

# FROM THIS ANGLE

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## Orchids to Anderson

The events of the past weeks in the major track meets in the Southwest have resulted in quite a few surprises, but one fact now stands out as quite clear: Coach Frank Anderson has done an amazing job of turning out a crack track team with a minimum of material.



Goodwyn

At the outset of the season, the Aggies faced the uncertain task of trading punches with T.U. minus the services of most of the men who won SWC championships for the Maroon and White in the conference meet here last year. Gone were Johnny Ziegler, SWC champion in the mile and two mile; Bob Goode, javelin champ; and one-half (Benson and Fischer) of the championship mile relay team. Only Art Harnden, who won the 440 dash title and Bill Napier, who ran a lap on the

**Jay Looms As Sprint Threat**  
After seeing the 100 yard dash at the Texas Relays in Austin 10 days ago, it seems that the publicized duel between T.U.'s Charley Parker and Baylor's Bill Martinson may soon be a three-way scramble. And, from this angle, it looks like the new challenger to the dual-reign of Messrs. Parker and Martinson will be none other than A&M's own Webb Jay.

Jay has been shunted to the background most of the year while the spotlight played on the more widely known sprinters of the conference but the Farmer dashman has stayed in there and pitched and it looks like his efforts are bearing fruits.

Although finishing only fourth in the 100 in the Relays, Jay was not more than a stride and a half behind the winning Martenson in a blanket finish that had the crowd standing on their heads. The first four finishers—Martinson, Parker, Cotton (of Baylor) and Jay—were so close together that one false step could have juggled the results noticeably.

Jay, who is no slouch at broad-jumping, pulled a leg muscle in his first jump in the triangular meet at Corpus last weekend and may not be in top shape for Saturday's meet. (Incidentally, Jay's one first jump carried over 19 feet and won him fourth in the meet. He had previously taken first in the broad jump in the Ft. Worth Exposition

mile relay team, were back to defend their titles.

After several weeks of practice this year, Anderson emerged with a squad that boasted half a dozen capable quarter-milers and another handful of promising contenders in the field events. All of which led this writer to make the statement that if the Aggies were going to make any points in the conference meet, they would come in the field events and in 440 dash and mile relay.

And what happens? Out of the wide blue yonder, Anderson digs up some promising middle distance men, plus a capable sprint relay team. Add to this the pleasing performances of Webb Jay in the sprints, and what do we have? Brethren, we have a well-balanced squad whose chances of taking the conference title grow brighter with every passing meet.

And even if the SWC pennant doesn't come to College Station this year, Coach Anderson rates a bouquet of roses for a clever job of making "contenders" out of a group of boys who might easily have been only "also rans".

Meet with a leap of 23 feet, two inches.)

If his leg rounds into shape, Jay might give Baylor's Martinson, Cotton, Inc. a real run for their dough Saturday.

**Farmer Baseball Team Erratic**  
The Aggie Baseball team, which has looked alternately good and bad through early season games, looked mostly bad Tuesday, in dropping the third game of the Rice series, 8 to 4.

**Pistol Team Practicing**

The Aggie Pistol Team candidates are getting some expert training under the direction of Lt. Col. William A. Becker, a graduate of A&M in the class of '41 and a member of the National Championship team of '39.

Some 15 men reported at the first meeting and two more submitted their names. The team has been practicing consistently and competitive matches may be arranged before the end of the semester.

**Rifle Team Has Twelve Wins**

The A&M rifle team under Major John M. Cook, Infantry, has a good record this season with 12 wins and 4 losses and the possibility of more wins when all of the match results are known. One more postal match is to be fired next week with the University of Arkansas and an interteam shoulder to shoulder match will be fired on a date to be set later by Major Cook.

## Potential Dynamite



DON FRYE is another reason for the Aggie track team to look with optimism at the future. An accomplished 440 man as his record before the war will verify and there is a good chance of his regaining his old stride.

## Unpublicized Frye Gains in Popularity

While the rest of the Southwest Conference Track Coaches are feverishly engaged in a hunt for a quarter-miler who can match strides with A&M's Art Harnden, Col. Frank Anderson, guiding mentor of Aggie track fortunes, has in reserve and quite unpublicized, the one man who has beaten Harnden in the 440 dash.

The lad in question is Don Frye, current fifth-ranking member of A&M's flashy crew of quarter-milers. Frye, who has not seen much action this season, trimmed Harnden more than once when both of them were "fish" on the 1942 Farmer track team.

The track careers of both men were interrupted by the war with Harnden being the first to return to Aggie land, winning the SWC 440 championship last year.

When he arrived back on the scene this year, Frye found the Maroon camp flooded with capable quarter-milers and his past performances have been forgotten in the shuffle of new records hung up by the current crop of Harnden, Bilderbeck, Holbrook, Napier, et al.

But, the spindly-shanked little speedster is slowly coming into his own and may figure prominently in the Aggies' plans for a SWC championship. If Frye can regain his old stride, the Aggies stand a good chance not only of taking

## Aggie Baseballers Drop Rice Tilt In Last Innings 8-4

The Texas Aggies blew a two run lead in the eighth inning Tuesday afternoon to give Rice Institute its first conference victory of the season and marks the second loss for the Aggies on Kyle Field. The final count was 8-4.

The Aggies were leading 4 to 2 when the Owls came to bat in their half of the eighth frame. But the Rice nine suddenly came to life and tapped pitcher Earl Beesley for five hits and pushed across five runs before Roy Gibbons came in to relieve Beesley. Gibbons put two men away but threw his arm out of place and the mound chores passed to Dewey Jacobs, who retired the side immediately. This was the Owls big inning, and added to two runs in the seventh and one in the ninth totaled up their eight tally.

A & M started out with a bang in the first inning. Lead-off man, Bobby Fretz, cracked out a single, then stole second as Peck Vass struck out. Stan Holmig then stepped up to bat and lined out a home run that had yards to spare at the left center field fence marker of 350 feet. The Aggies loaded the bases in the second inning and Walter Willingham scored on Fretz's flyball to deep center. Tex Thornton tagged up in the sixth frame on Willingham's double against the center field fence. This was all of the Aggie scoring even though they did try a desperate ninth inning rally.

Rice pitcher Ken Carley gave up four hit sand two runs before he was relieved in the fourth by Bill Bishop. Bishop went on to win the game for his teammates allowing only four more hits. The Aggies won 10 to 4 off of Bishop in their last game in Houston.

Defensive honors for the Aggies go to Tex Thornton who only muffed one ball in eight chances. Tex faded back to catch Lindsey Carey's Texas leaguer in the third inning and figured in a double play in the fourth. Little Vincent Buckley spoiled the Aggie chances for base hits several times, as he deftly darted into short field for several Texas Leaguers. Careful patrolling of the outgardens by fielders Costa and Sommer kept the Aggie runs to a minimum.

This was the last game that the Aggies play with the Owls in Conference competition. A&M journeys to Austin Friday to tangle with the unbeaten Longhorns.

Score by Innings	
A & M	2 1 0 0 1 0 0 0
Rice	0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5 1
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4	8
10	3
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Batteries: For A & M—Beesley, Gibbons, Jacobs, Calvert, Walker. For Rice—Carley, Bishop, Reininger.

Game time: 2 hours, 35 minutes. Officials: Bisbee, Tollar.

## Badminton Tournament Opens

In the doubles open four members of the Badminton Club fought their way into the finals. Haskin and Hohne made up one team while Tittle and Lander the other. In two fast games Haskin and Hohne found and set the pace to beat their opponents 15-11, 15-11 to be crowned college champions.

## Tennis and Golf Open Tournaments

Brackets for each of these events have been drawn up and will be posted at the Intramural Message Center and in the Intramural office. Slips have been sent out for the first round of play and contestants are reminded to bring the results of the matches by the office as soon as possible after a match so that tournament play will not be slowed down.

the mile relay, an event in which they are clearly the class of the league, but also rack up a clean sweep in the 440 dash—placing first, second, third and fourth.

So, while the search goes on in Austin, Dallas, Houston and other SWC camps for a rival of Harnden, Frye continues to quietly pedal around Kyle Field every afternoon with his eye on the SWC meet.

## Broad Jumper



VERNON HILL, Aggie broad jumper is giving the SWC competitors a run for their money. Hill is getting upwards of 21 feet, getting a flat 21 feet 10 inches at the Fort Worth meet.

## Golfers Meet TCU Linkmen Friday

Marty Karow's golfers will be swinging their clubs again Friday April 11, when they meet TCU on the Bryan Country Club greens for the second match with the Frogs. The Aggies beat TCU 6 to 3 when they journeyed to Fort Worth with Gayther Nowell, golf pro, on March 21, but the Frogs won the Fat Stock Show Tournament (a non conference play) on the windy day of March 22 with the Ags placing fourth.

Three conference teams, SMU TCU, and Baylor, have been played so far this season with A&M on the winning end each time. They gained the greatest number of points last Wednesday when the match with Baylor ended 8 to 1.

Johnny Henry moved up to number 6 man on the team when Norman Freeze dropped out of school at mid-semester. Freeze plans to enter A&M again next fall but in the meantime is getting some good practice while working for a golf pro.

# Track Team in Triangular Meet Here Saturday at 2:30

The Aggie track squad will stage its first home meet of the year next Saturday in a triangular affair with Baylor and Louisiana State. The first field events will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the running events will begin at 3, ending at 4:30.

## Baseball Club To Play Texas Friday

With two wins and two losses to their credit, the Texas Aggies hit the road to Austin Friday afternoon to play the Southwest Conference champion Longhorns.

Texas is slated as the team to beat in play this year. The 'sips have taken on SMU and Rice and beaten them both to hold second place in conference standing behind the Baylor Bears. However, Tu plays the Aggies only once this season on home grounds and that is considered a disadvantage in competition between the Aggies and Varsity. Bobby Layne, who hasn't dropped a conference game this spring, will probably pitch against the Aggies.

Coach Lil Dimmitt of the Aggies will start Earl Beesley against the Longhorns Friday. The Aggies are holding third place in the conference with a .500 rating, having dropped a game apiece to Rice and Baylor.

## Spring Football Workouts Friday

Football spring training in the Aggie camp begins Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m. officially.

Head Coach Homer Norton is expecting a large squad of candidates to be present and intends to make his first team of 70 of the most promising prospects. A second team will also work out and those left who wish to do so will be issued equipment as far as it goes until such time as the squads are definitely drawn up.

Coach Norton stated that the team was better equipped this year at the beginning of the season than at any time since the war.

Louisiana State is expected to field a strong combination both in the track and field events with exceptionally good men in middle distances. Also on the Tiger squad are reputed to be some of the nation's best pole vaulters, javelin throwers, jumpers and weight men. The LSU aggregation has been conference champions 12 times in the last 15 years in the Southeastern circuit.

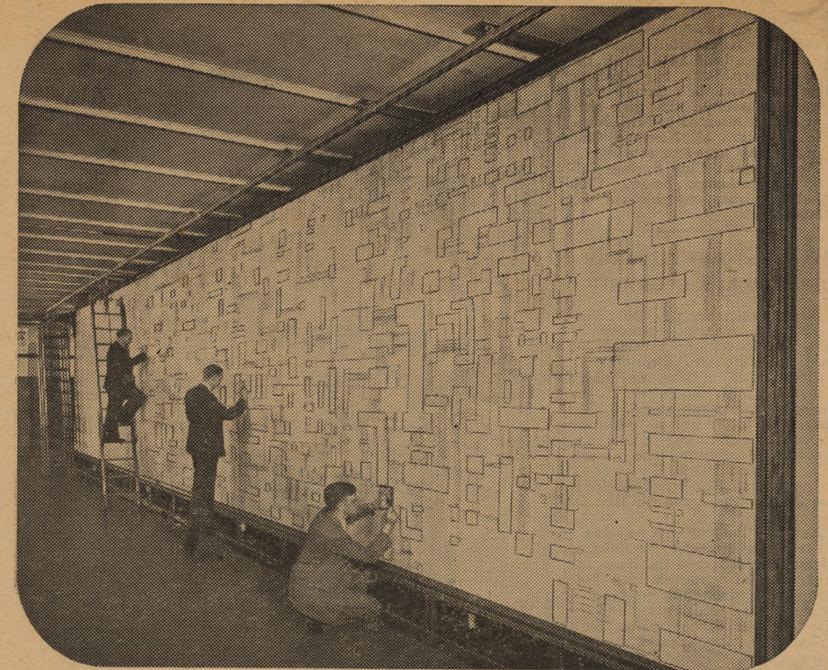
Baylor boasts some fast dash men and distance men, including in the dashes the speedy Bill Martinson, the runner who has beaten Texas' Charlie Parker two times in three tries this year. The Bruins also boast of another boy, Cotton, who has consistently finished among the first in the 100-yard dash.

To contend with these favorites, Coach Frank Anderson has his fast improving sprinter Webb Jay who has been winning points consistently in the 100-yard dash, big George Kadera who is winning national recognition for his performance in the field events, and Art Haws who has improved his standing in the high jump some four inches already this year. The Aggie 440 men, Bill Napier, Art Harnden, Ervin Bilderbeck, and Ray Holbrook are more than holding their own and these same runners are favored in the mile relay.

Jim Mortenson stands to add some points in the hurdles and Young and Hill are coming up in the field events.

All-in-all, all three contenders are expected to put strong teams on the field.

It is said that the first forward pass was thrown by Sam Moore to Van Tasell of Wesleyan against Yale in 1906 . . . but back in 1876 Walter Camp, upon being tackled, is supposed to have tossed a forward to a teammate for a T.D. (The ref flipped a coin to decide whether or not to allow it).



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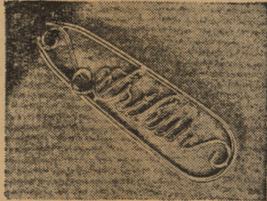
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