

Cuban Fighter Gets A Chance At Pep's Title

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—When Humberto Sierra fights Willie Pep for the featherweight championship at Miami next week, it will be the first time a Cuban boxer has had a title shot since the day of Kid Chocolate and Black Bull.

These are a couple of pretty good names to start on, though there's nothing in the records to show that Sierra belongs in the same class. His best win is a somewhat uncertain triumph over Sandy Sadler last summer.

If Sierra, known as a defensive fighter, fails to make the grade, Cuba still stands another chance. Kid Gavilan, hailed as the best fighter to emerge from Cuba since Chocolate, has a non-title date with lightweight champ Lee Williams.

If he makes a good showing, Gavilan likely will earn a title match.

Play Ball

Boisterous Ben Chapman, the Phillies manager, who has something of a reputation as being a tough guy, spends some of his spare time in the off season officiating basketball games.

This week's sporting news relates the story of Ben's working a somewhat rugged game between Alabama and Louisiana State.

After some strenuous action under the basket, a couple of players started to rough it up a bit.

Ben stepped between them, grabbed the ball and said: "I'll hold the ball if you fellows want to step down to the foul line and fight it out."

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Top Two JC Teams Play in Tournament

Corpus, Texas Lutheran, Bryan Bring Total of Accepted Entries to Ten

Two of the top Junior College Teams in the state, Corpus Christi, and Texas Lutheran of Seguin, have accepted invitations to compete in the state-wide Junior College Tournament at Texas A&M on March 1, 2, 3, Tournament Director Marty Karow announced today.

Corpus Christi not only is undefeated in league play, but has the state's leading scorer in forward Gray Eargle.

Sports From Golf To Football Draw Official Criticism

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR., NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—Possibly it is the influence of the basketball season that has led to so much whistle-blowing in sports recently.

That isn't the kind of tooting the court refs do but blowing the whistle on various customs that have been more or less under cover for years. First it was Ed McKeever's "White Paper" about football eligibility and now the pro golfers' fuss over using winter rules.

It has been no great secret that the golf tourists have interpreted the rules rather liberally, on the theory that low scores attract paying customers, and that various groups and individuals are constantly feuding though it seldom breaks out in fistfuffs.

Neither has the recruiting of college football players been entirely cloaked in secrecy, though McKeever has been called "unethical" for talking too much about it.

Sharper criticism of McKeever reached this corner is that he gave the kids a "bum deal" by hauling them clear across the country and leaving them stranded while he joined the pros.

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

Count North Carolina State out of the New York Invitation Basketball Tournament this year. The tournament starts March 11 and so do exams at N. C. State.

Coach Ev Case says he won't enter a tourney unless his players can complete their examinations first.

The pro football giants plan to borrow the "winged-T" formation from Columbia Lou Little next fall with Paul Governali quarterbacking it.

Steve Owen says it was Curly Lambeau who invented this formation.

The American Legion, starting its 21st season of junior basketball under major league sponsorship, is especially proud of the six Boston University scholarships awarded to legion players from New England.

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Pictured above is A&M's crack 400 yard relay swimming team of (left to right) Jerry Fisher, Jack Riley, Bernie Syfan, and Danny Green. This quartet holds a pool record which is 1/2 seconds faster than the conference time. A&M had the meet won before this event last night, so Syfan and Fisher were taken out to give the Steers more of a chance.

Cage Squad Takes Final Trip Of Season To Meet TCU, SMU

The hot and cold A&M basketball team leaves in the morning on its last road trip of the season for games with SMU and TCU Friday and Saturday.

A double win for the Farmers would move them into fifth place in conference standings as they now trail the fifth place Mustangs by only one game.

Despite the fact that the A&M Cagers licked the Pines 51 to 46 in their previous encounter at DeWare Field House the Ags will probably enter the game in Dallas as the underdog. The Methodists put up a battle all the way before going down before the undefeated Baylor Bears Tuesday night 51 to 49, and the worst conference loss that the Mustangs have suffered all season was a 47-40 decision to the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Farmers will be expected to do better Saturday night however when they take on the winless TCU Horned Frogs in Fort Worth. TCU has yet to win a conference game, and at their last meeting the Aggies handed the Frogs a 48 to 22 trouncing that was the worst loss that the Frogs have suffered in conference play.

TCU has been showing improvements in its last few outings however, and a duplication of the results of the first meeting is unlikely. Coach Marty Karow's quintet may be lucky to get out with a win.

Billy Turnbull, Cadet Center, who had one bad night from the foul line this season is determined that it won't happen again. The Farmer pivot-man made twenty consecutive free throws in yesterday afternoon's practice session.

Only game left on the Aggie's schedule after this weekend's games will be a closing game against the Texas Longhorns in DeWare Field House March 9.

Winkler, Overly, Stautzenberger '48 Football Captains

Jim Winkler, Odell Stautzenberger and Jimmy Cashion have been chosen team captains for the 1948 football team, Head Football Coach Harry Stitzler announced today.

Winkler, Stautzenberger and Cashion received an equal number of votes from football lettermen who traditionally select the football team captain.

Winkler has three years of experience with the Aggies while Stautzenberger and Cashion have played two years each for the Maroon and White.

Making the All Conference team Winkler held down the tackle position for the Aggies last year although in previous years he played guard but was injured in several games which hampered his play. Cashion, who plays quarterback, went out with a broken leg in the LSU game and was unable to play for the remainder of the season.

REPRESENTS TWO TEAMS IN SUGAR BOWL PLAY

COLLEGE PARK, Mr. — (AP)—Kenny Malone of the University of Maryland claims to be the only athlete to compete for two colleges in two different sports in the New Orleans Sugar Bowl.

The Paterson, N. J., athlete played center for the Tulsa football team against Georgia Tech in the 1944 bowl game. This year he fought in the light heavyweight division in the Maryland-Michigan State boxing match.

His Tulsa eleven was beaten 20-18 and he lost his boxing bout. The Maryland team saved Malone from drawing a complete blank in his bowl appearances by winning the match.

Visiting Cagers To Stay in Dorms

Visiting basketball teams who are to take part in the Junior College Basketball Tournament here March 1, 2, 3, will be housed in the dormitories, Assistant Dean of Men Bennie A. Zinn has announced.

Dormitories 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, and 17 have been designated at the request of the Athletic Department, to accommodate the visitors, with four or five rooms in each dorm being fitted with extra beds and mattresses and assigned for this purpose.

All housemasters and organizational commandments in these dorms have been asked by Zinn not to permit any room changes and all students are asked not to use the reserved rooms for any purpose until the tournament is over.

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Ag Swimmers Beat Texas U 57-36; As Two Records Fall

Texas Minus Two Stars While Aggies Take 7 of 10 Firsts

Coach Art Adamson's fears went for naught yesterday as the Aggie Swimming Team dunked the Texas Longhorns 57-36 here while breaking two pool records.

In his pre-meet computations Coach Adamson had A&M winning by only three points, but the Farmers double-crossed him and took several events which they weren't supposed to get.

One of these was in the 100-yard Individual Medley, (one length breaststroke, one backstroke, and the last lap free style) in which Bernie Syfan and Buddy Fisher finished first and second, respectively.

Syfan swam this event for the first time Tuesday, the day before the meet.

Dependable Danny Green came through with two firsts, in the 50 and 100 yard free style races.

Ags Tennis Team Adds Vanderbilt, O.U. To Schedule

Vanderbilt and Oklahoma University have been added to the schedule of the Texas A&M College tennis team.

Vanderbilt will be here March 19 and the Sooners will follow on March 25.

The Aggie netters, under Coach W. M. Dowell, will open Southwest Conference team competition against Rice here April 3. They will play SMU in Dallas April 9, TCU in Fort Worth April 10, Arkansas here April 17, Baylor at Waco April 24 and Texas in Austin May 3.

The individual conference championships will be determined at the Southwest Conference meet later in May at Rice Institute.

Rickey Says That He Was Misquoted On Colored Issue

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 (AP)—President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers told a luncheon gathering today that his remarks about Jack Robinson two nights ago at Wilberforce State University had been correctly reported but had resulted in an interpretation "not intended and certainly not foreseen."

Rickey in his address at Wilberforce said that 15 big league clubs voted in a joint meeting to bar Negro players from the majors, and that he had signed, Robinson despite their objections.

He said today that the meeting was held at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago in September of 1946.

"The purpose of the reference and the sole purpose," he declared today, "was to show the transitional attitude toward hiring Negro players in the short period of something more than a year."

He said that if other club owners and baseball officials said they did not remember the vote not to lure Negroes they "were to be fully believed," as they probably did not attribute to it the importance he (Rickey) did.

Villanova Game Is Moved to Philly

The football game scheduled between Texas A&M and Villanova this fall has been shifted from Villanova Stadium to Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Franklin Field, with a seating capacity of 70,000, holds 30,000 more fans than does Villanova.

It is assumed that Villanova officials are expecting a large turnout for this game.

RESULTS

300 yd. MEDLEY RELAY—Texas (McClelland, Karbach, Fowler); Time: 3:18.2.

220 yd. FREE STYLE—Bernie Syfan, A&M; Dave Yarbman, A&M; Hushla, TU; Time: 2:23.4.

50 yd. FREE STYLE—Danny Green, A&M; Jack Tolar, TU; Jack Riley, A&M; Time: 23.5 sec. (New pool record).

100 yd. INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY—Bernie Syfan, A&M; Buddy Fisher, A&M; Heber Hevingston, TU; Time: 1:05.2.

DIVING—Jack Tolar, TU; Bill Campbell, TU; Johnny Heeman, A&M.

100 yd. BACKSTROKE—Howard Spencer, A&M; Bob Cone, TU;

Ed Kruse, A&M; Time: 1:05.5.
100 yd. FREE STYLE—Danny Green, A&M; Jack Riley, A&M; Fowler, TU; Time: 23.2 (one second under pool record).

100 yd. BREASTSTROKE—Hylmar Karbach, TU; Dick Lea, A&M; Jerry Fisher, A&M; Time: 1:04.7.
440 yd. FREE STROKE—Dave Yarbman, A&M; Hushla, TU; Pryor, TU; Time: 5:34.4.
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