

## Texas Smothers Mustangs 21-0 To Lead League

The University of Texas today was leading the Southwest Conference baseball race with a record of five wins against no losses.

The Longhorns moved ahead of the six-team conference field yesterday by virtue of a lopsided 21-0 win over the Southern Methodist University team of Dallas.

The game, played at the 40 acres, was the only conference engagement yesterday. Play resumes Friday.

It marked the first conference loss for the Mustangs, who had won three straight. The Mustangs now are tied with Texas A&M for second place with three wins and one loss each.

Besides Hurling, the fair haired lad set the Mustangs back yesterday with four hits, all singles. It was his 25th conference win for Texas. Tom Hamilton hit a 350-foot home run to score three of four Texas runs in the third inning.

Baylor University of Waco is in third place with a record of two wins and two losses. Texas Christian University of Fort Worth and Rice of Houston are in the cellar. Neither team has won a game. Each has lost four.

A&M and SMU meet Friday at Dallas in the first of a two-game series. The second game is scheduled for Saturday.

Rice meets TCU on the same dates at Fort Worth. Texas plays its next game Saturday against Baylor at Waco. After these games this weekend A&M should be up in No. 2 slot pushing Texas for the lead.

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## Fish Nine Clouts Ball At .321 Pace In Seven Games

### Freshmen Club Has 6-1 Record; Guy Wallace, Sonny Bollman Lead Hitters

By JAMES DE ANDA

Good pitching and a hitting attack that has averaged 11 hits per game has carried one of A&M's best freshman baseball teams to six wins in seven starts thus far this season. The Aggie power at the plate gives the team a .321 batting mark.

Only a 6-5 ten-inning loss to the Sam Houston State Bearkats mars the record of Coach Charles DeWare's squad. The Fish defeated the Bearkats 12-6 in a tilt here earlier in the season.

Farmer hitters are paced by clean-up man Guy Wallace, who leads the Cadets in every offensive department. The Dallas Aggie has tallied thirteen runs, batted in fifteen more and has connected for fourteen safeties. The fourteen-blows give Wallace a .584 average in the batter's box.

Runner-up to Wallace for hitting honors is third baseman Sonny Bollman. Bollman is one of the four former Austin high school (Houston) players who are starters on the Aggie nine. A member of Esquire's All-American high school team last year, his stick-work this season gives him a .444 mark with an even dozen hits.

Lead-off man Joe Savarino is another Aggie who is belting the ball at well above the .400 mark. The keystone sacker is currently hitting at a .435 clip. Another product of Pete Dowling's Austin nine, Savarino handles the initial spot in DeWare's batting order very well. At one time he had a

	AB	RUNS	HITS	RBBI	BA
1. Baker, cf	5	4	3	4	.800
2. Wallace, ss	24	13	14	15	.584
3. Bollman, 3b	27	11	12	7	.444
4. Savarino, 2b	23	9	10	8	.435
5. McCoy, p	5	2	2	4	.400
6. Warriner, rf	26	7	9	4	.347
7. McPherson, 1b	15	4	5	7	.333
8. Scheulke, cf	6	2	2	0	.333
9. Britt, rf	3	2	2	1	.333
10. Fife, cf	3	1	1	0	.333
11. Ludtke, p	3	1	1	1	.333
12. DeWitt, 1b	17	4	4	5	.235
13. Taylor, cf	13	3	3	3	.231
14. Candelari, lf	13	3	3	2	.231
15. Moon, ss-lf	15	3	3	3	.200
16. Hubert, p	5	1	1	2	.200
17. Graham, c	11	5	2	3	.182
18. Mobley, p	9	1	1	0	.111
19. Dennis, c	10	2	1	3	.100
20. Billings, c	4	2	2	0	.000
21. Wiggins, p	0	1	0	0	.000
243	87	78	72	321	

	W	L	IP	ERA	HA	SO	W	HB
McCoy	2	0	91.3	2	6	13	4	0
Hubert	2	0	16	5	11	17	12	0
Wiggins	1	0	5	1	2	2	1	0
Mobley	1	1	22.1	8	14	18	8	1
Ludtke	0	0	7	4	9	5	5	1

## Yankees Look Like Team To Beat in American League

NEW YORK, April 14 (AP)—The New York Yankees should repeat their 1947 success in the American League pennant race. Unlike last year, however, they will not cake-walk to the championship.

At least two other clubs—Boston and Cleveland—will give the world champions a run for their money. If outfielders Dick Wakefield and Walter (Hoot) Evers should regain their freshman form, the Detroit Tigers, with their wealth of pitching, will have plenty to say before the 1948 race is decided.

This quartet should have a monopoly on the first division. Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics would stand a chance to dislodge one of those clubs if they had anything to back up their gilt-edged pitching staff.

The White Sox have Luke Appling, a fair catching staff, one or two likely looking youngsters and nothing much else. Their hustle and speed should enable them to finish higher than the Senators and Browns. St. Louis' hungry recruits may have enough fire and determination to shove Washington's assorted collection of old timers and minor league graduates into the basement.

Only one week before opening day, the race shapes up something like this:

1. New York	5. Philadelphia
2. Cleveland	6. Chicago
3. Boston	7. St. Louis
4. Detroit	8. Washington

New York figures to be stronger in this year. Joe DiMaggio is in fine physical shape, unlike this time a year ago when he was bothered by a cut-up heel.

The infield is the same which won the world championship. Pitching—and pitching alone—stands between the Red Sox and the flag. Right now the outlook is anything but rosy. A lot depends on the condition of Tex Hughson and Mickey Harris, his two ailing flingers of '47.

Hughson, Boston's most dependable winner over the last few years, has been slow rounding into form following his double arm operation during the winter. He is the key man.

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## Aggie Golfers Drop Match To North Texans

### Four Duels Go Into Extra-Hole Playoff

By JOHNNY HENRY

The undefeated North Texas Golf team eked out a 5-4 win over the Aggies Tuesday at the Bryan Country Club in a cold, driving rain (that didn't let up until the last putt was sunk).

The matches were close and hard fought, four of them going into extra holes.

Frank Piskey and Bill Compton of A&M were one down to Ross Collins and L. M. Crannell Jr. when they stepped on the 18th tee, but Compton made a birdie three on the 18th hole to even the match. Then Compton holed a birdie two on the tricky 21st to close them out one up.

When Bart Halton and Jack Barnett finished the 18th hole, they were even with Palmer Lawrence and Jim Thomas of North Texas. Barnett was flat with Thomas, and Halton was square with Lawrence.

The victory hinged on those three matches. On the 19th hole, Halton chipped in a 20-foot putt shot for a birdie to close Lawrence out and also to beat ball match.

That made the score tied at 4 to 4, as Thomas and Barnett leveled with fours. Barnett lost to Thomas on the 20th hole when his putt stopped within inches of the cup.

**THE RESULTS OF THE MATCHES WERE:**

Gene Towry of N. T. S. T. C. trounced Travis Bryan Jr., 7 and 6. Buster Reed won over Johnny Henry of A&M, 3 and 2. Towry and Reed took Bryan and Henry, 5 and 4.

Flekey of A&M beat L. M. Crannell Jr., 4 and 2. Compton lost to Collins, 5 and 4. Fickey and Compton edged Crannell and Collins one up in 21. Halton of A&M beat Lawrence one up on the 19th hole. Barnett lost to Thomas one up in 20. Halton and Barnett won over Lawrence and Thomas one up in 19.

Bart Halton was medalist for the day with a 71.

## Mural Swimmers Qualify for Finals

Intramural Swimming finals will start tonight at 8 p.m. in P. L. Dowds Jr. Natatorium.

Below are the men who qualified in yesterday's preliminaries: 400 Relay Teams

B Field, C Inf., B Air Force, B Cal, Dorm 14, C Air Force, A Inf., A Composite, B Composite, 100 Backstroke

Compton, E Field, Wheeler, White Band, Sexton, B Eng., O'Mara, Senior Co., Settagast, Hart, Flavers, B Cal., Epps, A FA, Taylor, D FA, Smith, A Inf., and McCullough, A Eng., 200 Breaststroke

Farrar, C FA, Rogers, A FA, O'Connell, A Eng., Shields, A AP, Bates, Hart, Taylor, C Comp., Clark, B Vet., Sorrels, and C Inf., Hollar, Maroon Band, 300 Free Style

Schroder, C Comp., Armstrong, A Inf., Currie, A Inf., McMillan, A Eng., Nichols, B Inf., Slimmoneaux, C AF, Sykes, B FA, Moore, Hart, Pelman, Hart, 300 Medley

B Comp., A Engineers, Hart Hall, B Field Artillery, B Calvary, A Air Force, Dorm 14, and B Filed.

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## Four Mile Relay Team Will Make Trip to Kansas Meet

By ART HOWARD

### Louis Claims Kayo Due for Walcott In Coming Match

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis, on a strict diet of juicy steaks, promises he'll be bigger and tougher for Jersey Joe Walcott June 23.

"I'll knock him out this time," the champ predicted with a cold matter-of-factness after arriving home from Europe yesterday with his handlers, wife Marva and two French poodles named Peter and Paul.

"I don't know what round or how I'll do it but I'll stop Walcott," he added under gentle prodding.

The boys who met Joe on the Queen Elizabeth remarked he looked a bit plumpish.

Joe said he hadn't weighed since he left for his European exhibition tour late February but he wasn't concerned.

He said he had a steak every day while he was gone and he figured he'd weigh around 214 for his return engagement with Walcott in Yankee Stadium.

That's three pounds heavier than he was on December 5 when he picked himself off the floor twice to gain a disputed, split decision over the Jersey veteran.

Tomorrow noon he and Walcott will sign contracts in the office of Edward Eagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

Another A&M team will go to the Kansas Relays this week, it was announced yesterday by Coach Frank Anderson. This team is the champion Aggie Four Mile Relay squad composed of milerers Joe McGlothlin, Carrol Haws, J. D. Hampton and Webster Stone.

The Mile Relay Team and Decathlon-man Bob Goode are the other Farmer entries in the Kansas Relays, which is second in national importance only to the famed Drake Relays.

Coach Kay Putnam will also make the trip to Lawrence, Kansas, with his two relay teams. Putnam said that he did not know of any team in the nation which could beat the Aggie four mile team.

In their only team appearance this year, this squad won the Texas relays without a close competitor. They lapped two teams, Drake and Howard Payne, an unheard-of feat for this distance.

Hampton ran a 4:20 mile in this race and the team made the 16 laps in 17:44.4. This is only seven seconds above the Kansas record of 17:37.

If these four milers can equal their best time, they can run a 17:25 race. Even if they don't do that well, they still have a good chance of breaking the record at the meet.

Arrangements for the distance men's trip were completed yesterday after a quick switch in plans. Previously the team had not been scheduled to go because of the

## Volleyball Teams Lose AAU Tourney

A game but inexperienced pair of Aggie Volleyball teams bowed out in the opening round of play at the Southwestern AAU Volleyball Tournament in Dallas Saturday.

Houston's YMCA team, pre-tourney favorite, came through as expected to cup top honors. The Oklahoma City "Y" took the runner-up spot and the Waco sextet placed third.

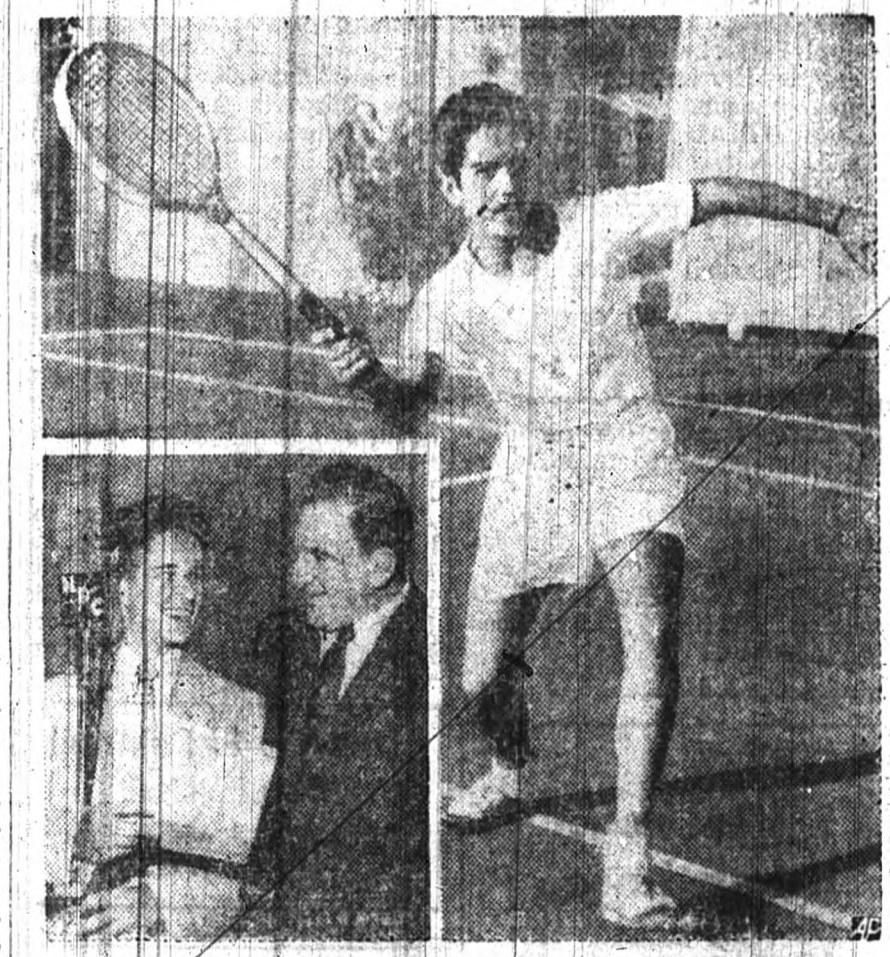
The Waco YMCA bounced the A&M Volleyball Club's team two out of the race while the Brownwood "Y" eliminated Team One.

Team One, composed of Victor Welf, Howard Devaris, Curtis Ray, Jimmy Manacher, Joe Hill, and Ned Burson, surprised everyone by overcoming an 11-1 deficit to down Brownwood 15-13 in the first game. However, the Cadets dropped the next two games.

Nix Ponthieux, who sponsors the Volleyball club, stated that the Aggie sextets will see action again at the Gulf AAU Volleyball Tourney which will be held here on April 24.

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## From Nets to Network



**TOMMY COOK**, 17-year-old Los Angeles youngster who holds the high school championship of that tennis-mad city, steps from behind the nets once a week and holds forth over the network with William Bendis on the "Life of Miles" program. Cook, who has captured many tournament titles in the southern California area, is rated as one of that section's top young players.

## "SMALL ZOO" FOR PARK ANIMALS

PEKIN, Ind., (AP)—The Pe-kin Banner's campaign for a town park has reached a point of desperation. (This southern Indiana town has no park yet, but readers have already filled the newspaper's back yard with donations for a wildlife exhibit for the park. Now the editorial voice is amplified by those of a fox, three goats and white mice.

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