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Improvement Seen in Aggies Hitting Department as Cadets Prime for Opener

For a while, Coach Norton was really worried over the hitting power of the Aggie nine but since this week, he has been relieved to some extent. The Aggies showed a marked improvement in the hitting department over the earlier games of the season Tuesday afternoon at the regular work-out.

Some nine baseballers found themselves going over the center field fence as Leo Daniels and Cullen Rogers took their hitting practice. The infield work looked plenty good and if the Aggies can gain some more experience which counts much in baseball, they will be going hard when they open the door of the conference race.

The first game on the books will be played next Tuesday afternoon as the Cadets entertain the Rice Owls. The Owls are now taking the spot in the conference as the dark horse. But little is expected from the Birds when they meet here. Last year the Houston school traveled with a squad of nine men and if one pitcher grew weak, the first baseman took over. Anything can come up but time will tell how the Owls will stand.

Looking at the race from this corner, it looks as if it will be a dual fight with the Aggies taking the slight favorite. Texas has a young team, losing some of the more experienced boys to the service. The Longhorns always come up with a strong team some way or another and from expectations, the rule will not prove different in this sport.

"Kyle Field" sees a strong and tight race coming up when the baseballers meet and the home ground might make the difference. This year the two teams play each other a two-game series at home and away and the Longhorns make it a point that to make a victory on their home ground a large obstacle to get over. The Aggies won

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Intramurals

By John M. Stout

If your intramural teams have been worrying about missing last week's intramural games you can quit worrying now because no games were played. However, it must be remembered that games are being played this week and each game that isn't accounted for means another forfeit added to your intramural records. It only takes two of these to eliminate a team from competition, as many have already found out. If you have games scheduled for this week, check with the department and get the game straightened out if you still don't have enough men here on the campus to play the game.

A three way tie between G Field, B Rep Center, and C OWS, has held up the playoffs between the champions of the leagues. Other than this league there is still one other league that must be played off. This will be played off tomorrow if possible. If this game is played and the League C three-way tie is determined, the drawing will be held by Friday. If such a case is possible, the intramural managers will be notified by the usual manner.

All recreational officers should check with the department if they haven't received their volleyball schedules, because these schedules are out. Only Class A volleyball is being played. There will be other Class B sports held later on during the season, but these probably will not be in the league competition. They will probably be in mass competition such as the spring intramural track meet and possibly the swimming meet.

There is only one and one-half more weeks until the individual (See INTRAMURALS, Page 4)

Oklahoma A.&M., L.S.U., T.U. Stand As Favorites in 16th Annual Texas Relays This Week End; Aggies Take Final Drills

Relays Expected To Surpass S.W.C. Meet

The finest distance event field in its history has been arranged for the 16th Texas Relays at the University of Texas Memorial Stadium there Saturday, April 3, Clyde Littlefield, director, declared yesterday as he reviewed the 17-man entry list for the 3000-meter special event.

Pre-running favorite for the classic is Jerry Thompson, University of Texas' diminutive distance man, whose 120-pounds moves at a faster clip than any similar weight in Texas' annals. But, the little Longhorn will have plenty of company.

Dave Clutterham of Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, likes his chance of beating Thompson well enough to make the trip down to Texas, and Oklahoma University's Dan Painter and Oklahoma A. & M.'s James Martin, Edwin Johnson and Roy Hafner will put in bids, also.

The field gains prestige from the entry of Norman West and Wallace Browning of Rice, Mad-dox of Texas A. & M., Vic Ellis of Southwest Texas Teachers, and Arlie Cook, Thad Neal, Roy McClarren and Arkie Vaughn of East Texas Teachers.

Clarence and John Hafernick of Texas will complete the Longhorn entry list.

Thompson turned the mile in 4 minutes, 21 seconds in a trial meet at Austin last Saturday, just to keep in practice. He led the field in the 3000-meter last year at the Relays, but was a freshman and couldn't take his medals.

N.T.S.T.C. To Make Strong Bid

If there's any doubt in anyone's mind that Coach Lloyd Russell of North Texas State Teachers College has a fine track and field team to bid for honors in the 16th running of relays, he can just ask John Jacobs, University of Oklahoma track coach who is honorary referee of the relays this year.

North Texas defeated Oklahoma in a dual meet, with Capt. Boyd Vaughn, Bobby Jones and Ray Womack, three Eagle lettermen, carrying the brunt of the afternoon's operations.

Somewhat below the par of Elmer and Delmer Brown, Wayne and Baline Rideout, the Eagles this season are fielding a particularly potent outfit, with Vaughn to be reckoned with in the relays, Jones in the dashes and Womack

Basketball Rules Passed To Handicap Tall Cagers Next Season

Coaches at the recent National Association of College Basketball Coaches have gone a step further than was previously planned by passing the new ruling that for a basketball player to reach above the basket to tap the ball away from the goal would be considered a technical foul. This rule will be a major handicap to tall players who relied upon their height as a defense measure, for they will be now seriously curtailed by the new ruling. It was planned earlier in the week by the coaches that this ruling would not go into effect at once, but would be used only experimentally next year, but Tuesday the executives went on record as favoring the rule to be added to the rule book, along with other new rulings that were adopted at the meeting.

Five personal fouls instead of four will be allowed in next year's competition as stated by another new ruling also passed in Tuesday's meeting. Another suggestion made was for all backboards to be transparent and of rectangular shape, or made of some other material, as wood was definitely not wanted. However, the executive body opposed the committee's suggestion that unlimited substitution be allowed during the game.

Following are other "experiments" approved for next season:

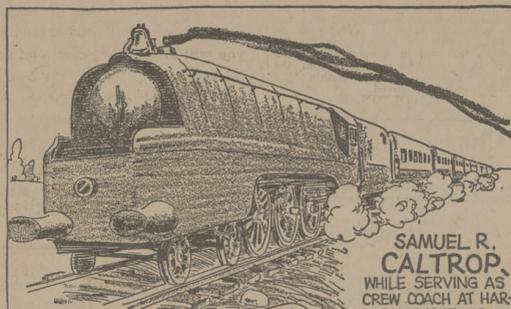
1. To permit no free throws on a double foul, but instead, to let the fouls cancel each other, charge the fouls against the players, and have a jump ball at the spot of the foul.

Dean Ivan C. Crawford of the University of Michigan college of engineering has been named technical adviser and consultant to the training division of the navy.

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SAMUEL R. CALTROP
WHILE SERVING AS CREW COACH AT HARVARD IN 1865, ORIGINATED AND PATENTED THE FIRST STREAM-LINED TRAIN. HIS IDEA WAS FROWNED UPON AS IMPRACTICAL!



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NICHOLAS M. BUTLER
PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA U. HAS RECEIVED 37 HONORARY DEGREES!

in the hurdles.

Vaughn, captain of the 1943 Eagles, led the North Texas cross-country team to victory in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans this past winter. He won the mile run at the Fat Stock Show meet in Fort Worth in 1941 when he was a sophomore.

Jones has had a 9.7 second performance in the 100-yard dash to his record already this season, although the best he could muster last year was 9.9. The fast Jacksboro boy is training for a crack at the Lone Star conference 100-yard dash record this year. The mark is 9.6, 2 higher than the Texas Relays mark, at which he will make rush Saturday.

Womack, a Dallas sophomore, won the high hurdles at the Border Olympics in 1942, and took second place in Lone Star Conference competition. He has a 15.1 second for the 120-high hurdles so far this season.

School's Beauties To Be on Hand Saturday

Military spectacle will combine with glamour of Southwest Conference co-ed beauty for the colorful coronation of the queen of the occasion, George E. Hurt, direct-

Owls Blast the Lid Meeting Longhorn Nine in Houston Tomorrow; Again Sat

By Ruben R. Caro Costas
With only three teams battling for top honors, the Southwest Conference baseball race will unfold officially tomorrow afternoon when the Rice Owls clash with Texas Longhorns in the opening game of the conference to be played in Houston. Both teams will tangle again Saturday afternoon.

The Aggies and Rice were slated to open the conference race in Kyle Field March 26-27, but the activation of the backbone of the Aggie nine forced Coach Norton to postpone both games until April 6-7.

The 1943 baseball season will see in action only the Texas Aggies, Rice Owls, and Texas Longhorns. T. C. U., S. M. U. and Baylor dropped from the conference for the duration due to the shortage in manpower and lack of transportation facilities. The absence of those three teams from the conference race have thinned this 1943 season in a basis of games to be played by each team. In previous years when six teams composed the conference, each club played a total of fifteen games, but the dropping of three teams this season will make an eight-game conference race. Each team will play each other four times instead of the

regular three games; two home and two road games.

The Aggies and Texas Longhorns will field strong teams under the tutelage of two new baseball mentors. Coach Homer Norton will lead the Aggies for the first time. He is filling the shoes left vacant by Coach Lil Dimmitt, last year's baseball coach, who led the cadets to a championship after ten years of valiant trying, and is now tutoring the track team.

As the conference curtain goes up, Texas University is the baseball experts' choice to carry the 1943 conference crown away from Aggeland. They base their predictions on the Longhorns' non-conference record of two wins and two losses, and the powerful hitting power displayed by the Longhorns in their four games as compared to the poor showing by the cadets in their hitting power and fielding in the first two games.

The Longhorns, with a young and green team, have been showing plenty of hitting power, but their fielding is nothing too impressive as they have accounted for countless errors in the games they have played so far. They are depending largely on their hitting strength to recapture the pennant they lost (See SPORTS, Page 4)

Henderson, Cummins, Minor To Take Honors

Three of the Southwest's greatest all-around athletes meet up again in the 16th Texas Relays, Saturday, and they may be expected to battle for individual honors during the day.

The days are few and far between when three versatile operators like Max Minor, Bill Cummins, and Bill Henderson meet, but the trio who represent the University of Texas, Rice Institute, and Texas A. & M. College in the versatility field will be tangling for points come Saturday.

Minor, who developed toward the close of the football season into a wingback who could handle the double reverses of the speedy Texas system to a note of perfection, will try his hand at the dashes, the quarter-mile relay and the broad jump. He holds two football letters and a track letter for his work with the Longhorns.

Cummins, whose second love is basketball, came back to Houston from New York where Rice played in the national invitation basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden, stepped into his track clothes and started trying out the Owls' hurdles lanes for the first time this season. Already in good shape, he is expected to oppose Ralph Tate of Oklahoma A. & M., and Douglas Jaques of Texas in the special high hurdling event. He also tries his hand in the relay events for Bill Wallace's entry.

Henderson, recognized as the greatest all-around athlete in the Southwest, will operate in the discus, shot put, javelin, high and broad jump events. He is an 11-letter man for A. & M., an all-Southwest football end.

T. K. Hease, who's a private first class at the reception center at Fort Sam Houston, is one soldier who plans to be on hand for the meet—and in an active capacity.

He's got several good reasons, one being that if he missed competition this year, it would be the first time in seven years of Relays that Hease hasn't placed in some event of the University of Texas-sponsored outdoor track and field carnival which will bring 500 top-rank college and high school athletes to Austin, Saturday, April 3.

Pfc. Hease was with LaVerne High School when he set the present high school high jump record for the Relays at 6 feet 2 inches in the 1937 meet. As a high school participant for next year he came in in places in the high jump and the dashes.

Hease then moved over to Southwest Texas Teachers College at San Marcos and placed four years running in the high jump and dashes.

This year he'll compete in the special events division for all comers in the college and university class. His special ties are still the dashes and the high jump.

Incidentally, LaVerne High School and Southwest Texas Teachers are represented this year in full strength again.

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