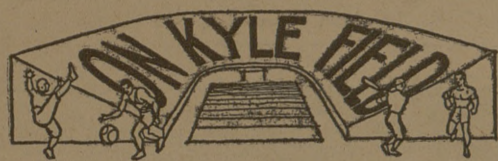


# SWC Track Preliminaries to Go Off at Dallas Friday



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### Diamonders to Get Acid Test Against Texas; Steers Have Greatly Improved Team

The final series of the conference race for the Aggies will be reeled off this week-end, and it will really tell the tale as to whether Coach Lil Dimmitt's sluggers have had no competition at all or they have really hit the apple on the nose.

In the past few tilts there are many people, especially down Austin way who contend that the Aggie crew has been subjected to weak pitching, thus being able to hit the ball far and wide. That all may be true, but haven't the Steers faced the same competition? They have and still they cannot boast of anywhere near the record of the Aggies. For example, in a series with Rice Institute a couple of months ago, the Longhorns had to come from behind with a five run rally to nip the

Owls, 9-6. Well, that was two months ago. The Steers, under the expert tutelage of Bibb Faulk have greatly improved and now threaten the Aggies' conference lead. Their ace pitcher, Bill Dumke, has seemingly ironed out that sore in his hurling wing, and Coach Dimmitt's nine will have to hustle plenty if they hope to keep their lead.

However, this corner just can't see anything but an Aggie victory. That may sound a bit cocky or optimistic, but, brother, when you can get the kind of hitting the Aggies have been dishing out, it's hard to come out on the short end of a score. And the fighting crew of Coach Lil Dimmitt is ready to put all their efforts in one to "bring home the bacon."

### Sports Squibs From Here and There; A Few Notes on the Thrilling '37 Ag-Longhorn Battle

The year was 1937 and the Aggies, like this year, had won 11 games and lost two . . . the all-important series with Texas was slated for May 13 and 14 and the day had arrived . . . the Aggies won the first game 5-3 and only a garrison finish in the second gave the Cadets their first championship since 1931 . . . both teams were tied as far as league-standings were concerned and the winner of the second game was the conference champion . . . for seven innings the Aggies trailed 4-0 . . . in the seventh, the Ags counted four times with Pete Dowling's home run accounting for three of the runs . . . Then came that un-

forgettable ninth frame . . . First man up was Woody Bell and on the first pitch he sent the ball reeling far over the right field wall to give the Aggies that precious pennant . . . Tomorrow afternoon Coach Lil Dimmitt's Cadets will go after that ole pennant . . . they will not have the advantage of Kyle Field and thus will have to work twice as hard to beat the Steers at Austin . . . So let's all try and go with the team and give them all the support we can . . . Let's do all we can to take our great band over and really show them what we can do . . . we may not have Kyle Field but let's do all we can to have that "Wildcat."

### Aggie Baseball Statistics

TEXAS AGGIE HITTERS RANKED BY AVERAGES — CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY

Player	Ab	R	H	2B	3B	Hr	Bb	So	Sh	Hp	Sb	Rbi	Ba	Po	A	E	Fa	Ip
Scoggin	59	27	32	5	1	5	5	1	1	0	8	30	.542	57	10	4	.944	115
Aldrich	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	8	1	0	1.000	8
Parter	57	12	25	5	2	0	4	0	2	0	0	13	.439	139	4	2	.986	115
Peden	57	14	24	5	1	5	5	4	1	0	5	19	.421	24	38	7	.897	115
Newberry	15	6	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	2	.400	2	1	0	1.000	37
Rogers	62	21	25	4	1	6	3	5	0	4	9	22	.403	13	1	4	.778	115
Daniels	40	14	15	3	1	2	1	5	0	1	7	7	.375	7	0	0	1.000	75
Glass	62	20	22	4	1	2	5	3	1	0	10	14	.355	35	38	6	.924	105
Ballow	53	21	18	0	1	0	12	3	4	0	9	14	.340	23	38	5	.924	114
Stevenson	42	5	12	1	0	1	3	3	0	2	1	13	.286	4	19	0	1.000	85
Smith	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	.000	12
Lindsey	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250	0	3	0	1.000	6
Black	7	7	7	0	0	0	8	9	1	1	5	3	.226	16	0	1	.941	87
Carden	31	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.143	1	3	0	1.000	13
Shuford	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	.000	0	1	0	1.000	12
Acrey	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	.000	0	1	0	1.000	3
Henderson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	6

TEXAS AGGIE PITCHERS RANKED BY GAMES WON—Conf. Games Only (Thru TCU Games)

Pitcher	IP	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	HB	BK	WP	Won	Lost
Stevenson	70	21	54	9	0	3	14	35	2	0	1	8	0
Shuford	11	9	14	3	0	0	16	10	2	1	1	1	1
Lindsey	6	2	5	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0
Carden	14	5	8	0	0	0	4	7	2	0	2	1	0
Ballow	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peden	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scoggin	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0
Acrey	3	5	6	4	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Henderson	7	4	11	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	1

### Five Aggie Diamonders Take Final Swing in Longhorn Series

By Chick Hurst

When the final out is called over Clark Field in Austin Saturday afternoon, it will spell the end of the college baseball careers of five of those fighting Texas Aggies. No more will the Southwest Conference diamonds echo the cry of "stri-i-ke" as big Charlie Stevenson burns a fast one into the glove of Captain John Scoggin, whose prowess with a bat has given many an opposing pitcher cause to weep.

Five Missing

Nor will the fans thrill to the sight of agile Cecil Ballow scooping up a hot grounder and snapping it over to big Sam Porter for a fast putout. And when some opposing batter cracks a long fly to left field they will miss the familiar figure of Cullen Rogers racing back to make the catch. Yes, there will be five pairs of shoes that will be plenty hard to fill when the 1943 Aggie baseball squad turns out for its first practice session.

Big Charlie Stevenson, ace hurler of the Aggie mound staff, has piled up one of the best records this season in Southwest Conference history. Charlie has pitched eight conference games during the current season, and has an average of 1.000 percent, having won all eight of them.

Scoggin, A Superb Hitter  
Catcher John Scoggin, captain of the Aggie nine, in addition to being a great catcher is one of the most superb hitters in Aggie baseball history. Time after time John has strode to the plate and smashed out a hit which meant the difference between victory and defeat for the Aggies. Perhaps his greatest exhibit of the season was last Saturday when he pounded out six hits in six trips to the plate, for a perfect afternoon at bat.

Cecil Ballow, Aggie shortstop, has amazed fans all season with his seemingly impossible stops of hot grounders and line drives. His has been a major contribution to the excellent baseball handling which the Aggie infield has displayed.

Sam Porter has handled his first base chores in a manner which made opposing teams wonder if he was an octopus. Whether a ball was thrown to the right or left of first base, or even over his head, Sam always managed to stretch far enough to snag it and

still keep that foot on the bag.

Cullen Rogers' ability to roam the wide open spaces of left field has brought many a smile to the face of Coach Lil Dimmitt, and his rifle-like throws to the plate have cut off many a seemingly sure run for Aggie opponents. In addition to these abilities, when Cullen came up for his time at bat, many an opposing pitcher wished he could be some place else.

These five seniors have played their last game on the familiar grounds of Kyle Field, but there are still two more games between them and a conference champion-

ship. And what could be a more fitting climax to their college baseball careers than a clean sweep of the series with the hated Longhorns in Austin, and a Southwest Conference baseball crown. So when the age old cry of all umpires "play ball" rings out across the diamond tomorrow afternoon, there will be five Aggie seniors out to wind it up in a blaze of glory. But regardless of whether they win or lose, they are still tops in the hearts of the Aggies.

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### Hurdle Events and All Dashes to be Tomorrow

#### Roy Bucek Recovers From Muscle Injury; All Other Aggies in Top Shape for Meet

The Southwest Conference track and field meet preliminaries will take place tomorrow afternoon in Southern Methodist's Owenby Stadium at Dallas. Heats will be run in the 100, 220 and 440-yard dash events and both hurdle races. The conference finals, which promise to be the closest contested events in years, will take place Saturday.

Coach "Dough" Rollins has been tapering off the Aggie squad this week and the boys are in the pink of condition for the final effort.

Roy Bucek, track captain and hurdle star, has been working out with his injured leg heavily bandaged and will be in shape Friday. Bucek and Bill Cummins of Rice are expected to threaten the conference record in the low hurdles. The record of 23 seconds flat is held by Fred Wolcott formerly of Rice Institute. Cummins bettered that time last week in Houston and Bucek has equalled it earlier

in runs. The Cadet high jump star, Pete Watkins, will be aiming at the establishment of a new record in that event. He bettered the standing mark at an unofficial meet earlier this year.

The Texas Aggie freshman track team closed out its 1942 season last Saturday at the "little" conference meet in Houston when they came through with an overwhelming victory over the Rice Slimes and Texas Shorthorns. The fish mile relay team has been running this week to furnish competition for the varsity relay team. The Aggie fish team of 1942 came through the entire season without a single defeat thus marking up a perfect record for the greatest freshman track team in A. & M. history.

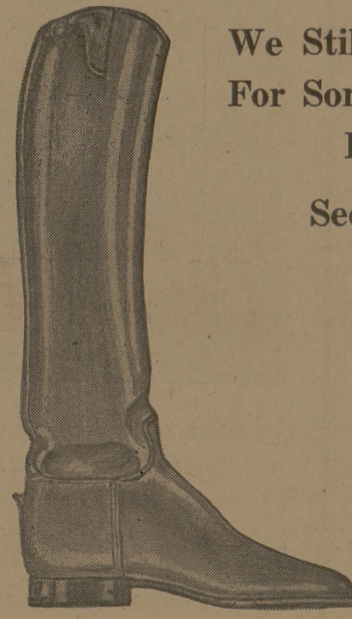
#### Baylor Downs Aggie Tennis Team Saturday

The Texas Aggie netters were defeated on their home courts Saturday by the Baylor Bears four matches to two.

The only Aggie wins came when Marshall defeated Percy, 6-4, 6-4, and Thomson took Blodgett, 6-4, 6-2.

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