

Farmers Play Weekend Game Against Rice

Fresh from their victories over the Baylor Bears the Texas Aggie baseball nine travels to Houston for a game with the Rice Owls Saturday.

At present the Farmers are third in conference standings behind Texas and SMU who both have perfect records thus far in conference competition. The Owls are tied with TCU for last place in the standings. The feathered flock has yet to win a game.

Coach Marty Karow will likely call on Earl Beesley to go against the Owls Saturday. He may, however, decide to use Stan Hollmig, and should neither Hollmig or Beesley pitch Karow can still count on Bobby Fretz. One of the other members of the hurling staff may also see action.

The Rice team lost its first pair of games to the Baylor Bears, 24 to 5 and 15 to 4, then dropped their third outing to Texas, 8 to 2. Pitching has as the scores indicate been the Owls' chief weakness in games to date. John Plumley will probably start on the mound for the Owls tomorrow.

Game time is scheduled for 3 p. m. on the Rice diamond which is near Rice Stadium.

Other weekend conference games pit the TCU Horned Frogs against the Texas Longhorns in two games to be played Friday and Saturday at Austin, and a third game sends the Baylor Bears against SMU at Dallas Saturday.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1948

Thinly Clads Meet Bengals In Dual Meet

Baton Rouge, Louisiana will be the scene of Aggie track activities this weekend as the undefeated A&M track team meets the LSU Tigers in a dual meet there.

The Farmers will be heavily favored to win the meet, but the Bengals have a strong field events team and will probably give the Aggie field men their stiffest competition of the year in the field events.

Aggie George Kadera will be out to revenge a defeat handed him by Graves, the Tiger's star discus man, in the Border Olympic Meet at Laredo last month. Big George has hit 170 feet several times during practice the past week and should be ready to turn the trick Saturday.

The other LSU field star is Bobby Lowther who specializes in the javelin and pole vault events. Lowther rates with the best in both and could easily sweep both events tomorrow. His chief competitor in the javelin will be Bob Goode, the Ag's five events trackman.

A&M should take most of the points in the track events as the Tigers don't have much in the way of speedsters. Most of their strength is in the dashes, the 440, and the mile relay, and even with Ervin Billeback at home due to an injury A&M should take the mile relay easily enough.

Next weekend Col. Anderson will send the mile relay team and Bob Goode to Lawrence, Kansas to enter the Kansas Relays. Goode will enter the decathlon event.

The remainder of the Aggie track team will entertain the Rice Owls in a dual meet on Kyle Field.

Intramural boxing will continue this afternoon starting at 4 p. m. in the gym and will last until 6 p. m.

Texas Best Team From Foul Line

NEW YORK, April 8 —(AP)—Texas, of the Southwest Conference, was the best 1948 major college team from the foul line and Oregon State, of the Pacific Coast Conference, was tops in making field goals.

Final statistics from the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau showed today the Texans rimmed 351 of 481 free throws for a 73.0 percentage. They led in this department the entire season.

Oregon State, regarded as a team which controls the ball well, took 1,818 shots from the field during the season and made 668 for a percentage of .367.

SYDNEY (AP)—Plants used by Australian aborigines for curing warts and ulcers are to be sent to the United States for examination by chemists. This is part of a world-wide movement by universities and scientists to exchange information about the curative possibilities of various plants.

SHSTC Nine Halts Freshmen Winning With 6-5 Victory Ten-Inning Contest

Bearkats Tie Score in Ninth, Win in 10th on Squeeze Bunt

By JAMES DEANDA

After rallying with two down in the ninth inning to tie the score, Sam Houston's Bearkats pulled a squeeze play in the tenth frame to take a 6-5 decision from a previously undefeated Aggie Fish squad.

A Kat outfielder named Neal Taylor climaxed a good performance by crossing the plate with one out on Bob Howard's bunt. Taylor proved to be the difference between the two teams yesterday. He was credited with three of the seven Bearkat hits, scored three runs, and batted in two more.

The Farmer batters, who were betting the ball at a 24-hit-per-game pace before the Bearkat tilt, were hitting below par. Sam Houston pitchers Ernie McCullar and Rocky Nelson limited the Cadets to eight safeties, but the tossers had trouble finding the plate. They remained in hot water all afternoon, issuing ten walks and hitting two batters. Fourteen Cadets were left stranded.

Coach Charlie DeWard's starter Truett Mobley, was changed with the loss, but the Cadet right hander deserved a much better fate. Mobley was on the mound nine and one-third innings, and after a shaky first stanza in which he was nicked for three runs off four hits he turned in a three-hit job the rest of the way.

McCullar also had trouble in the initial frame. The Farmers crossed the plate twice on a single by Wallace Moon and a pair of doubles by Joe Savarino and Sonny Bollman.

Poor throwing was the direct cause of Mobley's downfall. After the Farmers had knotted the count with a single tally in the fifth, Savarino's low peg to third allowed Taylor to score and put the Huntsville school back in the lead. However, three one-base knocks and an error gave the Cadets a 5-4 margin in the seventh inning. Mobley protected his slim lead

until the ninth when, with two down, catcher Bill Dennis' throw to third went into left field and relief hurler Nelson scored to save his ball game.

The Farmers crammed the bases in the top of the tenth but could not tally.

The Kats did better. Taylor started the frame with a booming triple to right-center field. Then Taylor, the hero, almost became Taylor, the goat. Lonel Duncan, the next hitter, teed off on Mobley's first pitch with a fly to deep left field. The confused Taylor was about twenty feet off the bag when outfielder Wallace snagged the ball and he had no chance to score after the put out.

However, Howard's bunt off relief tosser Lawrence Lutzke, changed the crowd's boos to cheers as Taylor scampered home. Aggie Fish 200 010 200 0 587 Sam Houston 300 001 001 1 874 One out when winning run scored.

For A&M: Mobley, Lutzke (10) and Dennis.
For SHSTC: McCullar, Nelson (8) and Crow, Bender (8).
Umpires: Colson and Guerra.

Good Day for Coach
BURLINGTON, Vt., April 8—(AP)—The Cathedral High School baseball team today reported only one casualty after a strenuous practice session—Coach Don Matley.

The coach was pitching batting practice for his boys when a grounder took a bad hop as he was about to field it. He suffered a badly cut lip.

as one of those extravagant gestures made so often in the great Southwest.

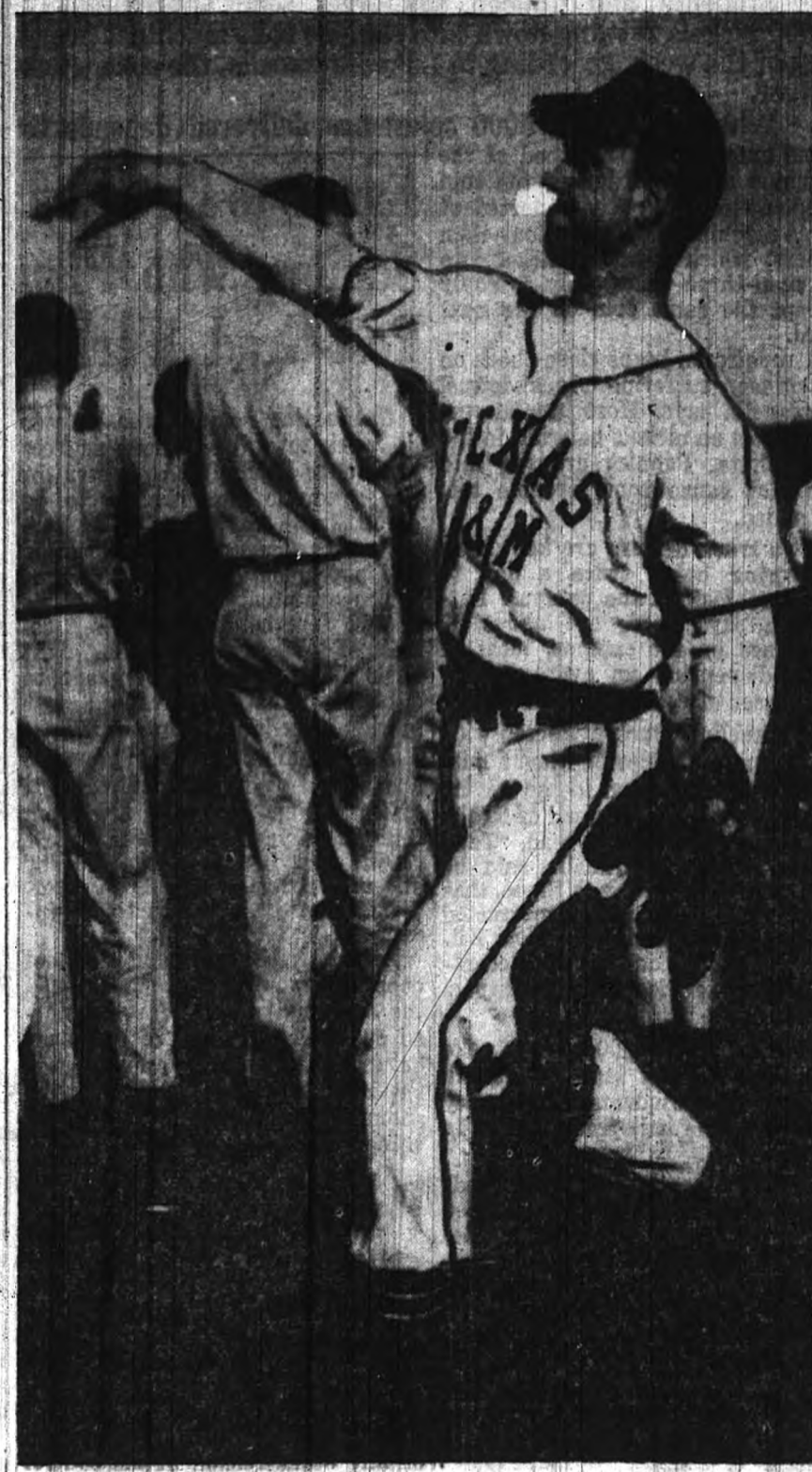
But when the dollar reared its head, it caught on in real earnest. Still, there is plenty of fun and hi-jinks every year.

Both hunt and hi-jinks are boosted by the International Association of rattlesnake hunters, whose chief rattler is Orville Von Gulker. The Association has taken most of the work off the hands of the Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce, which launched the idea back in 1939.

In all the years of the hunt, only four persons have ever been bitten, and none have died.

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Need Something to Do? . . .

Rattlesnake Hunt Provides Lots of Thrills For Okies

OKENE, Okla., April 8 —(AP)—It's Rattlesnake time again in the sunny, undulating Gypsum hills of Oklahoma.

From more than 17 states rattlesnake hunters are arriving with their little forked sticks and bulging sacks.

For next Sunday is the ninth annual revival of that fabulous Oklahoma sporting event—the Keene Rattlesnake Hunt.

Starting tomorrow, hunters will open a three-day convention at Okene and nearby Enid before heading for the risky climax of the hunt itself. Four hundred are registered for the first day alone.

Men and snakes haven't got along too well since that time in the Garden of Eden, but it's been more or less a you-go-your-way and I'll go mine affair. It required hot-blooded Oklahomans to change all that and take

mass vengeance on the serpent. Incidentally making it pay in hard shiny dollars.

For pay it does. If past form is any guide, about 5,000 hunters will come home Sunday night (at least most of them will) lugging about 500 highly exasperated rattlers.

To catch a rattler, you have to find him before he finds you. Then you pin his head down with a forked stick. Then you get a mouse over his head and gently loft him into a sack. The snake doesn't like this, and all the time is making a noise like a bill collector at the door-buzzer.

If the rattler catches you, it makes a good after-dinner story

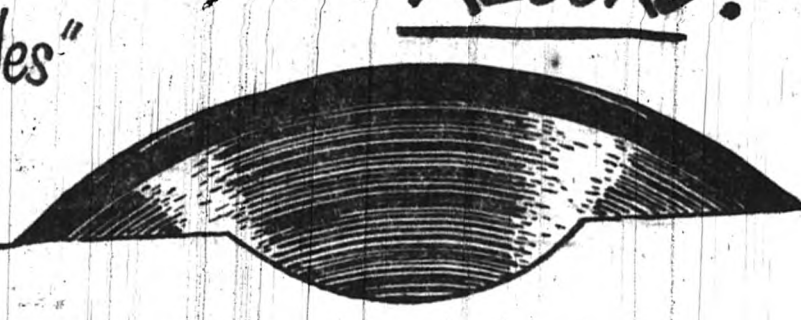
for the rest of your life, maybe. The handsome snakes go to zoos to study humanities, from behind glass windows. The fat boys wind up as canned rattlesnake steak or salad to delight the well-heeled epicure. Athletes rattlers find new lives in side-shows and circuses.

Last but not least, some go to medical laboratories, for the hunt is not all a gag. The snakes are the only source of anti-venom serum, and also produce a pain-killer for cancer victims.

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