

First Round Play Starts In Horseshoes, Handball, Basketball

F Battery Impressive In Initial Basketball, Handball Sessions

Handball

A Co. Tops E Troop
In the first handball game of the semester, the A Company infantrymen—Wyble and Longsierre representing the outfit—eked out a two-game series in doubles over D. A. Ballard and F. D. Yturria of E Troop, score 17-15, 16-14. In the lone singles game of the combined singles and doubles tilt, Fox of A Company triumphed over A. M. Withers of E Troop, score 15-5, and 15-2.

A Battery Loses to F Battery
Schumacher and Nizales, both of F Battery, took Monday afternoon's handball game with A Battery in winning both of the singles events while their doubles team of M. D. Burnett and M. Stravolemos dropped the doubles event to the A Battery men by succeeding in only winning one of the three doubles games that were played. It was the first game which they won—by a score of 15-11. The A Battery men took the other two games, 15-8, and 15-11.

In the singles events, P. W. Schumacher, representing F Battery, trounced W. G. Boon of A Battery in a two-game series, 15-2, and 15-5.

Mizales of F Battery next scored a 15-6, 15-2 triumph over J. J. Vela of A Battery to secure for his battymen the other singles event.

D Co. Trounces B Co.

In Wednesday's lone handball contest, the D Company infantrymen took the B Company infantrymen to the cleaners by grabbing both the singles events but dropping the doubles events.

In one singles game, Wilson of D Company bested Schuman of B Company in winning the first, 15-6, and the third, 15-11, while Schuman took the second, 15-9.

In the other singles game, Tom of D Company took the event 15-10, 15-7 over Jeu of B Company to make it a dual singles win for the D Company infantrymen.

The doubles were won by Moran and Denton of B Company playing a duet of Davis and Walker of D Company.

Basketball

C Battery Topples C Co.

M. H. Abelow's hard-scraping C Company infantrymen, with a starting lineup of Scheaffer, Gilbert, Foster, Drouet, and Epps, succumbed to a consistent C Battery basket attack led by La Rue and Wilson late in the third quarter to emerge as the victims on the tail end of a 13-8 final count in favor of the Battymen.

Led by Schaeffer, Gilbert, and Drouet (who showed up exceedingly well under the basket), the infantrymen chalked up several field goals and a foul shot to take an early five-point lead; but it was nullified in the third period when the pea shooters, sparked by La Rue and Wilson, ran the final third period score to 11-6.

Had the infantrymen maintained their scoring pace, the tables might have been turned, but their coordination seemed to falter some, late in the tussle.

Band Trounces Frogs

The hornooters' A. W. Brown ran rampant in Tuesday's 4:15 p. m. game with the hapless Second Company Frogs. Grabbing six points before the frog infantrymen had hardly crossed mid-court and were able to close in on the hornooters' basket, the bandmen had no trouble in staying well ahead of the infantrymen the rest of the way. Brown stacked up four well aimed field goals in the first half to score one third of the hornooters' total. La Rue was next highest for the hornooters with three field goals.

The Frogs were simply the underdogs all the way, racking up only thirteen points during the entire play. High point man for the frogs was Shelton with seven points.

La Roach was high in the fouls department with four to his credit. Final count was 23-14, the hornooters the victors.

G Co. Whips B Battery

In a wild and woolly tussle, which found R. C. Prater caressing the hardwood floor most of the time, the G Company infantrymen barely managed to squeeze out a 14-12

Aggie Diamondmen Smooth Out Kinks



Pete Jones hits one as Vernon Dietz looks on . . . Strickhausen, Retteg, Abraham, Burch, and Matthews play a little "papper" . . . Strickhausen goes all the way after high one.

Aggie Diamondmen Rounding Into Shape For First Game Scheduled Here March 16

All Positions Still Open For Competition

Prevailing fair weather permitted Aggie baseballers to close their first week of Conference practice yesterday. Steady two-hour workouts during the past five afternoons finds all candidates still hopeful, as the positions on the Aggie 1945 squad remain unfilled

and, probably will remain so for the remainder of the week.

Pete Jones has focused his individual attention on sizing up outstanding prospects for infield and outfield positions. He has been paying special regard to the field-

Horseshoes

By Dick Dillingham

D Co. Wins Over Frogs

With the clamor of steel and freshmen "wildcatting," the intramural horseshoe tournament got under way this week.

D Company made a clean sweep of their first round Monday afternoon, taking the 2nd Company in all games. Meadows of D Company was putting the hook on the pole repeatedly. With such pitching, the Frog Company was outclassed all the way. Johnson of the losing team did his part, but it was not enough.

D Company also had some good men in Garretson, Wood, and Yanders.

D Troop Tops Non-Regs

A much more exciting contest was going on nearby between D Troop and Dorm No. 6. These contests were often tied up to the last point. Shining for the non-regs were Avery and Ivey, while D Troop put forth Nelson and Stammes in particular to carry their colors. D Troop showed ability in their victory. They have a good start to the horseshoe championship.

Withers Sparks G Battery To Win Over C Company

Wednesday's games turned out to be the best games in the tournament. Pitching horseshoes may not sound very exciting to some, but Wednesday's games would make anyone change their mind, both contests being tied down to (See, HORSESHOES, Page 6)

ing abilities of this group as well as batting strength. Two of the infield positions will undoubtedly be filled by returning lettermen, George Strickhausen (1b), and Al Retteg (ss); nevertheless, several other candidates for these positions show special promise. Larry Hamilton, stalky lad from Alamo Heights in San Antonio, has been playing "Strick" close and will probably stand as the relief man at the first base slot. "Buck" Newsum of last season's squad and A. Abrahams both show extraordinary promise at the second base post. Al Retteg will no doubt handle the short-stop spot with little worry of competition. Third base can be trusted in the hands of "Stubby" Matthews and L. Byrnes both new to the Aggie diamond. Unless other solicitors for these various infield posts show up with outstanding potentials in the next few days, the men mentioned above will be trusted with them.

Five afternoons of practice threw no new light on the pitching position; nevertheless, several men have shown up with possibilities of hurling the cadets many a win this season. Topping this list is Charlie Smith, dark-eyed fireballer from Shreveport, La. Smith has had some previous experience with softball as well as hard ball. Sterling Dietz, Edward Dixon, Billy Frank, and J. L. Finkler are all strong contenders for that position. Dietz has hurled for the American Legion of Ban Johnson, Kansas; he hails from McAllen, Texas. Billy Frank spent four seasons hurling for Midland High; J. L. Finkler from Wichita Falls, Texas, and Edward Dixon from Mexia, both have pitched for their respective high school ball clubs.

Returning from last year's squad for a try at the outfield positions are R. E. Prince and Floyd DeLa-

Conference Chatter

By Charlie Weinbaum

Five Teams In Conference Baseball Race

The baseball outlook for the Southwest Conference is now shaping up better than it has in many previous years. Five teams will be on hand to start battling it out for the championship race which begins a month hence.

The conference schedule is arranged so that each team will meet every other team in the conference three times.

The defending champion this year will be Texas, and although they are the pre-season favorites, they have been weakened considerably by the loss of Bobby Layne and Bob Dalzell. However, they have two squadmen back in the

hurling department, and one a southpaw with considerable experience.

T.C.U., S.M.U. Enter Race

Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University will enter the Conference for the first time in several years. The Frogs seem to be weak in the firing line whereas the Ponies will probably be depending upon Shelton Napier of Wilmer-Hutchins and Harry Teal, the basketball player, for mound support.

The Rice Owls have five returning lettermen, among which is Charlie Biley, pitcher. The Aggies have two lettermen and four squadmen but none are hurlers.

Former Swimming Letterman Killed

Word was received February 20, 1945 that Lewis A. Stein, member of the Aggie 1942-43 tank teams, had been killed in action in Eastern France on January 8, 1945. He was serving with Company 1, 399th Infantry, 100th Division of the Seventh Army.

Stein was injured in action in early December and remained in the hospital until January 1 at which time he was re-assigned to his division. Eight days later he met his fate on the battle fronts in Alsace, France.

Stein was an active member of the Aggie swimming team in the fall of 1942-43. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stein of Brownsville, Texas. He fell alongside many who witnessed the terrible set-back of the United States in December; hence, another has been added to the list of Aggies who have made the supreme sacrifice on the world battle fronts.

Harold Prater and A. B. Strange have been showing up well in the outfield as well as first rate sluggers. About twenty men remain in competition for the three outfield posts and continued practice will eliminate all weak prospects. Katy and Dietz have both had catching experience and are both "likelies" to man that position behind the bat.

Pete Jones will proceed to work with the men as he has done for the next few practices. By the early part of next week he hopes to have selected a group that is capable of coping the conference title this season. Men who have had baseball experience and who feel that they have a sporting chance to make the squad are especially advised to see Pete Jones immediately. Circumstances at present leave competition open to all men who show up at afternoon practices.

T.C.U. Begins Grid Practice

Texas Christian University will begin spring training for the 1945 gridiron season Monday afternoon. The workouts won't last more than two or three weeks as Coach Dutch Meyer wants only to get an idea of his material.

Eleven new grid candidates entered the university last Monday to help the Frogs defend the flag they captured last fall. Three of the prospects are Billy Underwood of Rising Star, Doc Yarbrough of Gainesville, and Jack Hughes of Houston.

Most of the pre-season work will be delayed until July or August so that all the new members of the team can start practicing after enrolling July 1st.



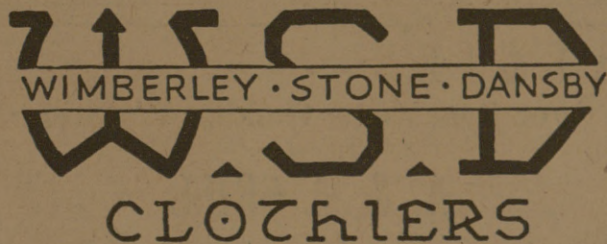
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INTRAMURALS

By R. L. Bynes

The intramurals have begun with a great deal of enthusiasm being shown by all concerned. That's the way it should be 'ole army. Even though the intramurals scheduled for 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon did have to be postponed, some adjustments are bound to have to be made, so lets just stay in there and pitch and see what a success we really can make of these intramurals this semester. Incidentally those games which were postponed are to be played on some Saturday afternoon or will have to be re-scheduled for some convenient hour during the week which those concerned can use to the best advantage.

Those five o'clock which were postponed were B Company and G

Battery in basketball, B Battery and the Band in handball, First Company and C Battery in horseshoe, and H Company and A Battery in horseshoe. Also Wednesday's 4:15 game between E Company and E Troop was postponed.

Those D Company infantrymen finally got their first semester's rush Wednesday night thanks to Wilson and Tom of D Company. Now don't misunderstand me 'ole army, that was merely a pun, because the handball event is almost entirely a senior sport, (very few freshmen having practiced handball), and whether the freshmen win an intramural game or the seniors win it, it is all in the spirit of the thing.

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