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Kentucky Drops Baylor 58-42 In Season Finals

NEW YORK, March 23, (AP)—Kentucky's classy Wildcats won the N. C. A. A. basketball championship by overwhelming Baylor, 58-42, before 16,174 fans at Madison Square Garden.

The smart, sharpshooting boys from the Blue Grass country succeeded Holy Cross' Crusaders, who triumphed over Kansas State, 60-54, in a preliminary consolation game for third place.

Kentucky and Baylor may meet again this season since both are participants in the Olympic tryouts opening at the Garden Saturday. The Kentuckians won the Eastern N. C. A. A. title by defeating Holy Cross here Saturday night while Baylor, champion of the Southwest conference, was annexing the Western division at Kansas City with a final win over Kansas State.

Adolph Rupp's Southeastern conference champions stepped off to an early 13-1 lead and were never headed, leading 29-16 at the half.

Baylor, scoreless for the first five minutes, pulled up to 14-25 after intermission but the Wildcats staged another spurt and won breezily.

Alex Groza, Kentucky's six-foot-seven center, dumped in 14 points to lead the scoring. Ralph Beard, the Wildcats' All-America star, tallied 12 in addition to contributing a fine floor game.

Bill Johnson of Baylor registered 10 points, but only three field goals, the maximum permitted by the close-guarding Kentuckians.

It was not until 7½ minutes had gone that Baylor connected from the field—an easy layup by Don Heathington.

Fish Nine Meet Pete Dowling's Team March 25

Thursday's baseball game here at 3 o'clock between the Aggie Fish and Houston's Austin high school will mark homecoming day for Coach Pete Dowling of the Mustangs and will be a family reunion for several members of the Cadet club.

Dowling was All-Conference catcher for the Farmers for two years. He was a member of the second place 1936 team which set a conference record of 32 runs against SMU and did the backstopping for the 1937 Southwest Conference A&M nine. In '37 Dowling led the league in hitting.

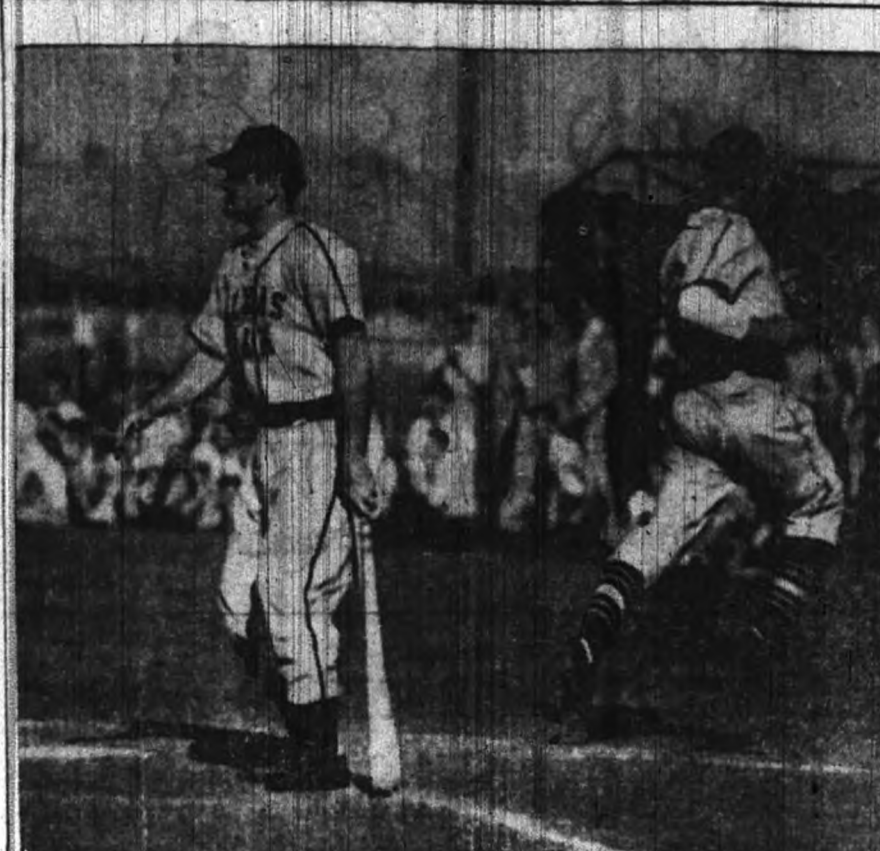
Four Aggie baseballers, Sonny Bollman, Bob Graham, Bill Wariner, and Joe Savarino, performed on Coach Dowling's team last year. The Ponies lost the district race in a post-season playoff.

Tomorrow's contest will be the second for the Junior Aggies this season. The Farmers opened the campaign last week with a 17-6 win over Southwestern University.

Coach Charlie DeWare has taken the helm of the Aggie squad. Tom Pickett sent the Fish through their paces in pre-season practice while DeWare was occupied with football spring training. Pickett will handle the outfielders the remainder of the season.

DeWare stated that his starting line-up probably will be the same which began the Southwestern tilt. That means John DeWitt will be on first base, Savarino at second and Bollman at third. Guy Wallace will handle the shortstop spot.

Aggie Baseballers Drop Second Game to Buckeyes



Shown crossing the plate for the Aggies' fifth run against Ohio State Monday is ZEKI STRANGE, after a single by PECK VASS. JIM CALVERT is standing at the plate waiting for his turn at bat.

Trackmen Meet Texas, Rice In Corpus Christi

A&M's undefeated Track Team will go to Corpus Christi this week for a triangular meet with Texas University and Rice Institute.

Col. Andy declined to make any statement as to the outcome of the meet, but he said that the Farmers were in good mental and physical shape.

Rice may rob the Aggies in a few events. Owl August Erfurth specializes in the high and low hurdles and may cap these two races Saturday. Erfurth was second to Arkansas' Clyde Scott in the conference meet last year.

Another question mark is sprinter Perry Samuels. Samuels took the conference 100-yard dash last year after a very poor start early in the season. In addition, Allen Lawler is temporarily lost to the Longhorn racers because of an appendectomy a few weeks ago.

The week-end following this meet the Farmers will travel to forty acres to contest the Steers in the Texas Relays.

TCU Wins 10 to 8;

FORT WORTH, Texas, March 23 (AP)—Texas Christian University's baseball team broke loose for six runs in the fifth inning yesterday and went on to defeat the University of Minnesota, 10-8.

Minnesota's big inning was the fourth when it scored six runs.

Villanova is located 14 miles west of Philadelphia and though it is a Catholic institution, an estimated one-fourth of the students are non-Catholics. A Catholic was elected captain of the football team last year for the first time in eight years.

A proponent of the T formation, Villanova last season won six games, lost two, and tied two dropping a 24-7 decision to the University of Kentucky in the Knights of Columbus Bowl in Cleveland.

The Wildcats began a four-week spring training period last Wednesday and will take up again August 18 in preparation for the opener with the Aggies. Nineteen lettermen reported for practice.

Ohio Hurlers Limit Cadets To Four Hits; Series End Today

By ANDA MATULA

Bunching their hits neatly in two separate innings, the Ohio State Buckeyes took their second straight game from the Texas Aggies Tuesday afternoon by a score of 4 to 1. The game was an anti-climax to Monday's struggle, going only nine innings and lasting two and a half hours.

The Aggies' lack of base hits kept them from victory. Only four bingles were pined by the Farmers. Little Red Burditt, who has been the slugging standby in the past four games, again led the hitting department. Out of four times at bat, he banged out two hits, one a double, Jim Calvert and Russell Mays picked up the other two hits. Seven Aggies died on the bases.

Buckeye starting pitcher was Dick Magato. In the fifth frame he was relieved by Gene Brown, who was the winning pitcher. Both Buckeye hurlers showed excellent control to keep the Aggies impotent for the entire game.

It was a tied ball game until the seventh inning. James Campbell, Buckeye right fielder, beat out a single to shortstop and stole second. Fretz fanned the next two men to face him. Shortstop Bob Weygand, who was tossed out of Monday's game, sent a double against the left field fence and Campbell scored. The rally didn't stop there as Raymond Gebhardt put another single into center field and Weygand came in.

In the ninth inning, Allen Arni walked, then went to third on a hard hit single to left field by pitcher Gene Brown. He hesitated, then scored on Stan Holmig's fumble.

Score by innings: R H E Ohio 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 4 2 A&M 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 4 4 Batteries: for A&M—Fretz and Calvert; for Ohio State—Magato, Brown, Dudley, Ranz. Officials: Pugh, Guerra, Colson. Game time: 2 hours, 29 minutes.

Florida Track Meet Staged By Ex-Champ

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—(AP) When athletes from 20 colleges and universities open the Florida Relays on March 27th, they will be running in a track and field carnival originated and still managed by a former world record holder in five track events.

Lanky easy-going Percy Beard, one-time Auburn and New York Athletic Club great, started the Florida Relays in 1928 as an early-season proving grounds for Southern trackmen. The war stopped the event for five years.

Beard set a new world record of 14.2 seconds for the 120 yard high hurdles at the National AAU meet in Lincoln, Nebr., in 1931. Georgia's Forrest (Spec) Towns lowered the mark to 13.7 seconds in 1936 and Rice's Fred Woodcut has since equaled Towns' time.

Running for the NYAC, Beard at one time held the world marks in the 120 yards and 110 meters high hurdles, the 70 yard indoor, 60 yard indoor, and 65 meter indoor.

Athletic Chief Of Villanova On Campus

William Connelly, director of athletics at Villanova is now on the A&M campus completing arrangements for the football game schedule between the Aggies and Wildcats in Philadelphia next Sept. 8.

Connelly said, "we are proud to be scheduled against a team like the Texas Aggie eleven and hope that this will be the first of many games between the two schools."

The grid tussle between the Farmers and Wildcats is slated to take place in the University of Pennsylvania stadium, Franklin Field.

Franklin Field has a capacity of 72,000 and some 50,000 to 60,000 spectators are expected to see the clash. This is the first big college game of the year there and no other sporting event has been scheduled for that day.

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Sports Calendar

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Thursday—Fish Baseball team plays Austin High School.

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