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KICKING IT AROUND

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Daily Texan's Cry Of "Recount" After Loss To Aggie Tankers Is Groundless

After the Aggie Swimming Team handed the boys from forty acres a bad 57-36 defeat last week, the Daily Texan came out with an article saying that "things would have been different if we had had Hill and McCann."

(Hill is TU's best breaststroker, and McCann its distance star.)

Last week the Longhorns lost to the Dallas Athletic Club and the University of Oklahoma, both of which the Farmers have beaten earlier in the season. And the D.A.C. lost to the Aggies Saturday night after beating the Steers on Friday night.

Texas had the services of Hill these meets, but he finished behind a teammate in the breast-stroke against Oklahoma.

All of this is without counting the sad showing which Texas made at Aggie land last week.

Texas took both of the breaststrokes, in which Hill could not have added any points to the TU-A&M Dual Meet.

Even conceding McCann the 110 distance swim, which Aggie Dave Vardaman would object to, Texas still would have gone home on the low end of the score.

Few people could be so naive

Walker to Work On Ranch In Summer

Doak Walker, Southern Methodist's All-America halfback, is going to have a busy summer and his work will give him the opportunity to stay in top physical condition, as if he wouldn't anyway.

Doak will be assistant director of the Ute Trail Ranch Boys camp at Powder Horn, Colo. A. C. Dudley of Dallas is director of the camp which opens June 12 and runs to August 7.

as to assume that McCann could beat Bernie Syfan when Syfan is in shape. . . And still fewer people would assume that Steer Waterplows could match A&M's great 400-yard relay team.

This team of Jerry Fisher, Jack Riley, Bernie Syfan has been breaking pool records all over the southwest this season.

The Aggie Swimming Team has a well balanced squad, and it will be hard for any team to beat them this year.



Shown above are seven members of Dorm 16's fall semester intramural champion tennis team. First row: Louis M. Landa, Ralph E. Miliken, Andrew R. Davis, and Lawrence W. Hageman. Second row: Robert E. Lane, Thomas C. Adams, and Ralph E. Burch. Willis E. Pötter is not pictured.

Arizona, Victor Over Baylor Early In Season, Claims Title

Southwest Conference Champion Baylor has just two more obstacles to overcome for a perfect season, an undefeated conference record that would enhance its chance for a bid to the Regional NCAA Tournament without a playoff.

Unbeaten in ten games, the Bears face the University of Texas in Austin Wednesday and Texas Christian in Waco Saturday.

Baylor won the title last week when Arkansas and Texas divided their two-game series.

It was reported from Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday that Arizona has requested a playoff with Baylor to determine the Southwestern representative in the NCAA Tournament at Kansas City. Arizona defeated Baylor earlier in the season.

LAMBERT TO PICK WINNER . . . Eugene Lambert, coach of Arkansas and head of the district NCAA selection committee, announced only that the team picked would come from Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas or Arizona. He did not mention a playoff, flip of a coin or any other means of deciding the entry.

Arkansas ruined defending champion Texas' hopes for a share in the crown by defeating the Longhorns, 54-40. Texas turned around and blasted the Razorbacks' chance at a tie, 54-43.

GAMES THIS WEEK . . . Arkansas and Rice meet twice

LEADING SCORERS (Conference)				
Player	G	F	TP	
George Kok, Ark., c	75	40	190	
Slater Martin, Tex., g	50	28	128	
Bill Tom, Rice, c	50	21	121	
D. Heathington, BU, g	43	34	120	
Roy Pugh, SMU, c	45	28	118	
LEADING SCORERS (Season)				
Player	G	F	TP	
George Kok, Ark., c	176	74	426	
Slater Martin, Tex., g	106	54	266	
Al Williams, Ark., f	85	34	264	
Bill Tom, Rice, c	103	61	257	
Roy Pugh, SMU, c	99	45	243	



Line Coach Bill Dubose has been instructing the linemen in new "T" tactics during spring training, concentrating on the tackles and guards.

Benefit Staged For Ring-Killed Boxer

CHICAGO, Feb. 24 (AP)—Promoter Jack Begun began making plans today to stage a benefit boxing match to bring financial security for the parents and sister of Sam Baroudi.

Baroudi, whose real name is Crandall, died early Saturday after being knocked out in the tenth and last round of his Chicago Stadium fight with Ezzard Charles.

Begun, co-promoter of the bout, said he and his firm would match Charles against "the best possible opponent" and donate "every penny of our profits" to the family of the dead 20-year-old Negro boxer.

Pitcher Don Black of the Cleveland Indians beat all seven American League clubs during 1947. His only win in four decisions against the Athletics was a no-hitter.

16-Team Field For First Annual JC Cage Tournament Completed

Stiteler Says Ags To Run Off T, Not From It

DALLAS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Those who all these many years have been dying a thousand deaths for the Texas Aggies may take heart in the crisp statement of Harry Stiteler, new coach of the Cadets:

"We will run off the 'T' formation. I am sure you notice that I use 'off' and not 'from'. I think we have run from the T enough and it's about time we were staying at home and not running from it."

It's a typical Stiteler statement. This fellow is going to be mighty good copy for the boys of the press in the coming football campaign. He's not cocky; he's just a realist. He knows that nothing is accomplished by taking an under dog attitude. He knows that to imbue a team with fighting spirit the coach must be of the same stripe.

Aggie land has no illusions of grandeur. It has no better prospects—probably not as good—as faced it at the start of the 1947 season.

But Stiteler and his co-workers have brought in a fine flock of Freshmen. Visions of what may come in 1949 or 1950 will serve as a buoyant influence for 1948.

A change of coaching set-ups also has its effect. At least the season can be started without knocking from every direction, without defeatism becoming evident before even one football is kicked. Thus a good start is possible; a good start can lead to big things.

Stiteler will have 19 lettermen. That means reserve strength won't be too good. But under the new free-for-all substitution rule, reserve strength isn't as important as it once was. You can do with fewer replacements when you can shuttle your men in and out at will.

Stiteler changed the style of offense to the T because he says he has passers who can't run and what speed he has comes from small boys.

"This, of course, says run the T," he declares.

AA Basketball In Bi-District Stage

Fourteen Class AA high school district champions square off to determine entries in the state championship tournament.

Denton (6) and Thomas Jefferson, San Antonio (15) could advance to the state meet by beating Bonham (5) and Harlingen (16) respectively tonight.

Five other three-game series begin with Abilene (3) and Bowie, El Paso (4) waiting until Thursday.

Pairings tonight are: Amarillo (1) vs. Graham (2) at Graham.

Bonham vs. Denton at Dallas, second game.

Crozier Tech, Dallas (8) vs. Poly, Fort Worth (7) at Fort Worth.

Brownwood (9) vs. Temple (10) at Temple.

Texarkana (11) vs. Lufkin (12) at Lufkin.

Milby, Houston (13) vs. Robert E. Lee, Baytown (14) at Baytown.

Harlingen vs. Thomas Jefferson at San Antonio, second game.

Harry Bell, defense star of the New Haven Ramblers of the American Hockey League, drives midget auto racing cars in the off-season and was the Saskatchewan champion in 1942-43.

Playing Schedule For Teams To Be Released Later In Week

The stage was set for the first annual state-wide junior college basketball tournament at DeWare Fieldhouse on March 1, 2, and 3, when the last four invitations were accepted to complete the field of 16 teams slated to participate in the event.

Paris, Hillsboro, Kilgore and McNeese were the final entries. McNeese Junior College, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is the only out-of-state quintet carded in the tournament.

Followers of the court game will have an opportunity to see the top junior college squads in action. The field includes the champion or leading club of each of the six JC loops.

Loop-leading Tyler heads a Southwestern Junior College Conference contingency of five teams. The other contestants are NTAC, Paris, Kilgore and John Tarleton.

The remaining eleven teams are members of the 27-school Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. The large league is divided into five zones; West Texas, North Texas, East Texas, South Texas (eastern division), South Texas (western division).

West Texas representatives are Wayland, the number one team in that zone, and Amarillo, second.

Ranger on top of the heap in the North Texas zone, and Hillsboro are the entries from this district.

The East Texas Zone is represented by Lon Morris of Jacksonville and Allen Academy. These two quintets are tied for the first place in the zone.

Blinn of Brenham, Texas Lutheran, and Lamar of Beaumont, in addition to pace-setter McNeese are entries from the eastern division of the South Texas Zone. The western division of the loop is represented by first place Corpus Christi.

Play in the tournament has been divided into three sessions each day.

On the first and second days of the tourney, there will be two games in the morning, three in the afternoon, and three in the evening.

Action will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning. The afternoon contests will get underway at 1 o'clock while the evening tilts began at 6 o'clock.

On the final day of play, the clubs will tussle at 9 and 10:30 in the morning session and there will be two afternoon tilts, at 1 and 2:30. The trophy battles will start at 6 o'clock.

Four trophies, miniature gold basketballs, and a traveling bag will be among the awards.

Tickets for the 23-game event are \$3. Student tickets are \$2. The ducks are on sale at the "Cave", the "Cornet", and Lipscomb's.

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