

# Aggie Baseball Gets off To Big Start With 75 Men Reporting For Practice

## Aggie Cagers Play SMU, TCU On Last Trip

Texas A&M's basketball squad hits the road for the last time this week-end when it travels north to meet SMU and TCU on Friday and Saturday.

Coach Marty Karow's quintet will try to make it two in a row over the Mustangs this year. The Cadets upset the Ponies 51-46 in DeWare Fieldhouse earlier this season.

In spite of its previous loss to the Farmers, Coach Doc Hayes' cagers will probably play the favorite's role in the contest. The Mustangs rebounded from the Aggie loss by walloping Rice 64-54. The Ponies, who have a conference record of two wins and five setbacks, also defeated TCU.

The Methodists have lost the close ones this year, Arkansas' 47-40 win over the Ponies has been SMU's worst loss. The Dallas club also dropped one-point decisions to Baylor and the Razorbacks.

TCU, the Farmers' second opponent this week, showed an improved brand of play in a two-game series with Arkansas last week. The Frogs left on several occasions in both tilts, and lost by scores of 37-30 and 47-38. Although the Cadets will enter the game as slight favorites, a duplication of the 48-22 trouncing the Frogs took in their first meeting is very unlikely.

## Wrestlers Slated To Weigh in For Intramural Bouts

By ROY BLANTON

The Intramural Wrestling program gets underway Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, February 18-19, as wrestlers weigh in at the Intramural Dept. Eight weight classes will be represented in the tournament, 119 and under, 119, 129, 139, 149, 149-159, 159-169, 169-179, 179 and over.

The tournaments are open to all students of the college. The program will be run on a single-elimination tournament plan, the same as is used in Golden Gloves tournaments.

Wrestling instructions will be given to all men who will be entering the matches at a date to be announced later.

The contestants will square off on or about Monday, March 1, in the first bouts of the 1947 Intramural Wrestling Tournaments. Boxing will not start until the wrestling tournament is over.



Bob Fitzgerald (above) of Minneapolis tied for first place in the 500-meter European ice skating races in Norway Saturday. Clocked in a dead heat with Fitzgerald was Del Lamb, also from the United States.

## Mangrum Winner In Valley Open, To Lead Pro Golfers

Lloyd Mangrum won his second golf tournament of the year yesterday with the capture of the Rio Grande Open in Harlingen.

Mangrum lopped six strokes off par in edging runner-up Jimmy Demaret and pre-tourney favorite Johnny Palmer. He tallied a sizzling 31-34-65 in the play-offs against Demaret's 34-35-69.

By taking the \$2,000 first prize, Mangrum brought his season earnings up to \$8,188 to make him top money-earner in the winter circuit.

Other men who have to their credit one tournament apiece out of the six played this year, are the following: Ben Hogan, E. J. Harrison, Bobby Locke, Skip Alexander, and Tom Snead.

## Star Broad Jumper Returns to Sippers

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 13 (AP)—The return of broad-jumping star John Robertson this year is expected to bolster the Texas Longhorns track team in the field events, where they have been woefully weak.

Robertson, who was ineligible last year, placed second in the senior AAU broad jump and is a former NCAA champion. He won the title in 1946 with a leap of 24 feet 10 1/2 inches.

## HOMER HITTERS FIND RANGE IN ST. LOUIS

NEW YORK (AP)—More American League home runs during 1947 were hit in Sportsman's Park than in any other junior circuit park. Sluggers hit 110 round trippers there last season.

There were 109 four baggers in Detroit's Briggs Stadium, 103 at Yankee Stadium in New York, 102 at Boston's Fenway Park, 101 in Cleveland, 74 at Philadelphia's Shibe Park, 50 at Chicago's Comiskey Park and 30 at Griffith Stadium, Washington.

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By ANDY MATULA

Much to the surprise of Baseball Coach Marty Karow, over 75 prospective ball players turned out Monday afternoon for the first practice of the Aggie 1948 season.

Karow was quick to state that 75 prospects do not make a ball club. Both he and assistant coach Botchey Koch will have the task in the next several weeks of weeding out and trimming down this large turnout into a balanced baseball team. A week of good weather, such as was seen Monday afternoon, would aid the team immensely, Karow added.

Karow will have back Earl Beesley and Stanley Turner, pitchers; James Calvert, catcher; Clifford Lindolf, second baseman; Charles Thornton, shortstop; Walter Williamson, outfielder; Stanley Holling, pitcher and outfielder; Fretz, pitcher and infielder; and Claude Vass, outfielder and catcher.

Seven other lettered last season but will not be back for various reasons. Included were Outfielder Hubert Moon who led all Aggies in hitting with a conference mark of .395, and two who signed professional baseball contracts, Pitcher Dewey Jacobs and Catcher Harold Walker.

Moon graduated, Jacobs led the Aggie pitchers with four victories and one defeat. Walker, twice an all-stater at Dallas Adamson, hit .264.

In keeping with the new trend in Aggie athletics, Karow said that every spot on the starting nine is open to the best man. With the large number of players turning out, it will be necessary to split the practice sessions into two parts to give the coaches a chance to see all the players in action.

Pitchers are much in demand for the Aggies in 1948. The hurling burden will fall on Beesley, Turner, Holling and Fretz unless other pitchers are uncovered among the present prospects.

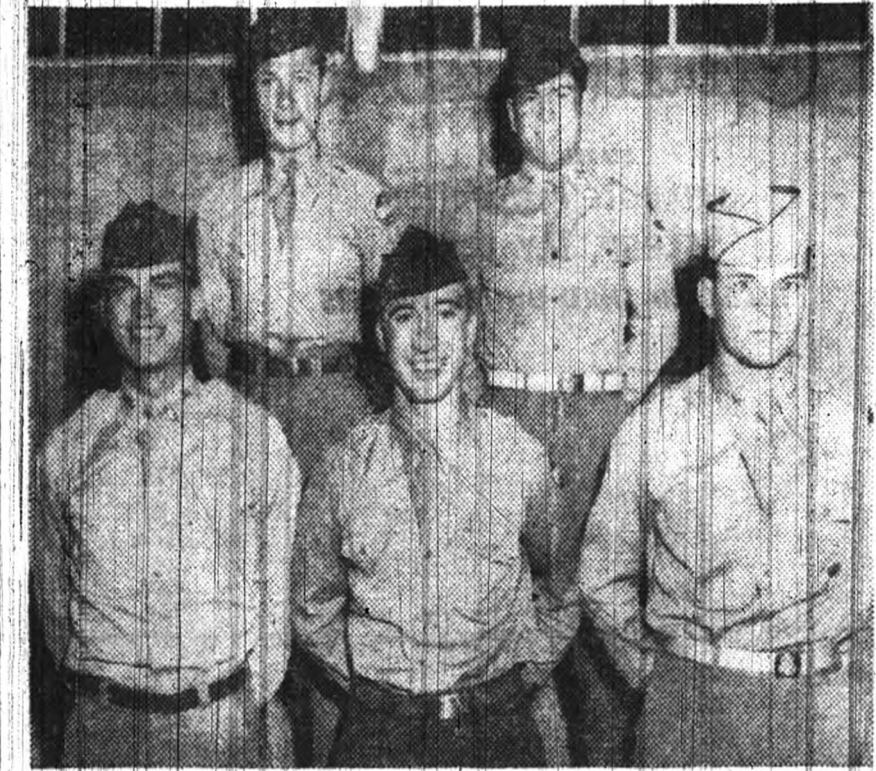
Charlie DeWare and Tom Pickett have been assigned to handle the freshman squad of about 20 players. Both DeWare and Pickett worked with the fish nine last spring.



BILLY TURNBOW of the Aggies goes high into the air for a rebound during the game with the Rice Owls in DeWare Field House Friday night. His efforts went for naught however as the Farmers dropped a bitter 48 to 52 battle to the birds. Turnbow is A&M's high scorer in conference competition and ranks second behind Bill Batey in season scoring.

# Battalion SPORTS

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Pictured above are members of the "A" Infantry Intramural Volleyball Corps Champions for the fall semester. First Row: Chester Bell, William Beatty, Charles Mattei. Second Row: Wallace Dixon, San McKenzie, Jr.

## Lombardo Scraps \$40,000 Car

NEW YORK—Guy Lombardo, the band leader with a flare for fast speedboats, hopes to break another of Gar Wood's water records soon.

Lombardo will scrap his \$40,000 Zambach Miller engine in favor of a 12-cylinder Allison airplane motor.

He lost to Danny Foster and the Miss Peps V in the Gold Cup Regatta at Rockaway last summer. Then he scuffed with an Allison-Albion Fallon's Miss Great Lakes in the second half of the Silver Cup at Detroit on Labor Day. So Lombardo became convinced he should make a change in his Tempo VI, winner of the Gold Cup event in 1946.

Lombardo liked his first ride behind an Allison especially after winning the second 45-mile heat in the Detroit race by 2 1/2 miles.

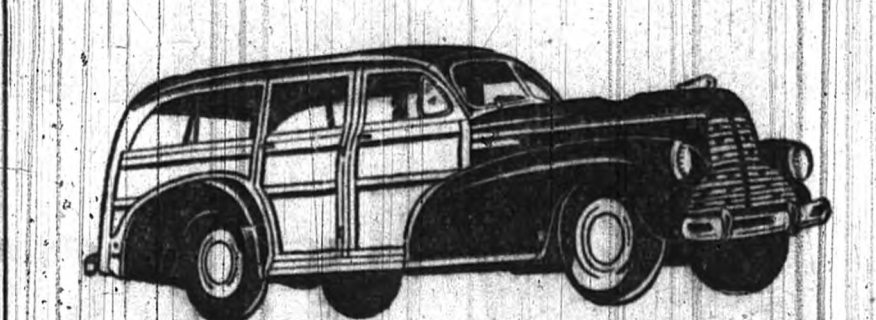
"The Allison engines were used in the P3's," says Guy. "I'm convinced that I can do 110 to 145 miles an hour with one. My only worry will be to stay in the boat at that speed."

"I hope to drive Fallon's Miss Great Lakes on Indian River in Florida for a new straightaway record this winter. Gar Wood holds the record of 124 miles an hour. I have two of his Gold Cup records now."

"Naturally I hope to set a new record in my own boat, Tempo VI. So I may have to wait until next summer."

The Allison engine on which Lombardo now is sold is larger than his Miller which cost Zambach \$40,000 when he ordered it for My Sin, now Tempo VI. However, because most of the

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# Tankers Meet TU Tomorrow

## Champ's Belts Always End Up In Hock Shop

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—In what promises to be one of the outstanding social events of the season for the mob, the Police Gazette will award a "world heavyweight championship belt" to Jersey Joe Walcott in a public presentation ceremony at Camden, N. J., February 26.

The catch is that publisher H. H. Roswell can't come up with one of the old belts that the publication used to award to champions.

They invariably found their way into some hock shop and that's where Roswell has been searching for one to give Jersey Joe.

Today's guest star, Laurence Leonard, Richmond, Va., news leader: "Zach Taylor, now in his first year as manager of the St. Louis Browns, believes young pitchers nowadays won't spend sufficient time trying to correct their deficiencies."

When he looks over the Browns, no doubt Taylor will find 24 hours every day isn't enough time to correct the Browns' hurling woes."

Lou Little, who recently refused a shift from Columbia to Yale, as football coach and athletic director, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who will be installed as Columbia's President in June, are old coaching rivals.

Back in 1924, Eisenhower coached the Third Army Corps team that was beaten by Little's Georgetown outfit.

At least four national league clubs are interested in "taking a chance" on Ray Sanders, the Braves can spare the first baseman but Billy Southworth wants to see Ray in spring training before he okay's any deals.

Jim Conzelmann, who coached a championship pro football team last fall, is spending the winter writing copy for a St. Louis advertising agency—between speaking dates, that is.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—No sooner had Iowa State's baseball coach, Cap Timm, completed a 20-game schedule for his team next spring than football tutor Abe Steuber asked for a copy. "I want to know now what days spring football practice will be rained out," Abe explained.

With Gus Lesnevich threatening to eat himself into the heavyweight division, manager Joe Vella has clamped down on public appearances—especially at mealtime. "The next time you show up in public," Joe told Gus, "will be against Billy Fox March 5."

Harry Harper, New Jersey State Labor Commissioner who once pitched for the Red Sox and Yankees, is seeking the Republican nomination as United States Senator from New Jersey. And Shirley (Washington Post) Povich points out that, if elected, Harper would be the only senator who ever lost a 1-0 decision to Walter Johnson.

# Farmers Get First Crack At SWC Champions in Dual Meet

By ART HOWARD

Coach Art Adamson's swimming team will be up against its first real test of the season tomorrow afternoon when the defending Southwest Conference Champion Texas University squad invades the campus for a dual meet. The meet will start at 3 p. m. in the pool.

## Rice Drops TU 54-47; Bears Move for Title

By The Associated Press

Baylor's undefeated Bears can clinch a tie for the Southwest Conference basketball championship tonight, thanks to the surprising Rice Owls.

Rice last night upset defending champion Texas, 54-47, and about ruined the Longhorns' title hopes.

Behind 20-3 after the first few minutes of play, Rice staged a terrific second half comeback paced by Warren Switzer and big Bill Tom.

The Longhorns started fast and 13 minutes and 45 seconds elapsed before Rice had its first field goal, making the score, 20-5. But at the half the Owls had whittled Texas' lead to 25-14 and in the second half went ahead at 32-31.

In the final ten minutes of play, Texas shot ahead at 34-35, but, with Switzer and Tom as spark-plugs, the Owls jumped out in front to stay.

Tom accounted for 18 points and Switzer had 17, the same amount as Texas' top man, Slater Martin.

Rice sank 16 of 32 attempted field goals in the second half, while Texas made only eight of 25. Baylor, with just three games left to play, can insure itself a tie for the title by defeating Southern Methodist University tonight in Waco.

The loss dropped Texas into third place in the standings, one game behind the Arkansas Razorbacks. A two-game series Friday and Saturday between Texas and Arkansas will determine which, if either, retains a chance at a share in the championship.

MANY POINTS, FEW FOULS

DURHAM (AP)—When Duke University defeated Clemson College in basketball, 80-47, this season, it set a new high for scoring in a single game by the Blue Devils. Also, Clemson committed only eight personal fouls.

Last year the Cadets beat the Steers in a dual meet but lost out in the conference match.

However, Texas has lost three of their men, Joe Deimter, Walter Depe, and Carl Quintance. The only loss which A&M has suffered since last year is Jimmy Flowers.

Diver Johnny Meeman will be up against some rough competition from TU's star, Jack Tolar. Tolar won the conference diving title and 50 yd. free style event last year.

The captain of the Steer squad, Jim McGinn, specializes in the distance races. This will put him against Aggie Bernie Syfan, who has not been beaten in the 220 or 440 free style races this year.

Coach Robertson of TU is pessimistic about his team's chances tomorrow, but that is SOP for all coaches in order to get their men in a better mental shape for a match. He still has several men left on his squad from last year's team.

Among these are Mike Hulsa, third in the 220 free style, Bobby Hill, second in the breast stroke, Bob McLeland, second in back stroke, and Frank Campbell, third in diving.

Howard Spencer of A&M won the conference backstroke event last year but is now sick with the flu and may not see action tomorrow. Danny Green is expected to gather in a win or two for the Aggies.

The Ags have the edge on TU in the 400 free style relay but a win in this event gives a team only 3 extra points. Other events except the opening medley relay, count 3-3-1, for first, second and third, respectively.

The medley relay race, which has a backstroke, a breaststroke, and a free-styler, counts six points for the winning team and three for the second team.

TU has a new breaststroker, Hill, and his performance in the medley relay and 100 yd. race, might give the 'Sips a victory.

It all adds up that the Aggies are in for a tough meet tomorrow as the Longhorns still have a potent aggregation left from last year and might take a win over the home team.

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