

Baseball, Track Slated Here for Weekend

Texas Is Favored In First Postwar SWC Track Meet

The first post-war Southwest Conference track meet will be held on Kyle Field here Saturday, May 11, with all seven schools in the conference sending contestants to the starters. Preliminaries will be held Friday afternoon, beginning at 3:15.

Many past performers are back in competition after war service, but in the opinion of several coaches no records are expected to fall this year. Some may be threatened but not too seriously. If any marks fall they may be in the 440-yard or mile relays since good time has been done in those events this year. The Baylor Bears sport the best time in the 440-yard event, while the Texas Aggies are tops, undefeated in the mile event. There is also a slim chance for the oldest of them all, the two-mile mark, to fall if Johnny Zeigler of the Aggies can recover from his mile race in time to put on speed the whole way in the distance run. He has come within 30 seconds of the

9:32:4 set by Sandi Esquivel of Texas in 1925, but in making his best time he did not run in the mile.

The Texas Longhorns are favored to win this year's classic with the Aggies taking second. The finish could be close but even the most optimistic forecaster can't get the Aggies closer than three points off the crown. Baylor and Rice will fight it out for third place by about the same margin, and SMU and TCU should follow in that order. Arkansas can slip in anywhere except at the top, since no season record is available in Texas on them. During the regular season they do not compete in any meets against conference opponents, so are an unknown quantity.

Baylor is a new threat to high placing for the first time in many years and has several first or second place men in the "best marks" report just released by James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the conference.

The Aggies are weak on sprinters and do not figure to place any men in those fast events except the sprint relay. This fact is what will keep them from winning the meet, Coach Frank Anderson figures. The Cadets have depth but will have to come up with some unexpected points in field events to turn the tide their way. The strength of the Bears will take some points away from both Longhorns and Aggies but not enough from Texas to slip the Aggies up front.

The Longhorns not only have top men in several events but they also have those important men who take off the seconds, thirds and fourths which win meets when they are close. They have Lawler in the 100-yard dash with his 9.7 mark; Kidd in the 220-yard dash with his 21.3, and second in the 440-yard dash with a 49.6 second only to Harnden of A. & M., who has 49 flat; Joyce in the mile with 4:34 in a tie with Zeigler, A&M; Cunningham in the 880-yard run in 2:00.7; Joyce with a second to Zeigler in the two-mile race; Pendleton is top shot putter with a heave of 45 feet, 8 inches; and Robertson is high in the broad jump with 24 feet, 8 inches. Their sprint relay team (440 yards) is neck and neck with Baylor's time.

Entries Due Tomorrow for Intramural Track Meet; Eleven Events Slated

By Bill Rippetoe

The Intramural track meet which will be held on Kyle Field May 19 will include the 440-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, 880-yard run, 120-yard low hurdles, 440-yard relay, 880-yard relay, shot put, high jump, broad jump, pole vault, and the mile and seven tenths run. The latter will be held for freshmen only. Athletic officers are urged to hold their tryouts as soon as possible and turn their entry blanks in before May 9.

Softball

Dorm 12 walloped Mitchell 22-1 in the only ball game Friday afternoon. Schibert, the winning pitcher, allowed Mitchell only two hits. In the Monday evening games, A Troop upset A Infantry 11-5 while

A Battery and C Battery won over D Cavalry and A Cavalry, D Battery also came through with a win over G Infantry by scoring 9 runs to their 5.

Tennis

The Class B Infantrymen won all three of the tennis matches Monday as F Infantry won over C Cavalry, and C Infantry and E Infantry defeated C Battery and B Battery. In Friday's games, H Infantry edged out D Infantry and C Infantry and E Infantry beat B Cavalry and A Infantry.

Volleyball

In the Class A volleyball contests, the Infantrymen came thru again. D, C, H, G, and A Companies won over No. 16, B Battery, B Cavalry, Bizzell, and C Cavalry, respectively.

Aggie Nine Meets SMU Here Friday In Last Home Tilt

The Texas Aggies will play their final home game of the 1946 season Friday, with the S. M. U. Mustangs providing the opposition. Game time is 3:30 p.m.

A. & M.'s defeat at the hands of the league-leading Texas Longhorns last Saturday, coupled with two wins by Baylor over the Rice Owls, pushed the Cadets into third place position in Conference competition with the Bears taking over second place. Rice is in fourth place, T. C. U. in fifth, and S.M.U. is holding down the cellar position.

The Aggie nine has beaten the Ponies twice, taking both ends of a two-game series in Dallas on April 12 and 13. Earl Beesley was the winning pitcher in the first game, while Southpaw Johnny Shuford was credited with the other victory.

Hub Moon, leading Aggie hitter for the season thus far, was third in Southwest Conference average standings at the halfway mark, according to figures released Saturday by Executive Secretary James H. Stewart. He was topped by Chick Zomlefer, Texas u. shortstop, who has a mark of .500 for 13 hits of 26 times at bat, and by Jack Redding of Baylor who has a .454 average. Moon was a close third with .441. In the pitching department, Earl Beesley of the Aggies had an .833 average and was the top man in strikeouts with a total of 61. Layne added 13 strikeouts Saturday to bring his total to 54 for the conference season, but Beesley added eight and now has 69.

The Aggies could very easily regain the second place spot Friday by winning from the Ponies, since Baylor meets undefeated Texas at Austin this afternoon.

Team	W	L	R	OR	Pct.
Texas	8	0	63	19	1.000
Baylor	7	4	86	73	.636
A. & M.	7	5	83	74	.583
Rice	4	8	79	107	.333
T. C. U.	3	8	59	82	.273
S. M. U.	2	6	54	69	.250

ATHLETIC COUPON BOOKS

Athletic coupon books will not be good at the Southwest Conference track meet Saturday, since the event is not classified as a home contest for Texas A. & M. College but as a Conference-wide competition. Admission charge will be 25¢ for students and faculty members, and 50¢ for others.

There will be no charge for admission to the track preliminaries scheduled for Friday afternoon. Coupon No. 32 will be valid at the Aggie-S.M.U. baseball game.

SPORTS

"Dookie" Pugh Signs To Play Pro Football With Florida Team

What happened to The Battalion's wandering sports editor was clarified by an Associated Press release from Fort Worth on May 6, which reported that Marion "Dookie" Pugh has signed a professional football contract with the Miami, Florida team of the new All-American league.

The Miami club is coached by Jack Meagher, formerly head mentor at Rice Institute. Pugh was quarterback on the 1939 Texas A. & M. team that won the national championship, and returned last fall from service with the U. S. Army in Germany. He played pro football with the New York Giants of the National League before and after entering the service.

"Coach Meagher offered me such a fat contract I couldn't turn it down," said Pugh. "I hadn't intended to continue in pro-ball."

Rice fourth with 22; SMU fifth with 11; and TCU should get 2 for sixth place. He left Arkansas out since he knows nothing about their men. "If they take any points I hope that it is in some event that won't take them away from us," he said.

Qualifying heats in the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes, the 120-high and 220-low hurdles, and the broad jump and discus will be held Friday afternoon starting at 3:30.

Other second, third and fourth placers are too numerous to mention and in some events they could sweep all places.

The Aggies' hopes lie in their undefeated mile relay team of Harnden, Napier, Fischer, and Benson. That same quartet probably will run in the 440-yard dash in which Harnden is tops with 49 flat. Kidd and Ferrell, Texas, rank second and third, and Napier fourth. Zeigler should win the mile and two-mile events as he has all season.

White should place in the high hurdles where he ranks next to Erfurth of Rice but eight-tenths of a second slower; and Hill might get into the money in the lows where he ranks fifth. Young figures for second in the shot while Smolik might pull third in the pole vault and Haws a second in the high jump if he can better his recent marks. He ranks second but has not approached his best leap lately. Dickey should take the discus but Texas figures two men placing to offset that win. Zapalac can get into the money if he gets off one of his good heaves. Third in the broad jump with Hill is the outlook there and the javelin is a question mark. The Cadets should count fourth in the sprint relay since four places are given and they have a team entered which should prove better than the other also-rans.

Col. Anderson is not optimistic about the Aggie chances. So for this year, he has announced when he thought the Aggies would win and has been right every time. Now he says Texas university will win and should score 63 points; Texas A. & M. should take second with 48; Baylor third with 31;

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