

Jerry Bonnen Runs Greatest Race at Meet to Place Fourth

By Paul Martin

Jerry Bonnen didn't win the two-mile race at the Southwest Conference track meet in Waco last Saturday. But coming in fourth he ran one of the greatest races ever seen at that or any other track meet. For years to come Aggies will be talking about how little Jerry Bonnen ran the two-mile in 1947.

Three thousand fans in the stands Saturday quickly forgot the man who had won the race—Jerry Thompson of TU—as they cheered the diminutive Aggie from College Station.

Bonnen is not a great distance man but at a crucial moment in this all-important meet, he came through with the kind of stuff that makes champions. It was the eleventh event of the meet with Texas leading 4 1/2 to A&M's 3 1/2 and it looked as if the Longhorns would make a clean sweep of the two-mile event when Bonnen put forth his super-human effort in about the middle of the race.

Webster Stone, the Aggie hope in the two-mile, was hopelessly trailing with four Texas men leading. The 5 foot, 7 inch, 125 pound Aggie was running seventh when he put on the heat to try to gain that much-needed point.

Running as though he had just started, Bonnen passed runner after runner until he rounded the bend in the last quarter mile in third place. As the runners rounded into the stretch, Bonnen held his position but the effort had taken its toll of his strength and he started dropping back.

Stumbling to regain his stride, the plucky little runner put forth an even greater effort. This time his strength completely failed him and, with his face white as chalk, he staggered off the track.

Though his knees were sagging and it was apparent that he was through, he shook off a helping hand offered by a non-contentant and stumbled onto the cinders.

With the finish line only yards away, Jerry made one last effort to regain his fourth place from the Steer who had passed him. The Longhorn did not have what Jerry had and went out of the race two yards from the tape.

An Arkansas runner was fast closing the gap on the determined Aggie. With the finish only one yard away, Bonnen's exhausted legs gave out and he dropped to the ground. But Bonnen wasn't through. He crawled across the finish line on his hands and knees to win that one extra point that seemed so crucial.

Veteran newsmen present shook

INTRAMURALS

by Cliff Ackerman

Dorm 3 Wins Vet Softball
In one of the most thrilling and exciting play off series to date Dorm 3 beat Dorm 14, 5 to 4 in extra innings to take the Veteran Championship.

Dorm 14 took a 4 to 2 lead in the first inning of play only to have the game tied up in the fourth inning when Weinbaum, centerfielder for 3, knockout a double and then score on shortstop Bowen's single.

Through the rest of the game it was scoreless until the ninth inning when McKnight of Dorm 3 came to bat and rapped out a single. Weinbaum followed to the plate for a clean hit and McKnight scored for the winning run.

Weinbaum was the leading hitter for the winners with two hits for four trips to the plate. For the losers Mohnke got two safe hits for four times at bat.

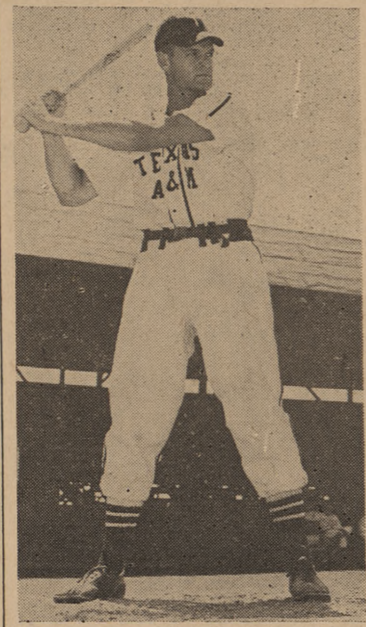
The winning pitcher was Lloyd allowing only five hits. The losing pitcher was Adams who was taken for 13 hits.

their heads in admiration at one of the greatest exhibitions of sheer guts that any man has ever shown. That one point would have meant Texas victory had anything happened in the A&M mile relay team allowing the Longhorns to win that event.

Col. Frank Anderson, Aggie track coach, in commenting afterward, disclaimed any credit for the performance Jerry turned in. Anderson stated, "You just can't coach a boy to have what Bonnen has. That comes from a long line of ancestors. His father, his grandfather, his great grandfather, and even his great, great grandfather had a hand in his placing in that race, and while you are at it, don't overlook what his mother's side played in putting that kind of stuff in the boy. It was a great performance of a great boy. I'm glad he was a member of our team."

Honor Harnden, Kadera at A&M Club Banquet

Seven Homers



STAN HOLLMIG, husky first sacker on the Aggie squad wound up the 1947 baseball season as home run king in the Southwest Conference. The big baseball and grid star belted seven homers this season including two in a single game—the match with Texas University May 14.

Kimbrough Back With L. A. Dons

'Jarrin' Jawn' Kimbrough, Aggie football immortal and spark of the 1939 national championship team has announced his intention of playing pro football again this fall.

Kimrough will leave to join the Los Angeles Dons in August and in the meantime will leave Houston for his home town of Haskell where he plans to run his ranch and act as an agent for an oil company.

Following signing a two-year contract with the Dons last fall, Kimrough played as much havoc with the pros as he did in his college days, making an average of five yards per carry.

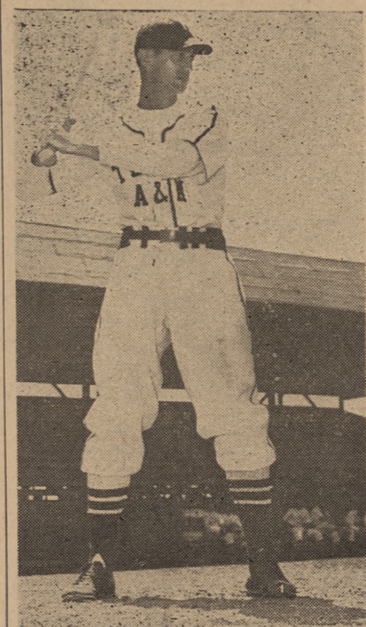
Weight Lifting Contest Thursday

At 5 p.m. this afternoon, May 22, the first weight lifting exhibition contest will be held on the campus at DeWare Field House.

Events will be the military press, snatch, and clean and jerk and Intramural medals will be awarded the winners in each of these divisions. In addition, an AAU certificate will be given to all who clean and jerk their weight and snatch and press 807 of their weight.

No advance entry need be made to enter the contest. Judges will be H. B. Segrest and W. M. Dowell.

Most Valuable



CHARLES (TEX) THORNTON of Leonard, lanky second baseman and shortstop on the '47 Aggie baseball team, was awarded the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Trophy for the Most Valuable man on the team at the Brazos County A&M Club banquet Monday night. Thornton's smooth fielding and hitting consistency have aided in getting the team through a tough season in third spot in the SWC.

Lettermen in Spring Sports Named and Trophies Awarded

Lettermen in basketball, baseball, track, swimming, golf, and tennis were named at the Brazos county A&M club annual spring banquet held at the Bryan Country Club Monday night.

Recognition was given all athletes who participated in all the spring sports and awards were made to most outstanding athletes. B team men as well as the first stringers were honored.

Art Harnden of Yoakum, crack 440-yard dash man and anchor on the mile relay team, was named as the outstanding athlete of the year. Harnden was awarded the Bert Pfaff award which gives him his choice of a \$50 watch or a suit of clothes. He also won the Bert Pfaff award which gives him his choice of a \$50 watch or a suit of clothes. In addition he was named captain-elect of the 1948 track team by his mates. Harnden was ineligible for the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Most Valuable Trophy, having won it last year and the rules say that the winner cannot repeat for that award.

George Kadera of Houston was also honored for his performance in the weight events on the track team this season by being awarded the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Most Valuable Trophy, the second of the Bert Pfaff of his choice of a watch or a suit of clothes, the Holick Brothers trophy of a hand tooled wallet, and the announcement that he would receive a duplicate of the High Scoring Individual Trophy given Jerry Thompson, Texas thirly clad, who won the trophy on the flip of a coin following the Southwest Conference track meet in Waco last Saturday.

Both Thompson and Kadera scored high with three first places which gave each man 15 points. In basketball, Homer Adams of Dallas, veteran guard who is graduating this year, was elected captain of the team and awarded the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Trophy. Mike Garcia, also a guard, from San Antonio was named the Most Valuable in hardwood circles and awarded the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Trophy for that honor.

Charles (Tex) Thornton, of Leonard, lanky second baseman and shortstop on the baseball team, was awarded the Trophy for being the Most Valuable diamond performer. Thornton also won a letter in basketball. The captain trophy in baseball went to Leo Daniels, center fielder from Bryan.

Joe Vajdos, Kames City, was chosen track team captain and awarded the Lipscomb-Munnerlyn Trophy. This is the second captaincy Vajdos held this year, having been elected cross-country skipper last fall.

Lawrence Fouraker of Bryan was named captain of the B team baseball lettermen included George Brown, Lubbock; Donald Clark, Pharr; William Eckles, College Station; Allen Garner, Bryan; William Hilliard, Tulsa, Okla.; Raymond Katt, New Braunfels; John Scurlock, Center; Jack Shugart, Garland; Robert Southall, Longview; Zeke Strange, Electra; Jack Watson, College Station; Jim Winkler, Temple; and a manager letter to Jack Happy, Dallas.

Swimming lettermen were Bob Cowling, James Flowers, Dallas; Edward Fisher, Dallas; Danny Green, Dallas; Tommy Knox, Hot Springs, N. M.; Jack Riley, Willis Point; Allen Self, Corpus Christi; Harold Spencer, San Antonio; Gene Summers, Bryan; Bernard Syfan, Kerrville; and John Westervelt, Corpus Christi.

Lettermen in tennis were Hank Allen, William Bennett, San Antonio; Rodney Sellar, Price; Benjie Stanford, Dallas; Duffey Stanley, Midland.

Golf lettermen included Lawrence Fouraker, Travis Bryan, Jr., Bryan; William Compton, Austin; John Henry, Corsicana; Don Rutan, Shreveport, La.; and William Washington, Dallas.

Basketball lettermen were Arthur Buckner, Cleburn; George Brown, Lubbock; Marvin E. Dealy, Houston; William Eckles, College Station; Arthur Gorman, El Paso; Arthur Harris, Houston; James Kirkland, Dallas; Jack B. Miller, Houston; Joe Pettitt, Dallas; B. E. Shaw, Houston; Jack Shugart, Garland; Claud Vass, Houston; Charles Weinbaum, Beaumont.

of Pauler and Hardeman in the semi-finals which was taken in stride by Spacek and Kelly 6-4, 6-1. In the final round it was a battle from start to finish with the strong fighting team of Wyatt and Webster. The final score 7-5, 1-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, gave Spacek and Kelly the well-earned Intramural Tennis Doubles Championship.

ON KYLE FIELD

by PAUL MARTIN

SWC-Big Six Proposes Championship Meet Between Top Track Men

Providing the powers that be in the Big Six conference give their stamp of approval soon, a battle of champions will take place between the best trackmen in the Southwest and Big Six conferences.

Should this proposal go through, plans have been laid to make the meet an annual affair, being held in Dallas one year and Kansas City the next. The coaches in the Big Six are behind the plan and officials of the SWC have already okayed the idea. Big Six officials will receive their challenge next Saturday when they meet in Lincoln, Nebraska. No hitch is expected and if all goes well, the first meet will take place

at the Dal-Hi Stadium in Dallas, Friday night, June 13.

Plans are for the first three finishers in each of the fourteen events in the respective conference championship meets will comprise the field of competitors. This means that the Texas Aggies will be well represented with seven firsts and a liberal sprinkling of seconds and thirds. Topping the list will be George Kadera in the shot put, discus, and javelin in Art Harnden in the 440-yard dash and mile relay along with Ray Holbrook and Ervin Bildersback in the 440 and these three and Bill Napier in the mile relay. Carrol Hahn in the 880-yard run and Jim Mortenson in the 220-yard low hurdles finished second and third respectively and will qualify. In the pole vault will be Leroy Bodeman, L. B. Tate, and Jack Quirey, all from A&M. James Hill and Webb Jay finished first and second in the broad jump to give A&M 12 entries in the battle of champions.

Baseball to Begin Earlier Next Year; Basketball Officials Get Raise

In their spring meet in Waco last Saturday, the Southwest Conference officials made several other proposals and changes including tightening up the scholastic re-

quirements which will work some hardship in procuring some athletes.

In this respect, the SWC decided the 15 unit high school entrance



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LEON B. WEISS

— College —

To The Veterans and Citizens of College Station

Since receipt of the letter from the A. & M. Chapter of the American Veterans Committee requesting merchants of this vicinity to follow the Newburyport Plan of reducing prices a blanket 10%, I have made an effort to find out whether or not this plan might be applied successfully to food retailing in this area. After arguing the pros and cons of the question, I still believe the plan has merit and am willing to take a chance to find out—particularly if it will benefit the citizens and veterans of this community. Therefore, I propose the following experiment::

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