



This is Hart Hall's Championship Medley Relay Team which set a new intramural record last week. BUDDY DEALEY, left, swam the backstroke, MARION SETTEGAST (AC) swam the free style, and BOB BATES, right, took the tiring breaststroke portion of the race.

### Tennis Team Plays S'western Today; Baylor Saturday

The Texas A&M Tennis Team travels to Georgetown today for a non-conference tilt with the Southwestern University Pirates. Coach Dowell will take his four top men, Bill Bennett, Benny Stanford, Rodney Sellers, and Duffy Stanley to Georgetown for the matches with the Pirates. The Ag-

gie men should win the matches with not too much trouble and add another victory to an already impressive record. Saturday, The Aggies play their fourth conference match against the Baylor Bears in Waco.

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Beaumont	5	2	.714
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Oklahoma City	3	3	.500
San Antonio	3	3	.500
Houston	3	4	.429
Shreveport	2	4	.333
Tulsa	2	5	.286

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Press Pass to Sports . . .

## Seven Down, Nine to Go For Aggie Baseball Nine

By ANDY MATULA

The ringmaster at the circus always used to come to the center of the sawdust when every performance was about three quarters through and announce in the best big top manner . . .

"And that's only the beginning, folks, only the beginning. . ."

He was talking about a circus and we're talking about baseball but when you really get down to it, Southwest Conference baseball and a three ring circus have much in common. And with seven games behind them now, the Texas Aggie baseball team can truly say . . .

"The show is just beginning. . ."

About 10:15 p. m. Monday night, the Aggies found themselves leading the SWC after a tense victory over TCU. But the road down to the conference finish is still long and rocky. For even though this past road trip was an exhausting one, the two others still before the Aggies are mined and booby-trapped.

On April 27 A&M goes up to Waco to tangle with the Baylor Bears. For a team that has been eliminated from the SWC crown, the Bears have let it be known that they'll make it tough on any other team aiming for the loop crown. Texas U. found that out Saturday when the Bears sprung a trap door on them. It was the Bruins that stopped Texas' winning streak last year.

They tripped the Longhorns again, this year. They could do

the same against the Aggies. Just because A&M beat the Bears twice this season is no reason that they can't pull a win over the maroon and white. Especially on home ground.

Neither is the weekend of April 30 any bright spot on the Aggie calendar. TCU plays here on April 30 and May 1; they have a better than average pitcher in Jim Barnett and a leading SWC hitter in Jim Busby. They got mean with Texas and they could do the same with the Aggies. On May 4 the SMU nine finishes its schedule against the Aggies. With Erwin Kay pitching, the Ponies will be another rugged outfit. Besides that, they're anxious for a shot at second place.

Then on the 14 and 15 of May, down to Austin go the Aggies to wind up the season against TU. From where the experts are sitting, these two games could decide the conference title. Texas will be tough in their goat pasture of a ball park on the forty-acres. If the Aggies' pitching improves, they may give the Teahounds a hard ride for their money.

### Everyone Wants in the Act . . .

Last year for the first time, the NCAA held playoffs for a national baseball champion. Texas U. won the SWC crown, defeated Oklahoma of the Big Seven, then was defeated by California of the Pacific Coast division. The Bears went on to beat Yale in the finals at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The same deal goes this year. But Texas says hands off this time; they didn't like the beating they got last summer. So that throws the selection wide open in the SWC. Lloyd Messersmith of SMU, district chairman for baseball of the NCAA, sent out letters to all SWC teams

asking if given the chance, would they participate in the playoffs. In replying for A&M, Athletic director Bill Carmichael said that the Aggies were quite interested in these playoffs.

Any team other than Texas winning the conference will get the nomination. Should Texas take the conference crown again, the second place team would get the nod. That could be a toss-up between Baylor, SMU and A&M. Who do we figure to get the pick? We'll tell you around May 15 when this three ring circus of a conference has folded its tent and silently stolen away.

### Do We Or Don't We Have A Record?

Right now, the Aggies may have a new conference record to their credit. Last Saturday they teed off against the Ponies up in Rebel Park and blasted out six home runs. Every ball hit cleared the 40 foot sign in left center field; the distance from home plate was about 350 feet. Bobby Fretz, Tex Thornton, Alvis Nixon, Stan Holmg, and Peck Vass were responsible for the barrage; Vass refused to restrain himself and knocked two of them.

But back to that record. James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the SWC, has baseball records for only the last three years; none approach the six homers of the Aggies.

So there's only one way of finding out whether the Aggies have a record or not. That's to ask our

readers whether they can produce evidence of any better record or not. This appeal is not confined to the campus alone. We're anxious to get the straight scoop so pass the word along. Should no conflicting reports, backed by evidence reach our ears by the end of this season, well, I guess we'll just rack up a new record.

### Quite A Card

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP)—E. F. (Ebb) Caraway, coach of the Lehigh University baseball team, played with the St. Louis Cardinals' farm teams at Shawnee, Okla., Greensboro, N. C.; Scottsdale, Pa.; and Wheeling, W. Va., before deciding on a college coaching career in 1933.

# One Knockout, Several Knockdowns Feature Intramural Boxing Finals

By ART HOWARD

A second-round knockout featured last night's annual intramural "Fite Night" boxing program in the gym. Light-heavyweight Sam Liberto accomplished the feat with a hard right to Cliff Deaton's head in the first 15 seconds of the second round.

Both fighters came out swinging and traded punches until Liberto crowded Deaton into a corner and lifted him off the canvas with the last blow of the fight.

There were several knockdowns in the other bouts but no one stayed down for the count.

One of the best fights of the night was in the 129-lb. class. Short Hershel Shelby and tanky Ramon Castillon of Laramie mixed it up the entire time. Castillon was the best in-fighter of the night and bruised Shelby's face with uppercuts in the clinches.

But Shelby took advantage of Castillon's low guard and gave him some hard, straight punches to the head for the winning points.

Another good pint-sized match was the opening duel between Ralph Wheat of C Inf. and Mike Rivera of Leggett. Rivera looked like the best fighter, but Wheat didn't let that bother him as he landed rights on his opponent's head. Rivera took the first round but lost the next two and the bout.

A near-capacity crowd watched the fighters put on their best performance of the year.

In the welterweight class, Bob Taylor of B AF and Dale Brock of C Composite fought the first round in short spurts punctuated by long pauses.

Taylor started crowding his opponent in the second round. He floored Brock with a short right jab and started for the kill, but Brock kept him at bay the rest of the fight.

Taylor picked up enough points for the win in the second round.

Ray Golden of A Inf. carried the fight to Gus Vietas in the 130-lb. class, but lost the match when he let his guard down too often.

Both fighters came out for blood in the second round.

They alternated turns on the ropes, with Golden getting the best of it. Vietas found too many openings in the third round and gave his opponent several hard punches for the winning points.

In an intermission show, several blindfolded intramural managers had a free-for-all. Bob Speer, Jim McGruder, Bert Huebner, Sam Clark, W. R. Blackburn, Bill Billingsley, and Art Hengst were the victims.

These fighters had to contend not only with low blows, rabbit punches, and unseen opponents, but also with gloves tied on broom handles wielded over the ropes by several other intramural managers.

McGruder boxed all by himself after taking several jabs from an elusive broom handle.

Ken Timmons of A Inf. took a decision from Locke of Hart in the 159-lb. class.

They started out slow in the first round and fought a draw in the second. Timmons did the crowding in the final and deciding round.

Two other good boxers, Sammy Sargent and Harold Zeitman, fought an even match most of the way. Sargent took the first round without either one getting hurt. Zeitman got the best of the slugger in the second round.

Both men were trying for a knockout and traded rushes in the final round, with Sargent taking the most points.

Stocky Pat Green couldn't penetrate (See "KNOCKOUT" on Page 4)



Houston's crack YMCA Volleyball team is shown during a practice session. Going after the ball, No. 4, is ALL-AMERICAN BJORN JOHANSEN. This team will see action here this weekend.

## Gulf AAU Volleyball Meet To Be Held Here Saturday

The first Gulf AAU Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday in DeWare Field House under the sponsorship of the Texas A&M Volleyball Club. The tournament which is to be a double elimination affair will begin at 10:00 Saturday morning and end Saturday night. A trophy and medals will be awarded to the winners.

One of the highlights of the evening will be at 7:30 when an exhibition match between two girl championship volleyball teams will be played. The Houston girls team sponsored by the Grand Prize Brewery of Houston and the Temple All Stars will be the participants in this match.

N. A. Ponthieux, tournament director, and Walter Arbuckle, president of the A&M Volleyball Club have been working on the plans for the meet which they hope will become an annual affair in the Gulf AAU.

The Waco YMCA five has been placed in the number two slot and the rest of the card has been filled with top fight teams. Some of these other clubs are the Dallas YMCA, the Fort Worth YMCA, the Texas University Club, the Waco Club, and the SMU Volleyball team. A&M will enter two teams in the tournament.

A championship trophy, given by the Gulf AAU will be awarded to the top team in the meet Saturday night, and first, second and third place medals donated by Student Activities will be given out also.

All games will be played in DeWare Field House and plenty of good fast volleyball will be going on all day.

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