

Aggie Cagers Play Host to Ponies and Frogs Over Week-End

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Unbeaten Swimmers Meet Powerful DAC

A&M's Swimming team plays host to the Dallas Aquatic Club in a dual meet Saturday night. The match will start at 7 p. m. in the P. L. Downs Natatorium and will provide an hour and a half of excitement for the fans.

The Dallasites beat the Baylor Bears by a 35-point margin last week and boast a strong aggregation of aquatic talent.

Their star performer is Wyatt Wilson, who specializes in the 220 and 440 yd. distance races.

This puts him opposite Aggie Bernie Syfan, who has not been beaten in the longer distance this season. Coach Art Addison said that Bernie will have to be at peak form to be able to beat Wilson.

Another Aggie, Johnny Heeman, will be up against tough competition when he meets diver Skipper Browning of the DAC. Browning is one of the best divers in the state and has lots of experience over Heeman. But Diving Coach Emil Mamaliga isn't giving away any points yet because Heeman has shown a lot of improvement lately.

Unbeaten Danny Green will have some good competition in the 50 and 100 free style races. Don Delbert and Jack Morris of the Dallas team are fast swimmers and will give Danny his first top flight competition this year.

Green cut his finger this week but it should not hamper him much if it heals in time.

In the backstroke event, Michael Spencer and Kruse will be up against Victor Bradford and Joe Burnett of the Dallas Aquatic Club.

Aggie George Dieck, surprise winner in Wednesday's intra-squad meet, will team with Gene Summers in the 100 yard breaststroke event.

Recalculation of the score in last Wednesday's intra-squad swimming meet showed that Danny Green's team won over Syfan's squad by one point. A mistake was made in the scoring of the 100 yard free style.



Harry Stiteler gets together with his new varsity coaches, William Dubose, left, and Thurman "Tugboat" Jones, right, to talk over Spring Training.

Tennis Players Get Gripes When They Evict Players

"I'm sorry, but you will have to stop playing basketball, fellows; we have to practice tennis."

This is the sad tale of the tennis team which has been forced to play in the gym due to the recent wet weather.

Many moans and groans are heard from the retiring physical education players as they retire to another off-the-court basket.

After the Xmas holidays came the final examinations, and now the bad weather. So the Aggie tennis team has not had a good workout in over a month.

The gym does not furnish the best practice because the balls slide off the slick floor faster and lower than on concrete courts.

But Coach W. M. Dowell said he is happy that the men can get used to wood floors because they might have to play matches on it sometime.

Two freshman twins, Allan and Alvin Aaronson, have been added to the squad's roster. Both of them are shaping up well and may get to see some action this season.

Coach Dowell does not know the season-conference schedule because it is being made up by SWC officials. He has put out feelers with one or two big-name schools for exhibition matches here.

INTRAMURAL EQUIPMENT ROOM OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

The intramural equipment room maintained by the Intramural Department in the northeast corner of the gym, will remain open from 1:30 p. m. to 6 p. m. seven days a week this semester, Ted Lyman, manager, announced today.

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All-State Cager To Play With Fish

Jewell McDowell, All-State basketball player from Amarillo high school, will see action with the Freshman Team tonight against the Brooke General Hospital Medics.

McDowell enrolled at A&M this week and has shown up well in practice. Although he may not be in the starting lineup, McDowell will get a chance to display his accurate shooting.

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Cullen Hints Townsend May Go to U of H

HOUSTON, TEX., Feb. 6.—(AP)—Texas schoolboy grid star Byron Townsend of Odessa shared honors with Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach, last night at the University of Houston's first annual football banquet.

The banquet honored 34 lettermen of the last football season. Townsend, named the state's most outstanding schoolboy player, and Leahy as "the coach of the year."

Hugh Roy Cullen, oilman-philanthropist and chairman of the University regents, invited both Townsend and Leahy to display their future talents on the Houston campus.

Unable to attend because of illness, Cullen wrote:

"If he (Leahy) wants a real tough job, he ought to come down here and coach the University of Houston... and naturally I want to extend this invitation to Byron Townsend, Texas' most valuable high school player."

Leahy, principal speaker, paid tribute to Texas' contribution to football.

Among those present was Joe Coleman, head coach at Odessa High School. Coleman's team, sparked by Townsend, won the class AA schoolboy championship in 1946 and reached the state semifinals last year.

Mississippi and Arkansas played a football game in 1914 that still is claimed as a victory by both teams — Mississippi by 13-7 and Arkansas at 1-0.

Battered Farmers Looking For First Conference Win

The still winless A&M basketball team moves into the second half of conference play tonight meeting the SMU Mustangs in DeWare Field House. Saturday night the Farmer cagers follow up with a game against TCU at the Aggie gym.

Against SMU the Ags will be definite underdogs despite the fact that the Ponies have lost four of their five conference outings thus far. The SMU cagers have looked good even while losing, and the fact that their four losses have been to Texas, Arkansas, and Baylor, the three conference leaders, add much to the Mustangs' prestige.

The most that any conference team has beaten the lads from the hilltop was a seven point victory racked up by the Arkansas Razorbacks. The other Pony losses have been one point decisions to Arkansas and Baylor and a 57-51 loss to Texas that the Longhorns were very glad to get out with. In their only conference win they edged the TCU Horned Frogs 62 to 58.

Led by Roy Pugh, tall big scoring center and a host of other tall speedy players including their All-American football star, Doug Walker, the Methodist will be a hard nut to crack.

When the Aggies take on TCU's Horned Frogs Saturday night it will be a battle for the cellar. The Farmers have lost six straight in conference competition, and the Toads haven't done much better dropping four in as many outings. However, the Frogs have showed a good brand of ball while losing, and A&M will probably enter the game as the underdog again. The Christians have played Texas twice and the largest margin that the

teahounds could muster was a 47-40 victory last week.

Aggie hopes for victory in one or both of the games will rest largely on the shoulders of the starting five of Turnbow, Jenkins, Batey, Garcia, and Kamperman. Lack of capable reserve strength has been plaguing the Ags all year and unless Coach Karow has come up with some miracles the starters will be called upon to carry the burden, most of the way again.

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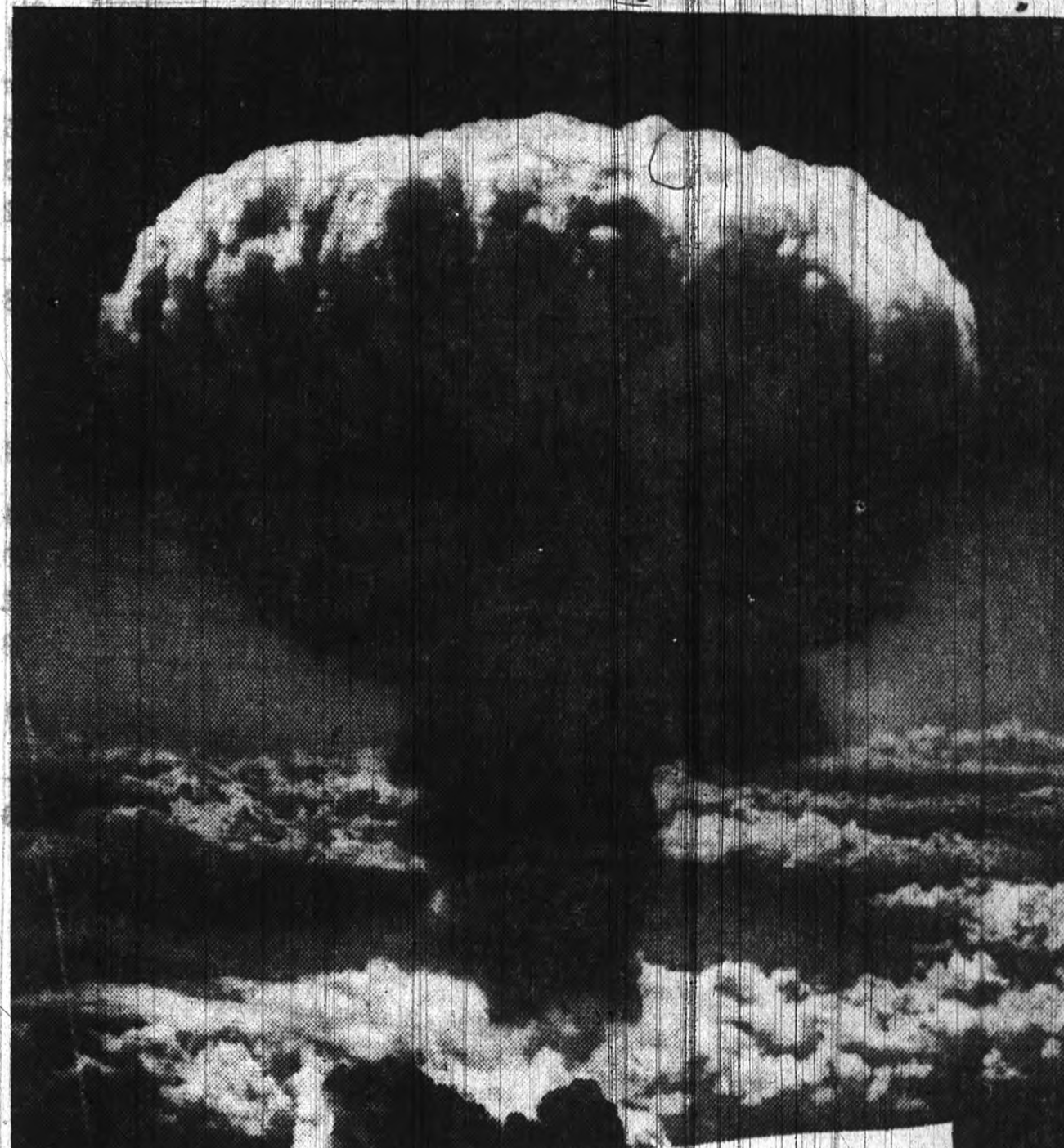
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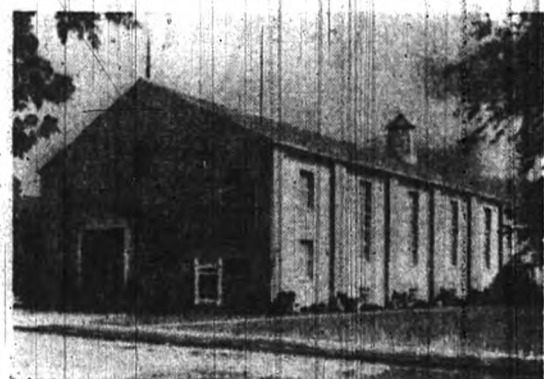
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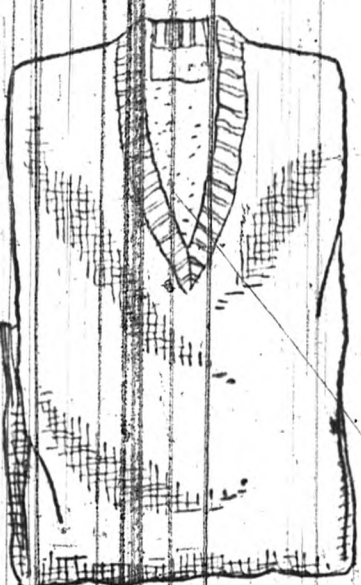
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