

Trackmen Workout For Large Season

By H. V. SHELBY

With the exception of the dashes and the hurdles Coach Anderson's thinyclads are rounding into good shape for their first meet of the season.

Golden Gloves Champs Travel To Windy City

FORT WORTH, Feb. 18 (AP)—The youngest Texas Golden Gloves team in history, including three repeating titlists, heavyweight Charles Simmons of Dallas, light heavy Tom Adams of Brownfield and featherweight Bill Henderson of Lubbock, will go to Chicago this week-end for the annual tournament of champions.

The Lone Star State's representatives in the big show, February 23-25 were determined Monday night as the largest crowd in 12 years of the gloves program turned out to watch a total of 24 fights. The throng numbered 9,407, bringing to more than 30,000 attendance for the tournament's five nights. This was despite bad weather that cut the first two shows by several thousand.

The only defending champion to be dethroned was Tommy Barron of Sherman, the middleweight king of 1947. It was on a technical knock-out registered by Morris Milburn. Barron suffered a bad cut over the left eye and the referee stopped the fight after the first round.

Milburn was a star football player at Paschal High School here last fall.

The major upset was the defeat of Jack Woodruff of Dallas by Eugene Cooper of Pampa, a left-hander. Cooper had won 88 straight amateur fights before Monday night but was not highly regarded in the tournament ratings. His southpaw style had Woodruff puzzled and in the third round a terrific left to the stomach put the Dallas boy out.

For the third consecutive year Dallas won the team championship. That city's fighters did it with 20 points. Beaumont was second with 13 and Amarillo was third with 11. Fort Worth and San Antonio each got 10 points. The Chicago tournament next week will eliminate the field to the semi-finalists. Those who survive the first rounds will return to Chicago March 5 for the crowning of champions.

The Notre Dame eleven played before 571,527 last season.

Jockey Johnny Longden rode 316 winners last year, approaching the mark of 324 set by Vincent Powers back in 1908.

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The defending Southwest Conference Champions first took competition on Saturday, March 6, instead of March 5 as originally planned. A dual meet is scheduled with Texas U. whom they nosed out last year 59-1-3 to 55-1-3 for the championship.

The Cadets have virtually the same men returning with the main setback being the loss of Jim Mortensen. His loss weakens the Ags in the hurdles where he consistently picked up points.

Webb Jay broke his foot before Christmas and will not be able to participate in the broad jump in which he placed second in the conference meet last year. However he will still remain in the dashes and run on the sprint relay team.

Due to a shattered knee cap which he suffered last summer, Jimmy Hill may be unable to garner as many points in the broad jump as he did last year when he won the conference. He will not jump for distance until the initial competition.

Bill Cardon is showing up well in both the high and low hurdles and may prove a worthy successor to Mortensen.

Besides entering the shot put and the javelin throw Bob Goodie has taken up discus throwing and is showing promise in that event. Also he may enter broad jumping to bolster the team's chances.

After five year's absence, Al Ricks returns in the high jump and pole vault and will be heavily counted on for points.

The team should be even stronger in the quarter-mile, half-mile, mile and two mile this year according to Colonel Anderson.

The mile relay team of Ervin Bilderbeck, Art Harnden, Ray Holbrook and Bill Napier was primed for competition in the Sugar Bowl so it should be near peak condition.

Negroes Barred From Big League Ball, Says Rickey

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—Baseball's newest controversy—touched off by Brooklyn Branch Rickey's charges that the other 15 big league clubs voted to bar Negroes from the majors—took on the complexion of the old button game today. Everybody was asking: "Documents, documents, who's got the documents?"

The Dodgers head man flew into a rage from Chicago shortly before midnight and refused to retreat in the face of a round of denials from top baseball men.

"The best evidence is the documents themselves," Rickey said. "Everybody knows about the documents and what was in them."

The Brooklyn boss said copies of a resolution to bar Negro players—adopted unanimously, he declared, by a joint major league meeting, Brooklyn excepted—were taken back after the vote.

"You can't find a copy of that (See BARRED, Page 4)



JIMMY FLOWERS, member of the A&M Tumbling Club, gives a demonstration of trampoline tumbling between halves of the Southwest Methodist-Aggie basketball game. Holding the canyans for Flowers are Barney Welch (left) and Bob Gary.

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Pro Players Pick "Landis Of Golf" to Standardize Rules

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
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HARJINGEN, Tex., Feb. 18 (AP)—Why the troubles of the professional golfers association? Why dissension, fist fights and the other things that are clouding golf in America? I have spent two weeks with the professional golfers making their winter tour. I was with them at the Texas Open in San Antonio and at the Lower Rio Grande Valley Open here.

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with golf. In the first place it is one of the few sports that has not had a betting scandal of any kind or smudges placed on it from accusations of players "throwing matches" or taking money to "lay down."

The troubles have come mostly over the rules of play and over who are to enforce them.

Craig Wood, the blonde veteran from New York who has been making the annual tours since 1928—a year after they were started—puts his finger, I believe, on the real reason.

"When you have about two hundred fellows playing golf, with many of them having to win in order to eat, they are going to have arguments," says Wood. "They are finely-drawn athletes who are trying to win. They fight for every right."

This golf can't help having some dissensions. But golf must take the proper steps to have some central authority who can step in and with firmness and with the respect of all the players see that every rule is enforced and that every one receives his proper deserts.

PGA golf took the step that can accomplish that end during the tournament here. The players got together and decided something had to be done. They faced a loss

of confidence from the public and worse still, a loss of confidence from the people of America who sponsor the tournaments and furnish the money for which they play.

So they named George Schneider of Ogden, Utah, a golfer, as the Judge Landis of golf. Schneider's word will be final in everything.

Some of the golfers say Schneider is not tough enough but all admit he is honest and straightforward and will do what he believes to be right.

And whether he is tough enough hasn't been determined. Until now he hasn't had enough authority to get tough. His work was handled by a committee. Now he's the Judge Landis of golf who makes all the decisions.

RUSSIANS SEARCHING FOR TROTTER HORSE
MOSCOW (AP)—Russia's famous trotting horse Graba—stolen by the Germans during the war—has not been found.

The German invasion saw the Wehrmacht take off a number of fine race horses from the stall of the USSR. In addition to Graba, the famous Gilda was also removed. She was found, however, but somehow she had lost her eyesight.

Gymnasts To Have Tumbling Room in Gym

Flowers to Give Instructions In Trampoline Art

A wrestling and gymnastics room will be opened daily from 2 to 6 p. m. according to an announcement from Spike White, Director of Intramurals. The room is located under the north side stands in DeWare Fieldhouse.

Jimmy Flowers, a member of the A&M Tumbling Club, will be in charge of the room. The Aggie tumbler will give instruction in trampoline tumbling to the brave and straight tumbling instruction to the rest.

Flowers is the Aggie who recently entertained fans between halves of the SMU and TCU basketball games with his acrobatics on the trampoline.

In addition of the tumbling facilities, the room will also have wrestling and weightlifting equipment so followers of the grunt and groan sports will have plenty of opportunity to display their abilities.

Baylor Beats SMU 51-49 To Win SWC Title

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—Baylor has joined the Oklahoma Aggies and California as the likely winners of three of the country's major collegiate basketball conferences.

Baylor clinched at least a tie for the Southwest Conference by nipping Southern Methodist last night, 51-49.

It was the Bears' 10th straight conference win. They now need to win only one of their remaining two league games to replace Texas as champion.

The Oklahoma Aggies, with two victories over St. Louis, virtually have regained the Missouri Valley Conference crown. California, already conceded the Pacific Coast Southern Division title, is favored to whip whomever takes the Northern Division laurels in the playoff for the conference blue ribbon.

Baylor's win was a first-class thriller.

At one time Southern Methodist trailed by 23-7, but staged a sensational rally in the second half.

Doak Walker, of football fame, tied the score at 49-49 in the last minute only to see Odell Preston flip in the winning goal for Baylor a few seconds later.

Bruins Cinch SWC Crown; Arkansas, Longhorns Second

By PAUL MARTIN

By trouncing the SMU Mustangs in Waco last night, the high-flying Baylor Bears mathematically cinched a tie for the Southwest Conference crown and probably cinched sole possession of the honor. The Bruins won top honors in 1946.

Texas University and Arkansas, the only serious contenders for the honors, have been eliminated for all practical purposes by virtue of two losses each.

Either of the two could conceivably share the crown by beating the other should Baylor drop its last two tilts.

When the Razorbacks and Steers tangle this week-end in Fayetteville, the number two team in the SWC will likely be determined. Texas, defending champion, made a strong bid for the crown with eight straight wins until it bowed to the Bruins and to Rice. The Bears accounted for both of the Porker losses.

The Bruins on the other hand, were not seriously considered for the top slot in the conference until the season was well underway. Baylor converted to the Oklahoma A&M method of play early in the season. This method calls for a severe break and a more systematic procedure of working the ball in under the goal. This involves fewer shots and a better percentage of goals and usually results in lower scores for both teams.

Texas gets another crack at the Bears on February 25. The game is to be played in Austin. Baylor closes against TCU in Waco February 28.

State Junior College Tournament To Be Held At A&M Next Month

Top Jaycee Teams In State To Play Starting March 1st.

North Texas Agricultural College is the latest entry in the First Annual State Junior College Basketball Tournament to be held here March 1, 2, and 3. Games will be played in DeWare Fieldhouse and will be refereed by Southwest Conference Officials.

Pro Gridding Hard Work, Says Bechtol

AUSTIN, Tex.—Hubert Bechtol, twice All-America end at the University of Texas, says the glamor and the glittering gold of professional football do not compensate for the bumps and bruises.

Bechtol played with the Baltimore Colts of the All-America Conference last year and was well paid for his efforts. But he doesn't believe the loss of 25 pounds, plus



HUB BECHTOL May Not Go Back

18 grueling games in four and one-half months, offer a fair return on the dollar.

Bechtol came to Austin to register in the university and complete work toward a degree in business administration. After that he isn't sure he will go back to pro football. He may go into business here.

The big wingman believes the Colts' chances of landing Bobby Layne, Texas' fabulous passer, was enhanced by Chicago signing Johnny Lujack, the Notre Dame star.

"That gives the Bears four good quarterbacks," Bechtol figures, and Bobby probably knows he would be buried far down among the subs on a club with all that talent at his position."

Layne, said Bechtol, would be about the only convincer he would need to return to the Colts next year. In 1944 and 1945 Bechtol was Layne's favorite passing target.

Des Smith, new referee in the American Hockey League, is a former member of the Wembley Lions in the English Hockey League.

Fish-Bee, Tyler Quintets Clash Saturday Night

The Texas Aggie varsity basketball team will be invading points north this week-end but there will be plenty of action in DeWare Fieldhouse Saturday night when the Aggie Fish-Bee quintet meets Tyler Junior College at 7:30.

Coach Floyd Wagstaff's Tyler Apaches are one of the better junior college teams in the state. The Indians are one of the squads who have already accepted an invitation to play in the Annual State Junior College Basketball Tournament to be played here, and they should show the fans the type of ball that will be played in the tournament.

The tussle with the Tyler squad will be the eleventh official game for Coach Johnnie Frankie's five.

The Junior Aggies have a record of six wins against four setbacks. Their latest effort resulted in a 54-51 victory over the Rice Blue Bolts.

In their ten contests this season, the Fish-Bees have poured an average of fifty points per game through the basket while their opponents have tallied an average of 44 markers each tilt.

Jewell McDowell, the former Amarillo ace, has played only three contests in an Aggie uniform but has tallied 48 points. Fourteen hits out of nineteen tries from the foul stripe have helped McDowell maintain a 16-point per game pace.

Unless other games are scheduled, the Tyler game will be the last tilt the Fish-Bees will play before meeting the Texas Short-horns here March 9. The Cadets took a 46-48 decision from the Short-horns in their first meeting in Austin.

FORMER MINOR LEAGUER PILOTS CONY NINE

NEW YORK (AP)—Solly Mishkin, former minor league manager in the Yankee chain, is the new baseball coach at New York City College.

A graduate of Occidental College, Los Angeles, in 1927, Mishkin has played in the minors with San Francisco, Jersey City and Montreal. He formerly managed Wellsville, N. Y., in the Pony League and Amsterdam, N. Y., in the Canadian-American League. In 1943 his Wellsville team won the Pony League playoffs.

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