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Naming of Homer Norton As Coach of All Stars Is Proof of Aggie Mentor's Greatness

Great coaches may have come and gone in this world... but when they produce another of the Homer Norton caliber, then it'll really be the time to howl.

Proof that, at least Norton is one of the greatest football masters in this country, was clearly established when the bald-pated Aggie mentor was invited to serve as one of the coaches in the Chicago Bear-College All-Stars game August 28 for the second consecutive year.

I'll never forget when Homer Norton was under fire from the ex-students in 1938. True, he did not produce any star-studded line up which dazzled the conference, but until that particular year, Coach Norton had some of the poorest material to work with.

Then when '38 rolled around the Aggie mentor suffered a breakdown in his health and was forced from the scene of many a practice. So when an Aggie team which had been expected to be one of the powers of the race won but three conference games, the exes

began to howl—and loud—and but for the far-sightedness of Dean E. J. Kyle and some of the other folks who knew Norton had the "Stuff", we might have had another coach.

But the "wolves" decided to relax their vigilance and give the Alabamian another try. And another try he did get—a try in which he swept everything before him to become one of the nation's finest coaches overnight.

Since then, it's been almost the same axiom for the past two years—the Aggie gridsters compiling the greatest record ever put in the books by any other Southwest Conference team. Of course, the Aggies of 1917-19 under Dana X. Bible still hold the record for consecutive wins, but those were Aggies anyway.

It's a shame that Norton didn't get "the coach-of-the-year award" this past year for if ever a coach produced a Southwest Conference champ without the publicized material, etc, it was the Aggies' one and only Homer Norton in 1941-42.

He goes off for Chicago today, and, in his heart he may rest assured that Aggies, here, abroad and the country over wish him the best of luck a fighting Aggie can give in his new endeavor with the College All-Stars. The Cadets are proud—proud to know that their football coach represents the South in the big forthcoming classic!

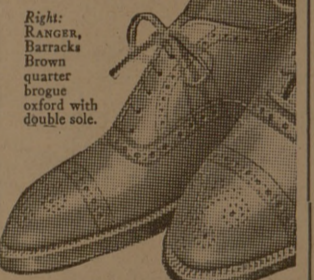
The "Shaughnessey" playoff plan in the Twilight Softball League will start August 25, a day following the regular session of the league, Monday, August 24. . . the first place club will play the fourth place team while the second and third place entries fight it out. . . These will each play a two out of three game series while the championship games between the winners of the first round playoff will be decided in a three out of five game affair. . . Chip Rountz, Roy Bucek and Jim Sterling have been invited to play for the East and West Army All-Star team. . . Sterling and Rountz are to play for the West while Bucek will play for the East. . . Lt. Marion Pugh, who was transferred from Camp Roberts, California to Camp Hood, Texas has been transferred back to Camp Roberts. . . Why? Ask the U. S. Army. . . The Helms Athletic Foundation, an authority on sports research, has picked an all-time All-American selection, and if there ever was a good reason for an old-fashioned argument this is it. . . Of course, the players named on their team certainly were far from slouches, but fans all over the country will still contend that their favorite back or lineman should certainly be on there. . . Noticeable in the selection is the absence of A. & M.'s Jarrin' John Kimbrough, the Aggies' 1939-40 All-American fullback. . . However, in his stead is a player who holds a good enough record to have play-



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More Champs Are Crowned In Tourneys

Meyer and Dreiss Win In Horseshoes; Others to be Played

As the Intramural Department's open tournaments enter the final rounds, champions have already been crowned in some divisions. In golf Jackson, F Coast Artillery, took the singles title by defeating Washington, F Engineers. Forrest and Lietz of G Coast Artillery became titleholders in golf doubles by winning over Hancock, B F.A. and Harrison, C F. A.

In the horseshoes division Meyer, C Coast and Dreiss, B Coast were winners in the finals over Boyd and Barton of B Coast. In the singles horseshoes finals Curtis, A Coast, will meet Meyer, C Coast. In the Aggiminton Singles Meyer, C Coast, became champ by triumphing over Caro, 4 C H.Q. and in the doubles Boyd and Barton of B Coast teamed up to win the title over Lanier and James also of B Coast.

Tennis singles entered the quarter-finals with the following matches slated to be played: Plangman, C Eng. vs. Outterside, 3 Q M. C.; Elliston, D Field Art; Jones, vs. Witaere, D. Field Art; Jones I Inf. vs. Penn, 6 C H. Q.; and Gilbert, A. Inf. vs. Pettit, A. Inf.

Tennis doubles are in the semifinals with Pochyla and Franka of C Cavalry facing Whitacre and Elliston of D Field Art. In one match, and in the other Shultz and Coston of Inf. Band meet Allen and Stanley of A Sig. Corps.

The table tennis singles are in the quarter-finals with the following matches to be played: Pettit, A Inf. vs. Meyer, C Coast; Forrest, G. Coast vs. Seay, D. Inf; DuBose, C. Coast vs. Pulls, D Coast; and Swope, A C. W. S. vs. Hart, B C. W. S. The table tennis doubles entered the finals with DuBose and Myer of C Coast facing Armstrong and Howard of B Inf.

In the Handball singles Kenn, 1 C. H. Q. meets the winner of the match between Cokinos, H Field Art. and Nixon, 3 C. H. Q. and in the doubles so far Kenny and Frost of 2 C. H. Q. and A Ord. have advanced to the finals.

Class B Swim Semi-Finals Tonight

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Coach Homer Norton Leaves for Chicago Today; Invitation Is Second in Row for Ag Mentor

By Chick Hurst
Senior Sport Assistant
A genial gentleman with a ready smile, warm handclasp, and quick wit, beneath whose balding cranium lies one of the keenest football brains of the country, leaves Aggeland today for Chicago where he will act as one of the coaches in the mammoth All-Star classic to be held there August 28. This genial gentleman is none other Homer Hill Norton, head mentor of a team known as the "Fightin' Texas Aggies".

Only once before, second in the history of the All-Star classic has any man been invited to coach two years in succession, and this time marks Norton's second appearance in as many years at this attraction. And small wonder! For the coaches of this game are selected on the basis of their past record, and the record of Coach Norton is certainly a shining one. When the 1942 version of the Texas Aggies steps on the field, it will be gunning for a fourth consecutive conference championship.

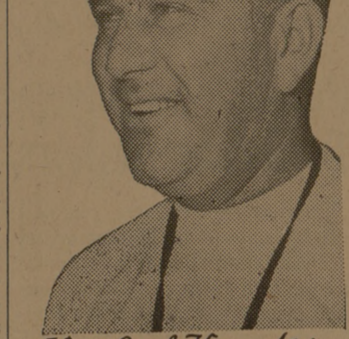
The All-Star game is an annual affair for charity held in Chicago each year on Soldiers' Field. All proceeds from the attraction this year will go to Army-Navy relief, and the game is expected to furnish the largest single contribution to this cause yet donated. Soldiers' Field seats upward of 100,000 persons, and tickets will scale from \$4.00 up. One hundred choice seats will be put on sale at \$1000 each.

Opponents of the All-Stars this year will be the world's champion Chicago Bears professional team. Practice for the All-Stars will begin August 8, and with three weeks to work before the game the "Stars" should be able to deal the "pros" plenty of misery according to Norton. "Make no mistake about one thing," said Norton, "the All-Stars will not be out there to just put on a show, we are going out

there to win a football game if it is at all possible".

Breaks Tradition
But lets get back to Coach Norton himself. For a number of years tradition said that no team could win the Southwest Conference

the loss of practically his entire starting eleven, with nine empty pairs of shoes to fill on his team, Norton performed what many have described as a great coaching miracle. To quote Coach Norton himself "we put all of our eggs into one basket and it paid off". In a section which has always been noted for wide open passing game, Norton developed one of the most sensational aerial attacks ever seen. So sensational in fact that it carried the Aggies to undisputed possession of the Southwest Conference title. A third time in a row.



Head Coach Homer Norton

"Tough Proposition"
Interviewed about prospects for the coming season, Norton looked rather grim. "We are facing a mighty tough proposition" said the Coach. "While the rest of the schools of the conference will be having practice sessions a day from Sept. 5", earliest date which practice can be held under conference rules, "until the time that their school opens, we can only have one session a day, since most of my boys are in school now under the speedup plan. Add to this the fact that we get behind in spring training on account of the time change and you see what we are up against".

Texas is the team to beat according to Norton, with both Rice and Arkansas having strong possibilities. Faced with one of the toughest schedules in the country, including one team which is practically an

C Field And B Coast Artillery Fight for Honors

C Field Artillery and B Coast Artillery freshmen will meet tonight in the P. L. Downs Natatorium in a Class B swimming semi-final match. The winner of this meet will meet the fish of 3rd Headquarters Field Artillery in the championship match. This final even will take place early next week.

The game was originally scheduled for last night but the chlorination equipment in the swimming pool broke down and the pool had to be closed until repairs could be made. Everything will be in readiness for tonight's events, however.

The Field boys have defeated M Infantry in earlier playoffs while the Coast team has beaten D and I Field Artillery in its earlier matches. Arthur Sullivan is the junior manager of B Coast and A. P. Womack handles the C Field freshmen.

The men who have taken part in the swimming events for B Coast are: Johnson, Osterhought, Rupert, Gary, Sharp, Johns, Ferguson, Sanders, Aubrey, and Anderson, Sanders, Aubrey, and Anderson, Sanders, Rogers, Welder, Brown, Wright, Teich, McCarty, Ray and Dickerson.

Graph of the average man's interests is a matter of curves—feminine and baseball.

All-American outfit,—the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station,—and playing only three games at home, the Aggies have a hard row to hoe. But A. & M. teams didn't just stumble into the name "Fightin' Texas Aggies"—they earned it. And remember, four straight wouldn't be bad!! Not bad at all.

C Cleaners Hold Lead; Lipscomb's Gain

Loupot Edges Out Campus Theatre By 7-6 In Last Inning

The Campus Cleaners kept their two game lead over Loupots by winning over Hollick's Cleaners by the score of 6-2. Loupots in a very close contest featured by a six run rally in the last inning edged the Campus Theatre 7-6. Lipscomb's Pharmacy took over undisputed possession of third place by winning over Madeley's Pharmacy 4-3, and in the other of the evening the Faculty and Aggie Cleaners played a 3-3 tie game.

The Campus Cleaners collected a total of eleven hits off Day and Hogge who divided the mound duties for Hollick's. In the third inning they bunched six of their eleven hits to score five runs to put the game on ice. Previously they had scored a tally in the second inning and were leading 1-0 when the outburst took place. While the Cleaners were slugging the ball their pitcher "Grandma" Daniels was holding Hollick's hitters to four hits. In the fourth inning Hollick's managed to score a tally with bingles. In the fifth Maley walked and came home as Slaughter tripped down the left field line.

The Loupot-Campus Theatre tilt was another of those close games which these two clubs have been having throughout the season. So far Loupots has walked away with the three contests that these clubs have had by a one run margin in each case. Last evening the Campus Theatre seemed headed for victory till the last inning when Loupot's boys scored six runs to win the game and maintain the jinx. Loupot's scored two runs in the second inning to take an early lead, but the Theatre boys managed for single tallies in the third, fourth, and fifth innings and then scored three more runs in the sixth to take a 6-2 lead which seemed enough for victory till the last inning when with one down, Loupot's boys found their batting eye, and pushed five runs across the platter to win 7-6. Lipscomb's Pharmacy scored two (See TWILIGHT, Page 4)

INTRAMURALS

By Mike Mann

Local swimming enthusiasts will have a chance to express themselves Saturday, August 14, when Intramural department sponsors an open swimming tournament for all Aggies. Anyone who is eligible for Intramural athletics may enter this contest.

The Forfeit Doghouse hit a new high today. Most of this deficiency on the part of the teams may be attributed to freakish weather, yell practice, and misunderstandings by the managers. The Intramural department wishes to remind recreational officers NOT to take things for granted as far as schedules are concerned. They should not assume that a game has been called off unless they have official notification from the department. When a manager is in doubt he should call the office.

- FORFEIT DOGHOUSE CLASS A Swimming
E Replacement Center
B Field Artillery
C Engineers
C Engineers
D Coast Artillery
F Coast Artillery
A Ordnance
A Infantry
B Ordnance
2 Hdq. Field Artillery
H Field Artillery
E Engineers

- D Cavalry
Volley Ball
I Infantry
D Coast Artillery
F Infantry
A Field Artillery
B Ordnance
E Replacement Center
D Replacement Center
Softball
D Replacement Center
CLASS B
Tennis
B Field Artillery
5 Corps Headquarters
A Replacement Center
C Cavalry
B Signal Corps
Water Polo
D Replacement Center
Softball
Artillery Band

Dewey Hoke of the Intramural office wishes to remind junior officers that now is the time to check the records of the freshmen in his outfit who are playing intramurals for P. E. credit. It is necessary each man to have 16 games to his credit and he must have a 20-game credit to get a grade point.

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