

## ON KYLE FIELD

by PAUL MARTIN

### Is Basketball Too Rough?

Many basketball fans, after watching the wrestling displays at some basketball games in the Southwest, are longing for a return to stricter foul rules. Some advocate a 'three-foul-and-out' rule.

Foul rules in recent years have been liberalized, and rougher play has resulted. Basketball in the East has been noted for its rough play down through the years, while basketball in the South and West has been comparatively clean, involving little blocking, elbowing, and back-jumping.

From here, it looks as though basketball's ardent supporters are missing the boat in converting basketball to football. What can be gained from rough play remains to be seen!

Fouls in basketball, just like penalties in football, slow the game to the point where it becomes dull and listless. Too many

### A Fair Break For Cage Officials

Basketball officiating is improving, and orchids are in order for those who supervise cage play.

In our Valhalla we would have a large mirror for the use of irate coaches and fans, so that they

### That National Coaches Meeting

Everyone connected with organized collegiate athletics is wondering about the rule passed at the NCAA meeting outlawing recruiting of athletes and prohibiting monetary payment or allowances to athletes by the colleges other than free tuition.

Coaches from the Southern Southeastern, and Southwestern conferences fought this new proposal bitterly. They are of the opinion that many of the smaller schools would be unable to field athletic teams without re-

games are decided by the ability or inability of a team to make its free shots. Shooting free throws requires skill and practice, but when they decide so many ball games the rules need to be tightened to remove habitual foulers from the court.

The best players will foul unintentionally, and even the best officials will occasionally call a rule infraction on an innocent player. The better basketball players can play for a long time on one foul. Stricter foul rules will speed up the game and remove potential football tacklers from the basketball courts.

might see themselves as others see them. This corner can waste little time supporting those people who count an evening lost unless they have heaped ridicule and abuse on an official who can't or is not in a position to answer back.

recruiting. They are skeptical of the Northern and Eastern Conference schools really being sincere in the matter of paying subsidies. Southern coaches feel that blackmarketing and bootlegging in college athletics is just beginning.

Here's hoping that a suitable compromise can be worked out. Without the three Southern conferences, the NCAA would be an empty shell, and then there would be no organization to control intercollegiate athletics.

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## INTRAMURALS

By **CMF Ackerman**

### CORPS CHAMPIONS IN PING PONG, FLAG FOOTBALL, HANDBALL

"A" Inf. Ping Pong ten keep their winning combination going strong all the way through the schedule undefeated as they beat a team of good players from "C" Field 4 to 1 for the Corps crown.

The most thrilling game of the season in all sports took place on the football field as the much favored "G" Inf. team was held to a close decision over "C" Inf. for the Flag Football championship of the Corps. The final score was 0 to 0 in touchdowns, but the penetrations went to "G" Inf. 3 40's and 2 20's to no penetrations for "C" Inf.

In the Class B sports Handball took the spot light as the strong "C" Inf. team outclassed an "A" Inf. team 2 to 1. This was one of the hardest fought battles in Class B competition and the entire schedule made it hard for the "C" Inf. team to walk away champions.

### SPRING ACTIVITIES TO START WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

The spring activities in Intramural Athletics will get underway Wednesday, January 29 with a meeting of all Athletic Officers and assistant Athletic Officers in

Room 209, Goodwin Hall at 7:15 p. m.

Sports to be offered at the beginning of the semester will be Team Handball and Team Horse-shoe Pitching for the Upperclassmen. The Freshman sports will be Volten Ball and Team Horse-shoe Pitching. Volten Ball makes its first appearance in the Intramural calendar. This game was introduced to the Freshman by the Physical Education Department.

Following the opening schedule of sports activities there will be softball, tennis, boxing, wrestling, swimming, and the track and field meet. All of these sports will be offered to both the Class A and Class B teams.

In the Open Tournament side of the Intramural program there will be tournaments in badminton, tennis, and golf.

The 1946-47 fall and spring program will be brought to a close with two outstanding events. The first of these will be the Appreciation Barbecue for the Athletic Officers. The final event will be the Victory Ceremony at Penberthy Intramural Message Center when the presentation of the Intramural Banners will take place and the inscription made in the Court of Honor, honoring Athletic Officers of the Championship Units.

Inquiries concerning the tournaments and all entries should be mailed to Dave McCoy, Southwestern A.A.U. Basketball Committee Chairman, 605 N. Ervay, Dallas.

Forrest "Whitey" Bacus, basketball coach at SMU, and E. O. "Doc" Hayes, coach of the Crozier Tech Wolves, defending champions in the Texas high school Class AA cage race, are both members of the AAU committee aiding Chairman McCoy in plans for the two events.

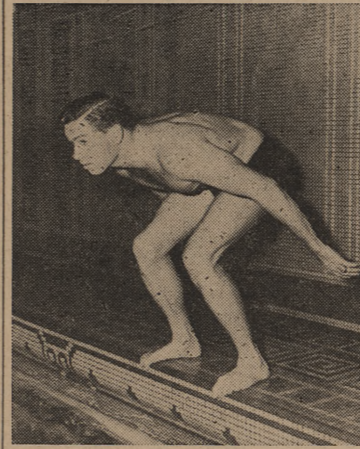
The senior high school tourney will include three divisions of competition, one for Class AA schools, another for Class A, and the third bracket for Class B. Deadline for entries in the junior event is Feb. 14 and in the senior event Feb. 21.

Trophies will be awarded to winning teams and runners-up in each division of the senior tournament and in the junior meet. All-tour-

## Senior and Junior High Tourney Set In Feb. for Dallas

Two high school basketball tournaments, one for senior schools, and the other for junior schools, will be held the latter part of February at Dal-Hi Fieldhouse in Dallas, under the sponsorship of the Southwestern AAU.

Both tournaments are open events and are expected to attract teams from all sections of Texas as well as from neighboring states. The meet for junior teams will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, and the senior high school tournament is set for Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, March 1.



Bob Cowling

## Bob Cowling Is Favorite to Set New Conference Swim Record

With a list of breast stroke championships as big as his thick muscular arms, Bob Cowling returns to Southwest swimming circles with his mind set on breaking the Conference record in the 100 yd. breast stroke, which he failed to accomplish by only tenths of seconds during his two varsity years before the war.

Before leaving A. & M. for service overseas with the army in France and Germany, Cowling was the mainstay of coach Art Adamson's butterflyers. In 1942, he won both the breast stroke and the individual medley Conference titles, and in 1943 took the breast stroke title once more. In addition, the 24-year-old Houstonian holds the TAAF record for the 100 yd. breast and numerous Southwestern and Southern AAU titles. In 1942, Cowling was one of a squad of four which represented A. & M.

at the National Intercollegiate championships.

Still relatively out of condition, and suffering the effects of nearly four years without competition, Bob swam the breast stroke leg of the medley relay against OU last week in record time, but dropped the 100 yd. race to newcomer Jimmy Flowers by a hair.

The Conference record in the 100 yd. breast stroke, Cowling's specialty stands at 1:07, which he has bettered in practice already. And if the water doesn't dry up in the Gregory Gym pool, A. & M. will have another record to its credit by the end of the season.

Terminal leave bonds are non-negotiable and non-transferable. However, they may be used to pay premiums on National Service Life Insurance.

## Four Cage Tilts On Tab This Week

The Texas Aggie cage squad will lie idle next week until Saturday when they will play host to the thrice-defeated Rice Owls in DeWare Field House.

Neither of the two teams have a good record to date, but the Owls have dropped all conference tilts, beaten by Texas and Arkansas, the two top teams. The unvictorious but still dangerous Owls have a match slated for Wednesday night with Baylor prior to taking on the twice-defeated and once-victorious Aggies.

Other games this week include two between Arkansas and Oklahoma A. & M. on the 22 and 24, and Rice and Baylor in Houston on the 22.

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
Arkansas	4	0	1.000
Texas	4	0	1.000
SMU	2	1	.661
A&M	1	2	.330
Baylor	1	2	.330
Rice	0	3	.000
TCU	0	4	.000

ment teams will be selected at the close of each event and awards will be presented to the five outstanding players in each meet.

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