

Steers Win Texas Relays; Aggies Take Second Place

Before a record crowd in the year's first big outdoor track meet, Texas University took the unofficial honors at the Texas Relays with Texas A. & M. placing second last Saturday in Austin.

An estimated 14,000 spectators witnessed teams from practically every section of the country as four new records were set and one old record tied. Texas set new records in the 400-yard football shuttle relay and the distance medley relay but the crack Aggie mile relay team composed of Napier, Bilderbeck, Holbrook and Harnden shattered the oldest record with an excellent 3:17.8 which eclipsed the time of 3:18.4 established by the University of Chicago in 1929.

Art Haws of A.&M. tied with Monte Kinder of Nebraska and Henry Coffman of Rice for first place in the high jump with a distance of 6 feet 5 inches, his best effort of the year.

Freshman weight man George Kadera took second in the discus throw with a distance of 150 feet 6 3/8 inches, less than eight inches short of the winning mark. Kadera also placed third in the shot put against such nationally known weight men as Prather of Kansas State and Andros of Oklahoma.

Feature of the meet was the 100-yard dash in which Baylor's Bill Martinson again beat his old rival Charlie Parker of Texas University. Aggie Webb Jay placed fourth behind Cotton of Baylor in this event.

Texas' Jerry Thompson took individual honors turning in an unofficial 4:13 mile as anchor-man on the Longhorn distance medley relay squad.

Baylor and Rice placed third and fourth with 15 and 12 1/2 points respectively.

Track Summary

FOUR-MILE RELAY: Won by Drake (Schoeffler, Toplansky, Johnson, Prohaska); second, Oklahoma; third, Texas, Christian; fourth, Texas A.&M. Time: 18:10 (meet record—new event).
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Won by Erfurth, Rice; second, Cummins, Rice; third, Boren, Texas; fourth, Toppe, Southwest Texas State. Time: 14.5.
100-YARD DASH: Won by Martinson, Baylor; second, Parker, Texas; third, Cotton, Baylor; fourth, Jay, Texas A.&M. Time: 9.7.
400-YARD SHUTTLE FOOTBALL RELAY: Won by Texas (Samuels, Tatom, Gillyory, Lawler); second, Texas Tech; third, McMurray (only three entries).

Record Smashing Aggie Mile Relay Team



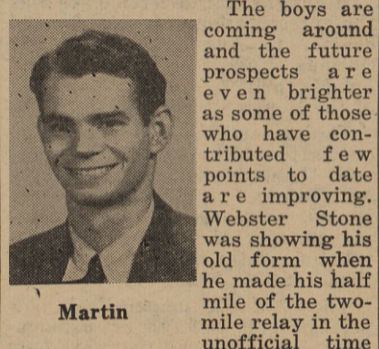
To Texas University went the honor of breaking the most records at the Texas Relays held in Austin last Saturday but the Aggie mile relay team broke the oldest record. They eclipsed the time of 3:18.4 set by the University of Chicago in 1929 by running the distance in 3:17.4. Members of the team, pictured from left to right are Erwin Bilderbeck, Bill Napier, Ray Holbrook, and Art Harnden.

ON KYLE FIELD

by PAUL MARTIN

Track Team Has No Weak Spot

Coach Frank Anderson's track boys pretty well held their own Saturday at the Texas Relays against some of the best collegiate talent in the country.



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The boys are coming around and the future prospects are even brighter as some of those who have contributed few points to date are improving. Webster Stone was showing his old form when he made his half mile relay in the unofficial time of one minute and 58 seconds, his fastest to date. Joe Vajdos looks as if he is getting his old style back and is about ready to start tallying points. Joe is already doing as good time as he was before Christmas and can be expected to show some improvement.

Art Haws, who has yet to be beaten this year in the high jump, made his best effort at the Relays but received his first tie. Haws has consistently beaten potentially better jumpers because he has been working hard at it this year. Webb Jay, running the 100-yard dash along with several more publicized men, proved that he was not out of his class. Though he came in fourth, he was close on the heels of Cotton and beat such runners as Samuels of Texas, Dickey of Louisiana State and Metcalf of Oklahoma A.&M. Vay is still one of the most improved men on the team.

High point of the meet was the record breaking time of the Aggie mile relay team who placed first in their event. The team consists of Art Harnden, Bill Napier, Ray Holbrook and Erwin Bilderbeck. They succeeded in smashing a record that had existed since 1929, bettering the old time of 13:18.4 by nearly 6/10 seconds. They ran the distance in 13:17.8.

On April 12 the track squad will have its first home meet. Opponents will be Louisiana State and Baylor. Baylor's team will include the flashy Bill Martinson who has beaten the Longhorn ace, Charlie Parker in two tries out of three. LSU has been conference champions 12 times in the last 15 years in the Southeastern circuit and includes in its team some of the best men in the country in the vaulting, jumping, and middle distances plus some A-one javelin and weight men.

Lil Dimmitt's baseball nine really opened conference play in style last week-end by literally swamping the Rice Owls in a night game Friday at Buffalo Stadium and just to prove that it wasn't an accident did a repeat performance on the following afternoon only not with such magnitude.

The 25-1 victory Friday night almost equaled the Southwest conference record baseball margin of 26-0 in which A&M defeated Rice five seasons ago. Roy Gibbens did the honors Friday night, keeping the mound all the way. He fanned 10 batters.

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Baseballers Swamp Rice In Conference Openers

by Andy Matula

The Aggies swept clean their two game series with Rice Institute Saturday afternoon by beating the Owls 10 to 4. The game was played at Rice field and a seventh inning rain cleared the bleachers but didn't halt the game.

Earl Beesley did the pitching chores for the Aggies, giving up seven hits and four runs. Beesley's pitching was tight for the early innings but he gave up on run in the fifth frame and the others in the last two innings. Earl contributed two hits and two runs to the Aggie score. Bill Bishop, who had played right field for the Owls in the previous night's game, was the losing pitcher.

It was not until the third inning that A&M started putting the runs across. Beesley, Fretz, and Vass knocked out singles to load the bases. Then lefthander Hub Moon stepped up and banded a double into center field that scored Beesley and Fretz. The scoring didn't stop there. Presley singled to fill up first and third and both tallied when Stan Holmig slammed a single through second base.

Rice picked up a run in the fifth but the Aggies evened that in the next inning. A&M added three more in the eighth as Rice racked up two more runs. Both teams scored one more in the last inning.

Leo Daniels was hit by Bishop on his first trip to the plate in the second inning. Leo suffered a possible jaw fracture and was relieved by Walter Willingham.

The entire Rice lineup was changed from Friday night's game to Saturday. Only Willard, the catcher, and Powell, the firstbaseman kept their original positions. Floyd Sommer, Rice center fielder, scored two of the Owl's runs and picked up two hits out of four trips to bat.

Every Aggie batter, excepting Daniels, got a hit in the game. Tex Thornton pulled the heaviest average, getting three hits for five times at bat. Tex also played excellent defense, drifting back into right field, at one time, to catch a Texas Leaguer hit by Lindsey Carey in the third inning.

The Aggies play Baylor on Wednesday afternoon at Kyle Field and meet Rice here again on April 8.

Score by innings:
R H E
A&M 005 001 013 10 15 3
Rice 000 010 021 4 7 4
Game time; 2 hours, 3 minutes.

Batteries: For A&M—Beesley, Calvert. For Rice—Bishop, Willard.
Officials: Tollar, Bisbey.

Cadets Down Owls 25-1 in Runaway

by Andy Matula

The Texas Aggies got off to a healthy start in their Southwest Conference competition by swamping the Rice Owls 25 to 1, Friday night at Buff Stadium in Houston. Roy Gibbens went all the way for the Ags and gave up but five hits in the nine frames.

Blasting away with sixteen hits, A&M wore out four Rice hurlers and failed to score in only three innings. The Owls accumulated eight errors which helped the Aggies considerably. The Rice field generalship was noticeably poor in this first game as well as their ball handling.

Peck Vass wielded the big stick for the Aggies getting five hits out of six trips to the plate. Two of Vass's hits were doubles along the third base line. Tex Thornton was next in the hitting department, batting .800 for the evening. Both Julian Pressley and Leo Daniels cracked out doubles to bring a total of four two-base hits for A&M.

Roy Gibbens' pitching was excellent, in spite of the fact that a cool breeze prevailed during the game. Rice managed to chip off five scattered hits from him but the game was never out of his control. Vahldick of Rice finally managed to score in the ninth inning on his teammate's, Keltys Powell's hard hit single through shortstop.

Eleven batters were fanned by Gibbens in the game and seven of these went down swinging.

The Aggies shortstop and second base combination turned in some beautiful fielding and were charged with only two errors. In the fifth inning, Bobby Fretz went deep in the infield to pick up a hard hit grounder off of Vincent Buckley. The ball appeared to be a certain hit but Fretz picked it up back handed on the run and threw Buckley out at first base. In the eighth frame, Tex Thornton went way back and caught a Texas leaguer off Tumlinson and doubled Buckley off at first. Tex took part in both

B Baseball Team Downs Blinn 6-0

Charlie DeWare's Aggie B baseball club chalked up win number three in as many starts by drubbing the visiting Blinn College club here Saturday afternoon 6-0.

Bob Southall started on the mound for the Ags and held it until Dewey Jacobs took over in the sixth. Southall gave up only two hits, striking out seven batters while Jacobs held the visitors to two hits also, striking out four batters.

G. W. Watson for the Cadets got four hits in six trips to the plate while Gaskamp for the visitors got three of his team's four hits.

The Hosts scored two runs in the second inning, two in the fifth and one each in the eighth and ninth.

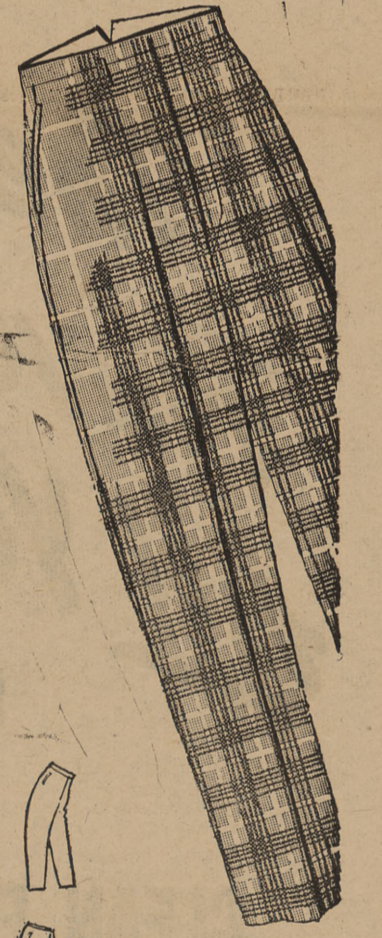
of the two Aggie double plays. The game had its exciting moments too. Bobby Fretz took a big lead off of third base in the fourth inning and became involved in a hot box, between the catcher, Willard, and third baseman Carey. Fretz played it carefully and scored, along with Peck Vass, when the catcher's throw went over Carey's head.

Score by innings:
R H E
A&M 212 600 2012 25 16 2
Blinn 000 000 001 1 5 8

Batteries: For A&M: Gibbens, Walker, Calvert. For Rice: Bartlett, Plumley, Tumlinson, Peachey, Willard, Reiningier.

Game time: 3 hours, 23 minutes. Officials: J. Bisbey, Tollar.

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