

Ag Tankers Journey to Austin Tomorrow for Meet With Texas

Coach Art Adamson's Swimming Team will try for its eighth straight victory of the season tomorrow when it meets the Texas University Squad in Austin. The event is scheduled to take place at 3 p. m. in the university pool.

The Cadets beat the Steers here last week, but this match will find the Longhorns at their strength for the first time in a year.

Crucial Events . . . A few important events will provide the margin of victory, and the winning team will probably take the meet by not more than 100 points.

Last week Texas got off to a quick but brief lead by taking the opening Medley Relay. If the Ags can win this race, it may be the difference between a defeat and a victory.

Another crucial match is the 400 yard free style race. If Dave Variaman or Tommy Knox come in first or take second and third place, the Aggies will have a much better chance of bringing home the bacon.

Bernie Syfan will be up against a tough opponent, Bobby Hill, in the 100-yard Individual Medley Race. Hill is Texas' star breast-stroker and he is certain to take a lead in that part of the swim. Syfan will have to catch him on the last free style lap in order to win.

Corpus Cager High Scorer In JC Loops

Unless someone literally burns up the baskets in the few remaining games, Gray Eargle of Corpus Christi Junior College will be the individual scoring champion of Texas junior college basketball, latest state wide statistics indicate.

Eargle has completed regular league play with an average of 18.4 points per game. Billy Sherman of Victoria Junior College and D. W. Hawkins of Wayland College at Plainview currently are in second and third places respectively and they, too, have completed league play.

Sherman, although playing with a team that did not win a game, averaged 17.8 points. Hawkins, chief gunner for a club which has not been beaten by a junior college opponent, averaged 17.3.

Eargle and Hawkins now are engaged in conference playoffs, but those records will not count in the state-wide records compiled by Clarence Welkel, athletic news director for Texas A&M College.

The records also will not be affected by points scored in the state championship junior college tournament at Texas A&M next Monday through Wednesday.

With three games to go, Paul Mitchell of North Texas Agricultural College at Arlington has the best chance to overtake Eargle. Mitchell is in fourth place with an average of 16.7 points the game, less than a two-point average out of first.

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George Kadera

Ags Kadera Aiding Weight Event; To Try For Olympics

A husky high school graduate of two months copped his discus in his left hand and joined a cluster of men on the other side of San Antonio's Alamo Stadium.

He watched for a few moments before nudging a 240-pounder and querying, "What's that?" "Why, that's a 56-pound weight. Haven't you seen one before?"

"No," replied the younger one. "What do you do? How does it work?"

The serious toned questions attracted the attention of the heavier men. They showed the inquisitive one how to hold the 56-pound weight, how they spun twice and then let the odd-shaped ball go flying over their left shoulders.

The young 200-pounder was game. He was willing to try it, even though he could spin only once, like he did when he hurled the discus.

Less than one hour later George Kadera, pictured above, was the runner-up to the 56-pound weight champion in the Amateur Athletic Union's national junior championships. He had defeated all of his teachers but one.

Last year, after becoming the Southwest Conference discus, shot and javelin champion while a freshman at Texas A&M College, George again entered this event which so intrigued him. He struggled with the heavy ball for the second time in his life and this time he bested all but two of his teachers in the A.A.U. national meet at Lincoln, Nebraska.

George is going to try a third time this summer. He plans to hurl the discus and the 56-pound weight in the Olympic tryouts.

Immediately after he competes for A&M in the Southwest Conference track meet in May, the former star athlete for Houston's John Reagan High is going to start experimenting with that heavy odd-shaped ball.

"I'll have a month to practice," says George, "so I see no reason why I shouldn't do better."

Ag Fish-Bees Play Shorthorns Tonight Last Game of Season

Miami Sports Writer Tests Boxers Punch

By HUGH FULLERTON JR. MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 27 — (AP) Trainer Jimmy Jones won't say anything, but you'd be pretty safe in betting that Armed never will run another race. Jimmy sticks to his statement that the "Golden Gelding" no longer can carry 130 pounds, and that's the kind of assignments he'd draw.

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Lee Evans, youthful Miami sports writer, heard so often that Humberto Sierra didn't have a punch that he decided to find out for himself. He arranged to go one round against the Cuban in training and was belted out in 54 seconds.

When Pete Norton, the Tampa scribe, heard about that one, he meant: does that mean that when I criticize a football player or a jockey I have to get in there and play tackle or ride the horse? That's making things too tough.

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Danny Lamont's widener handicapper winner, El Mono, will race in the double event at Tropical Park before going north. In two races, the colt has won \$68,200—considerably more than the whole Calumet string has collected.

That's not bad for a horse that was entered in the McLennan only because his owner got a kick out of having a starter in a big stake.

Bill (\$75,000) Goodman, the Red Sox rookie who was converted from an outfielder to a shortstop at Louisville last summer, figures the first thing he'll do when he hits training camp is to ask Joe McCarthy where he'll play.

Marse Joe likely will tell him to be glad if he gets to play anywhere.

When Babe Ruth showed up at the Orange Bowl polo game the other night, about 10,000 people, mostly attracted by Ruth's name, failed to recognize him in a front row seat.

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Mike Jacobs has become a Jai Alai fan during his current sojourn here.

Sam McAllister, U. of Florida basketball coach, took a day off to go fishing the other day and came home with a half dozen big speckled perch.

When he returned, a telegram was fastened on his door with the news that Florida will play Kentucky in the first round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

"After that," moaned Sam, "I naturally couldn't eat those fish."

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The sport that really seems to be coming along in this town which showed remarkable lack of interest in a world championship fight appears to be polo. . . the difference, of course, is in the promotion.

All the things that happened in running the Willie Pep-Humberto Sierra bout probably never will be told, but we can guarantee that they shouldn't happen to a northerner in one of the Miami Beach beauty-traps.

On the other hand, the guys who stage the indoor-outdoor polo matches in the Orange Bowl seem genuinely interested in promoting interest in the game. They put out elaborate programs, bring in the best players and run the thing in big league style.

As a result they've averaged around 4,800 attendance over two years, hit close to 10,000 sometimes and hope to win the inter-collegiate championship with the Texas-reared U. of Miami team.

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Clarence (Kay) Kantrowitz, promoter of the recent title fight here claims its true. . . when he walked into the Orange Bowl for the big affair, a gateman refused to let him through. . . "But I'm Kantrowitz, the promoter," Kay insisted. "Nothing doing," growled the guardian of the portal. "You're the tenth Kantrowitz who has tried to get in here tonight." . . . P. S.: He probably was the only gate crusher who didn't make it.

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Leon (Goose) Goslin of Detroit grounded into four consecutive double plays against the Chicago White Sox in a game on April 28, 1934.

Farmer Freshmen Trying for Second Win of Year Over Junior Sippers

Tonight at 7:30 the A&M Fish-Bee basketball team closes out a mediocre season with a game against the Texas Shorthorns in DeWare Field House.

The Fish will be out to make it two in a row over the junior sippers. In a previous encounter with the Texas lads in Austin the Farmers racketed up a last minute 46 to 44 victory that the boys from tealand are still brooding over. The victory was the first A&M win in Gregory Gymnasium since 1934.

The Shorthorns are apparently an improved ball club however,



JEWELL McDOWELL, high scoring guard, will be playing his fourth game for the Freshmen tonight when A&M Fish take on the Texas Shorthorns in DeWare Field House. McDowell entered A&M at mid-semester, and his accurate shooting has been a big factor in Fish offensive plans since.

and the Ags will have to be in their best form to win tonight. Wednesday night the Texas cagers edged the Baylor "B" team in a game in Austin, and the Bear Bees handed the Ag Fish decisive trimmings in both their games this season.

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KICKING IT AROUND

By ART HOWARD

Pipe Smoking to Become A Sport

All of the entrants in the recent pipe smoking contest enjoyed themselves while trying not to outpace their fellow contestants. Even so, the air was filled with fumes, of what the sponsor, O. B. Robinson, called "a fragrant blend of tobacco."

But it smelled like so much corn silk to many of the smokers.

This contest has possibilities in the athletic field. The suggestion has been made that all Aggie pipe smokers get together and form a "Mash and Ash" club, sort of a bull-session social.

But why not carry it even further? L. S. J. claimed an inter-collegiate pipe smoking tournament for a 15-minute-for-a-stand-off contest. Now, since an A&M student has broken that mark with a time of 67.5 minutes, the Tiger student body will undoubtedly try to recapture the record.

And the idle Teahounds are none too ready to let a challenge go unanswered. Soon the whole conference would be sponsoring pipe-smoking contests. Only pipe Baylor would be left out.

Scholarships would soon be awarded to the best and slowest puffers in the state.

Training rules would have to be altered slightly for this sport. Instead of barring smoking, the coach would have to say, "Boys, you have not been hitting the pipe enough lately. From now on you will have to buckle down and smoke a pound every day."

Soon conjuring trainers would be treating tobacco with special chemicals to make it burn longer, and the A&M Wind Tunnel could make special tests to determine the "air flow" and best ventilation openings for pipes.

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Pipe smoking could become more important than football; even the most unathletic people (profs included) could compare their endurance time and special tobacco formulas with those of the leading contenders.

WTAW would probably set up a television set, so that conference meets could be brought directly to Aggieland.

The puff - puff description might go something like this: "Perrey of Texas is having trouble getting his wind; Rice's backfield strategy looks a bit hazy. There goes a red flag on Lindley's head, question on the play. No, it's ruled that he is still going."

But conference officials (Sisco & Co.) would judge smoking meets and rule lit pipes as dead and dead pipes as still going.

Worst of all, they would go around the state making speeches telling people, "We must get rid of all of the opium and marijuana which are fouling up pipe smoking contests."



ART HOWARD

Sports Calendar

- Friday—Fish-Bees play Texas Shorthorns here at 7:30 p. m. No priority.
- Saturday—A&M vs. Texas U. Swimmers, Austin, 3 p. m.
- First Spring Training Scrimmage, 3 p. m.
- Fencers Meet U. of Houston, Bryan, High School gym, 2 p. m.
- Monday—Junior College Tournament Starts, gym, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Mural Softball Rules Meetings Beginning March 1

In preparation for the 1948 Intramural softball play, rules meetings will be held each afternoon at 5 o'clock beginning Monday, March 1. These meetings will continue until the rules have been gone over thoroughly.

All Intramural Managers and Officials are to attend these meetings. Athletic Officers and others interested are urged to come to these meetings and to bring along any suggestions they might have and to clear up any questions they may have concerning rules and officiating.

Intramural softball rules follow ASA rules with the exception of a few regulations which will be taken up during these meetings.

Byron Townsend To Be Newscaster

ODESSA, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Byron Townsend, Odessa High School's football great, is going to be a sports editor.

The all-state backfielder today was named sports editor of Radio Station KECK here and will give a sports newscast each evening at 6:15.

He will continue to attend high school and will graduate in the summer. He hasn't decided on what college he will go to but general opinion is that he will pick Baylor.

MOSCOW — (AP)—Andrei Pomichev, 19, of Gorki, set a new all-union youth record in the finals of racing just closed in the Volga city. He did 1,500 meters in two minutes 29.5 and also took honors in the 5,000 meters with a record eight minutes and 54 seconds.

Nine Teams Enter NCAA Champion Catholic Tourney

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 27 — (AP)—Nine teams are entered in the annual state Catholic High School basketball tournament which gets underway at St. Mary's University gymnasium here tonight.

Tonight's first round pairings: Pri Lanier of Fort Worth against Pric of Amarillo; Central of San Antonio against Yoakum, and Cathedral of El Paso against St. Joseph's of Victoria.

Saturday's pairings are between St. Xavier of Denison and Jesuit of Dallas. St. Anthony of Beaumont which drew a first round bye will meet the Central-Yoakum winner.

The championship game will be played Sunday.

Navy is the only government school ever to play in a Bowl game — the Rose Bowl of 1924.

Only five members of the 1947 football squad at Syracuse are seniors.

NCAA Champion Playoff March 23

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 — (AP)—The National Collegiate Athletic Association's basketball championship will be decided March 23 in New York after completion of the Eastern and Western playoffs, Arthur (Dutch) Lomborg, chairman of the NCAA tournament committee, announced today.

Lomborg, Northwestern University Coach, said the Western playoffs, will be held March 19-20 in Kansas City Mo. The Eastern playoffs will be staged in New York March 18-20.

The winner and runner-ups of the NCAA tournament will move into the final olympic basketball tryouts at New York, which began March 27.

Holy Cross and Kentucky already have been named to represent district 1 and district 3 respectively.

The six NCAA berths will be decided mainly on the finishes in the various conferences. Baylor already has captured the Southwest Conference title and is expected to be invited.

The Syracuse cross-country team finished the dual meet season undefeated.

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