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Anything can yet happen, and it probably will, but as the doors are beginning to close on this semester's action-packed intramural program, we will pause just a moment to highlight the intramural sports so far, and also to give the standings as far as this semester's intramural college champ is concerned. Since the final results in the intramural tennis, volleyball, and softball have not yet been decided, the following results are determined altogether from the results in intramural basketball, handball, horseshoes, track, and swimming.

At the present time, B Company ranks first in this tightly contested intramural race with a total of 315 points, while Wyble's determined A Company infantrymen are close behind with a 307-point total. B Company's 315-point total came largely as a result of their being college champs in intramural basketball, while Wyble's A Company infantrymen also bagged the majority of their 307-point total when they took first place and 80 points in the hard fought intramural swimming meet witnessed here at the P. L. Downs Natatorium recently. In third place, as far as the coveted intramural banner is concerned, are Hamner's G Company lads, who are in possession of a well earned 289-point total. Hamner's lads bounded into third place in the intramural race when a G Company sextet of Sluter, Backer, Rose, Hutto, Adair, and Hammond shut out a hard plugging First Company horseshoe squad two out of three in the closely contested intramural horseshoe finals played Wednesday evening. Had G Company not won first place in intramural horseshoes, they would have been forced into fourth place behind McAllister's stubborn C Company infantrymen who have so far totaled 277 points. Incidentally, the C Company lads emerged as college champs in the hotly contested intramural track meet witnessed here some two weeks ago on Kyle Field.

The fifth college champ in this semester's colorful intramural program are the hard punching lads

from Dorm 6, who gained the finals in handball by drubbing the fighting but outplayed F Battery-men with a 3 to 0 victory. In the doubles event, Grady and Moncada—both of Dorm 6—took the second and third games of a three-game series with scores of 15-9 and 15-8 while they dropped the first match to the hard playing Label and Bennett of F Battery, score 15-9. Dorm 6's second win of the three-game match came in the first singles game when Ivey, of Dorm 6 trounced Mijalis of F Battery, 17-15 and 15-0. Dorm 6 again triumphed a third time when Abraham whittled down Schumacher's first win of 15-9 as he returned by tripping Shumacher up two successive wins—15-12 and 15-11.

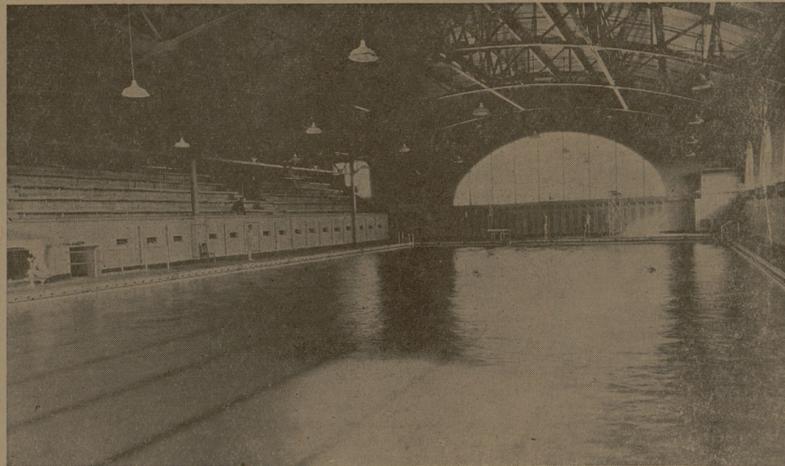
The intramural tennis is probably one of the most closely contested of all the intramural sports in which the finals have yet to be played. H Company and B Company are all knotted up in first place in League A Tennis, with 3 wins and one loss each. In League B it is Morris' F Company lads who at present control the lead with 4 wins and a single loss for themselves. Dorm 6 has at present a slim one-game lead in League C followed by the fighting B Battery-men who have won four and lost one. In intramural softball, A Company holds a very determined 3-game lead while in League C softball, F Battery and A Battery are tied for first place honors with 4 wins and one loss each. In the intramural volleyball department, League A is at present in a three-way tie, that is, B Company, Dorm 6, and F Battery all have 5 wins and one loss each. In League B volleyball, Henderson's D Company boys have maintained a very stable lead in that they have chalked up five straight wins for themselves. They scored their five victories in part, when they defeated A Battery 2-0, pounced on the horn-tooters 2-0, and then dished out another 2-0 loss to C Company.

Well, ole' Army, as you can plainly see, it's still anything but a one-sided affair as to determining the college intramural champ for this semester.

Aggies Meet Longhorns Here Friday-Sat.



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Shown above is the P. L. Downs Jr. swimming pool, the finest indoor pool in the Southwest. Measuring sixty by one-hundred feet, the pool ranges in depth from three to ten feet. Two diving boards of varying height are also included in the natatorium. This is the official swimming pool of the Texas Aggies and all conference meets are held here as are physical education classes also.

Intramural Program Provides For Inter-Co. Competition, Student Association

Aggies Take 2nd In Track and Golf At Conference Meet

SMU and Texas triumphed at the Southwest Conference Tennis meet held in Dallas last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. "Boots" Gilbert of the Texas Aggie Squad moved into the semi-finals to be defeated only by the Southwest Conference singles champion, Don Crawford of SMU.

Thursday, Killebrew of the Aggies beat Chu of TCU in singles, and was defeated Friday by Sayers of Texas. Elizondo of the Aggies defeated Robinson of TCU Thursday and lost to Hayden of Rice Friday. Penn and Gilbert of the Maroon and White were defeated in doubles by Robinson and Mayfield of TCU Thursday. The other Aggie doubles team, Killebrew and Elizondo, lost to Robinson and Mayfield of TCU Friday. Penn of the Aggies lost his singles match to Mayfield of TCU Friday, while Gilbert of the Aggies defeated Dellano of Texas in a singles match Friday. He moved into the semi-finals and was defeated by Don Crawford of SMU who went on to defeat Sayers of Texas to win the SW Conference 1945

Varied Athletic Program Offers Ten Sports Pennant Awarded To Winning Organization

The intramural sports program here at A. & M. College is important not only because it teaches every Aggie the principles of good sportsmanship, but also because it is able to provide such a good, wholesome competitive sports program for those who are on the campus here at A. & M. College. In the first place, it enables the average individual who has taken part in this type of sports pro-

gram to enter any branch of the armed services with the feeling that he is physically able to meet any difficult situation that is required of him. This has been proved time and time again by the numerous true stories which come from abroad, telling of the average American's ability to outwit both the German and the Japanese on the field of battle. If nothing else, intramural sports instill in a person a feeling of self confidence, something which is not only important in wartime, but which is also a necessity in peacetime. Self confidence in connection with the intramural program here is accomplished by the fact that intramural athletics are not compulsory, but on the other hand, are provided for the benefit and well-being of all concerned. The main purpose, and possibly the most important, is the fact that the intramural sports program here has been able to benefit so many students, while the varsity athletics are only able to benefit a few. The heavy increase in interest for intramural athletics may be illustrated by the fact that in 1927-1928 there numbered only 2201 participants, while the years 1941-1942 saw this total increase to the record number of 24,021 participants.

Since its founding, intramural sports have become rather a tradition at A. & M., and today this department, at the completion of

Tennis singles crown. Blanton and McCarter of Texas defeated Crawford and Stennis of SMU to take the 1945 SW Conference Tennis doubles crown.

For the second straight year the Texas Longhorns took the Southwest Conference Track title in a meet held in Dallas last week-end. The overwhelming Steer team piled up 79 1-2 points while the Aggies earned 47 1-2 to take the second place slot. Rice could scrape together but 81 points while SMU managed only 5. TCU entered competition in the meet, but placed in none of the events. The Longhorns also took the SW Conference 1944 track title; whereas the Aggies took the 1945 title.

A mighty Aggie Golf team crowded the Texas Longhorns as they took second in the 1945 SW Conference meet held in Dallas last week-end also. Overcast skies affected the shooting average for the teams Thursday, even though fair weather Friday showed little improvement in the averages. Crowding the Texas lads all the way, the Aggies could not manage to eke a victory from them. Rice and SMU also entered the meet, but were far from exhibiting the class displayed by the Longhorns and Aggies.

Two Game Series To Wind Up Season For Maroon and White Baseballers

By F. B. De Lafosse, Jr. This week-end the Maroon and White closes out its 1945 baseball season with two games with Texas University. A. & M. meets the Orange and White here at home in games carded for Friday and Saturday afternoons.

At the present time the tea-hounds are out in front in the Southwest Conference standings. They have dropped only 1 tilt so far this year, and that was to TCU. The Aggies and Longhorns have met only once thus far this year, with the 'sippers taking the game by a 13-0 count. That was the worst trouncing handed the Aggies this year. Since that time, however, their ace pitcher, Henry Culp, has officially signed to play pro ball. It was found out by a sports editor in Houston that Culp had previously played two years

of professional ball in 1937 and 1938. In spite of this, however, the conference ruled to let Texas have the other ball game. It was Culp who shut the Aggies out.

Should the Maroon and White take one or both of the games this weekend, the Longhorns would be pressed in their series coming up with Rice. Rice has lost only three games, and a double victory by the Aggies would force Texas to sweep the series with Rice.

Last week in Houston the Owls took two more games from the Aggies. The scores were 11-2, and 6-3. Errors again proved costly, and the Owls seemed to have their hitting eye.

So far this year the leading batsman for A. & M. has been George Strickhausen. His present mark of .347 is the highest on the club. Other loud bats have been those of "Stubby" Matthews and Raymond Katt. Jim Kucera, Charlie Smith, and Jim Love are all ready to take their turns on the mound in the coming series. The catching duties are being handled by Grant Darnell. Raymond Katt is handling shortstop very well, and Matthews is once again on third base. That leaves the outfield composed of DeLafosse in left, Prince in center, and Strange in right.

each semester, awards the honored Intramural Flag to the outfit which has been outstanding in intramural athletics for the preceding semester. Other intramural awards take the form of individual charms which may be attached to one's key chain or suspended from one's watch fob. Its organization is tops, that is, the intramural athletic department has provided both new and improved material for the promotion of athletics, and also a set of rules and individual scorers who govern the progress of each individual intramural match.

So think it over when you begin to ask yourself whether or not the intramural sports program has benefited you in any way.



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