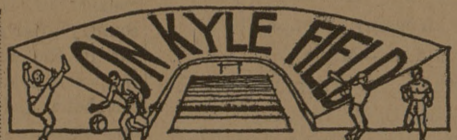


Grid Squad Works Hard



By Mike Haikin
Battalion Sports Editor

Coach Homer Norton Greatly Pleased With Physical Condition of Aggie Gridiron Team

Well, the first day of practice is a foregone conclusion and if the gridsters do comparatively as well in other days as they did Saturday afternoon, then Coach Homer Norton can claim of having another great eleven.

Even the bald-pated Aggie mentor was in smiles following Saturday's practice, which, incidentally, was colored up with a bit of scrimmage.

"The boys looked mighty fine," Norton said, "especially in the physical sense. I was worrying about getting them in condition, but the way those fellows moved about, I think they've saved me a

lot of worry."

And if you were one of the rail-birds that cluttered up the field Saturday, you would agree with the coach. Just looking at 'em work and you readily tell, that physically, the Ags had as good a team as any in the conference.

Webster, Daniels, Sibley, Mulholland, Williams, Anderson—you could keep this up forever—all were in fine physical condition. Of course, a few of the boys, who haven't done much strenuous work or have been fishing and swimming most of the summer have to adjust themselves until they are physically fit to go.

Weldon Maples May Serve As Key to Tackle Query; Should Have Great Year This Fall

When you start picking the Aggie stalwarts for the coming year—Daniels, Sibley, Henderson or Webster—don't forget to list Weldon (Baldy) Maples, who may turn out to be one of the top linemen in this conference. Maples, too, may be the key to Coach Homer Norton's persistent tackle problem for he has played every position in the line except end. Last year, when it was a first thought that the center berth would become precarious, Maples was already on hand for the job.

Under the capable guidance of Charlie DeWare, Weldon probably would have made the Ags a good center, but Bill Sibley came thru in fine style, so the Cadet jack-of-all trades wasn't

needed in that spot.

He took care of the guard post quite capably while Starter Les Richardson was recovering from a knee injury. In fact, by season's end, Maples was Line-Coach Bill James' choice for the starting position.

This year, Weldon has a much bigger load to carry on his shoulders. It's a cinch that the husky Cadet guard will start but where even he cannot answer. If the tackle situation does not clear up soon, you will find him in that slot come the L. S. U. game. If, on the other hand, one of the present crop of tackles makes good, Weldon will be at his favorite guard slot.

Mark this down in your little black book—Weldon Maples will give the Aggies plenty of power in that middle of the line. Maybe a prediction but one that this boy will live up to.

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operation; Johnny Davis, who was hurt slightly in an accident; Leonard Holder, out on an overnight Cavalry march; and Oscar Wyatt, Freddy Wolters and Vance Carrington, who have stated their intentions of quitting football. . . However, Coach Norton did pick up a few he didn't expect to show up. . . these included Buck, Biry and Reese, tackles; Sample and Dawson, ends; Tassos, center and Adams and Gonzales, backs. . . Received a letter from Charlie DeWare, great Aggie center of '34, '35 and '36. . . Charlie is now at Fort Benning, Georgia working for a commission, which he hopes will come somewhere around October. . . Says DeWare. . . "Surprising how A. & M.'s reputation has risen in the past three years". . . "Even these Yankees have a healthy regard for ole Texas A. & M. . . . Incidentally my class here at the school is made up, for the most (See KYLE FIELD, Page 4)

Chick Hurst to Begin New Series of Sports Broadcasts, WTAW

C. A. (Chick) Hurst, senior sports assistant, will begin a new series of sports broadcasts over WTAW, official radio station of A. & M., according to an announcement originating from the station.

The program, which will be held each Thursday at 11:50, is tentatively titled, "Lowdown on Sports" and will be broadcast in cooperation with the Battalion.

Hurst made his initial start last Thursday giving the Aggie listeners the lowdown on the Southwest Conference football race. This week, he is slated to give his predictions on the outcome of the slated grueling fight.

Both Class A and B Softball competition are in the final rounds with a few regular games and a number of postponed and rescheduled games being played this week. Immediately upon the conclusion of these games the playoff sessions in both sports will begin and will be played-off rapidly.

The Intramural department have not pressed any of the recreational officers for the payment of the initial intramural fee of five dollars. A number of outfits have not

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Rain Hampers Mon Session; Squad In Excellent Condition

65 husky candidates for berths on the 1942 Texas Aggie football team reported to Coach Homer Norton and his assistants Saturday afternoon and were put through as rough an afternoon of work for a first day's practice as has been seen in several years. Almost the entire squad reported in top physical condition, and Coach Norton lost no time in getting under way for the coming season.

Linemen under "Uncle Bill" James went through a stiff drill on fundamentals while backs limbered up with passing and kicking practice. The entire squad then spent a goodly portion of the afternoon stepping through a fast dummy scrimmage polishing the plays learned in spring training.

The afternoon was exceeding warm and the boys were plenty tired, but the entire squad spent the last thirty minutes of the practice session in a head rocking scrimmage.

Soaking showers Monday made the turf of the practice field with a coating of mud and water which hampered practice somewhat, but the team was again sent through a stiff drill on the tricky footing. Linemen again spent much of the time working on fundamentals while backs were sent through a long drill on pass patterns and pass defense.

Remainder of the session was spent in dummy scrimmage and light contact work in order to further polish the Aggie offense. The "A" and "B" teams worked against the "C" team in this phase of the practice, and all three teams put in a fast and hard drill on the heavy turf.

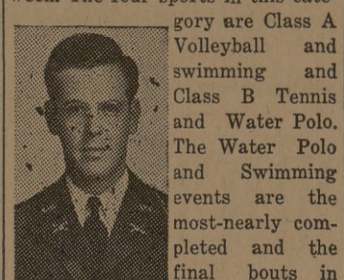
Practice sessions are expected to continue to be long and hard, with plenty of heavy scrimmage in prospect from now until the opening game with L. S. U. Less than three weeks remain until that contest, and with practice unable to get under way until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Aggies will be forced to cram many hours of preparation into the few which they have available.

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INTRAMURAL HIGHLITES

by Mike Mann

Four of the current intramural sports are now in the playoff stages and the champions will probably be decided by the middle of next week. The four sports in this category are Class A Volleyball and swimming and Class B Tennis and Water Polo. The Water Polo and Swimming events are the most-nearly completed and the final bouts in these sports will probably be played Monday or Tuesday.



FORFEIT DOGHOUSE CLASS B Artillery Band, water polo

Two league playoffs took place Friday in Class B Tennis and the winner of these matches have moved into the playoff rounds. C Engineers defeated D Coast Artillery 2-1 and drew a "bye" to meet A Chemical Warfare in a quarter-final match. G Infantry won their league as they took B Infantry 2-1 and are in an eight-finals bracket against 2nd Headquarters Field Artillery.

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To Appear



Willie Hoppe

World's Champion Billiard Ace To Be Here September 28

Willie Hoppe, 3-Cushion Title Holder, Stops Off Here in Exhibition Tour

Willie Hoppe of New York, world's 3-cushion billiard champion and generally regarded as the greatest all-around billiard player of all time, will show his skill Monday September 28 here at A. & M. demonstrating the cue wizardry that has won him every title in the game.

Hoppe stops off here on an exhibition tour of the country, during which he will visit army and navy training centers. His tour is sponsored by the Billiard Association of America and has been approved by army and navy officials.

Willie, as he has been known ever since he appeared in knee breeches to astound the billiard world as a "Boy Wonder," will show his audience the fundamentals of good billiards, give a brief demonstration of the skill that won him the 3-cushion title two years in a row, and open his bag of trick shots.

Hoppe has been a champion billiardist since the turn of the century, but he achieved his greatest fame in the Winter of 1940, when he won twenty consecutive games in the world's 3-cushion tournament, turning back the greatest stars in the game.

He continued his undefeated string through the 1941 tournament, winning thirteen more games before his streak was interrupted by Welker Cochran, a former world's champion. Hoppe, however, won his remaining three games in the 1941 meet, thus retaining his 3-cushion crown. He repeated in the 1942 meet, setting a world's record average of 1.25 points per inning.

'Mural Playoffs Near End

Class B Water Polo Semi-Finals To Be Played This Thurs

One of the teams to play in the semi-finals Class A Swimming playoffs will be decided Wednesday night B Signal Corps swimmers meet the aquamen of H Coast Artillery. The Signal Corps team started in the quarter-finals and defeated B Infantry to move into the present bracket. The Coast Artillery group first beat D Field Artillery in an eighth-finals meet and then took Headquarters Signal Corps in a quarter-finals bout to get where they now stand in the semi-final round.

Another semi-final event will take place Thursday night when the A Troop Cavalry fish take on the F Coast Artillery freshmen in the Class B Water Polo playoffs. The Cavalry fish drew a bye and started in the quarter-finals where they defeated C Coast Artillery. The F Coast squad whipped G Coast in an eighth-finals match and then took B Coast in a quarter-finals bout Friday night by a score of 2-1.

An eighth-finals game in the Class B Water Polo playoffs Friday night saw G Field Artillery nose out F Field 1-0 to move into the quarter-finals round where they are slated to meet E Infantry.

The first of the quarter-final matches in Class B Tennis will take place this evening as G Field Artillery plays C Coast Artillery. Another similar match will be played between C Engineers and A Chemical Warfare Wednesday evening. On the same day E Infantry will take on A Cavalry in an eighth-finals game.

This afternoon M Infantry and Headquarters Signal Corps will meet to decide a quarter-finals winner in the Class A Volley ball playoffs. C Chemical Warfare and B Engineers play an eighth-finals bout Wednesday afternoon.

Harold Cowley Is New Head Coach Of A&M Consolidated

Harold Cowley, former Aggie end, has been appointed head football coach of the A. & M. Consolidated High School replacing W. B. Lyles. Cowley first met with his squad Monday afternoon, and uniforms were issued then. However practice will not get under way until this afternoon.

Cowley graduated from A. & M. in 1942 with two varsity football letters to his credit. His home town in Freer, Texas, and he came to A. & M. from Freer High School. In high school he won three letters, two in football and one in basketball. He captained his high school team in 1937 and was all-Southwest high school back for two years.

Upon coming to A. & M. Cowley was shifted to end, and played outstanding ball as a freshman. Only the outstanding play of the other more experienced ends on the team kept him from winning his letter in 1939. However, in the first college ball game he was ever sent into, against Rice in 1939 he caught a pass for a touchdown.

Coch Homer Norton of the Ag- (See COWLEY, Page 4)

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Rain Again Postpones Softball Playoffs; to Try Again Today

Apparently Jupiter Pluvius doesn't want this summer's edition of the Twilight League to terminate. For the second straight afternoon the championship series between the Campus Cleaners and Lipscomb's Pharmacy was postponed because of rainy weather with yesterday's game being reset for this afternoon at 5:30 p. m. on Diamond 4.

In the first game of the series played last Thursday the Cleaners eked out a 4-3 win over the Lipscomb boys in the last half of the seventh inning on Mike Cokinos' error.

The highlight of this summer's Shaugnessy playoff series has been the climb of Lipscomb's into the final playoff berth. The four top teams of the league—Campus

Cleaners, Loupot's, Campus Theatre, and Lipscomb's Pharmacy—were to fight it out for the championship with the Lipscomb team ranked as the first team to fall in the playoffs. Instead they shoved Loupot's Trading Post, the team the critics said would fight it out with the Campus Cleaners for the title, out of the picture in a best two out of three game series. However, their climb has been no more sensational than the pitching of Andy Cokinos—against the Cleaners last Thursday Cokinos pitched a two-hitter but lost the game on an error.

The batteries for today's game will probably be Jimmy Daniels and Doc Lietz for the Cleaners with Cokinos and Hoeker for Lipscomb's Pharmacy.

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