

## Balanced Sports Program Finally Becoming Reality

By ZERO HAMMOND

A well balanced sports program, something long neglected at Aggieland, appears to have at last started taking shape.

This year for the first time in the memory of most Aggies A&M teams are in a position to win championships in a majority of the spring sports, and if the snowings of the Ag Freshman teams is an indication of things to come, the Farmers will be much stronger in all sports next year.

Out of five conference championships awarded in spring sports Aggie teams stand a good chance to cop three.

The Aggie golf team has only to win two out of six matches with Arkansas this weekend to clinch the conference championship, and the Farmer track team is fated an even choice to win the track championship despite the great show of strength that Texas U. has made at relay meets the last few weekends.

The last time that the Aggies won a golf championship was in 1927 when Gayner Nowell, present Aggie coach, was playing. Since then Texas has completely dominated the sport with not a single interruption in a long string of championships. This year the Farmer golfers composed of Travis Bryan, Bart Halton, Johnny Henry, and Jack Barnett disposed of the teamsters 6-0 and led the SWC championship.

Prospects for a victory in the conference track meet in Houston three weeks from now have taken a turn for the worse because of the Longhorns strong showings in the Texas, Kansas, and Drake Relays, but with a return to form of Bob Goode and several other trackmen who have made very poor showings in the last couple of meets the Farmers should at least enter the meet as co-favorites.

Hopes for a baseball championship got a severe setback Tuesday when the Ags sine dropped a 9-4 decision to Baylor. This leaves A&M only one game behind the

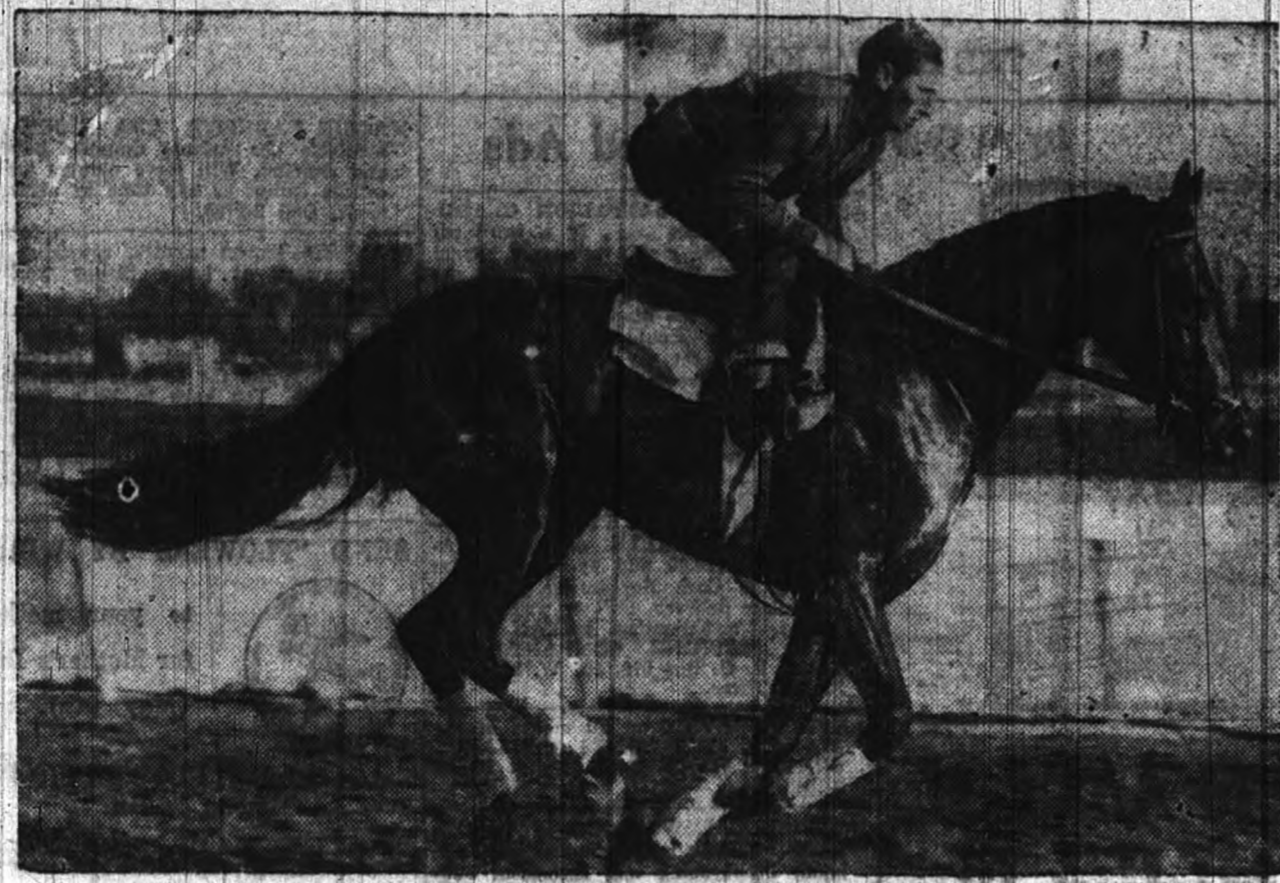
leading Texas Longhorns though, and the Longhorns have to meet both A&M and Baylor twice more which gives the Farmers an advantage. The conference championship will probably hinge on the two games with Texas May 14-15 at Austin.

Tennis is also on the upswing. The tennis team under the direction of Coach W. M. Dowell has shown steady improvement and boasts a respectable conference record. The Farmer netmen still lead the conference in wins and TU for many years the SWC two tennis powers, but given a year or two the team should develop into a top flight outfit.

A&M already rates high in the other spring sport, swimming, and except for some bad luck, namely a key man being ineligible, might have won this year's swimming championship. The addition of a diving coach has done much toward improving the quality of Aggie swimming teams. With the continued improvement of the divers and the addition of several promising freshman next season the tankmen should develop into the team to beat for the title.

Even in basketball, a sport that A&M has been woefully weak in, things are beginning to brighten up. This year's Fish basketball team was the best seen at A&M in several seasons, and their addition to a hot and cold varsity squad should boost the cagers into a contenders role next season.

For years the University of Texas has monopolized most of the spring sports, and the coming power of Aggie teams is something that A&M students and ex-students have long been hoping for.



CITATION IN ACTION

## Farmers Meet Okla. A & M Here Saturday

Saturday afternoon the Aggie track team makes its last home appearance of the season when the tracksters take on the Oklahoma Aggies in a dual meet at Kyle Field.

The undefeated Farmers will be trying to keep their perfect record unblemished and also to get revenge for a 73 1-3 to 62 1-3 beating handed them by the Oklahomans last spring.

Oklahoma A&M boasts the best track team in the Big Six, and judging from the performances of both teams in the past few weeks the meet will be nip and tuck.

Only two meets remain on A&M schedule after the meet this weekend. These are a return dual meet with Texas that is slated for May 7 in Austin and the conference meet which will be held in Houston May 15.

## Golf Team Meets Arkansas in Final Match of Season

A hopeful Aggie golf team left yesterday for Fort Smith, Arkansas, to play their last dual match of the season Friday against the Arkansas Razorbacks.

If the A&M team can take two of the six rounds, they will clinch the conference title. Last year the maroon and white golfers won the most matches, but lost the deciding conference meet to Texas. This year, however, the crown goes to the team winning the most individual duels for the whole year.

There will still be a conference meet to decide the SWC representative in the GAA playoffs. Any of A&M's three top-notch players, Travis Bryan, Jr., Bart Halton, and Johnny Henry have a chance to cop the playoff.

The Aggies are not assured of an easy win in Friday's contest

## One of Smallest Fields In History Expected For Derby

LOUISVILLE, April 29 (AP)—The Weather and Calumet Farm's rambling cyclones, Citation and Coaltown, provided most of the Kentucky Derby discussion today as pre-race indications pointed to one of the smallest fields for the classic since its inaugural in 1875.

Calumet's mighty pair already has managed to scare off all but the bravest of the 1948 three-year olds, and even some of these doubtful ones were praying for a muddy track Saturday afternoon.

A long-range weather forecast calls for a continuation of present 80-degree weather for derby day, but with possible showers.

The muddy track idea is based on the theory that it would slow up Citation and Coaltown sufficiently to give the others some chance of grabbing the major share of the \$100,000 derby swag.

At the moment it looks like a six or seven-horse field, one of the smallest in more than 30 years. Only seven went when old Rosebud won in 1914, and in 1907 Pink Star had to turn back only five rivals.

Citation sauntered out yesterday and leisurely romped away with the derby title. Galedo, the early pacesetter, was last in the field of four.

This eliminated Galedo from Saturday's speculation, but a surprise announcement from New York that Big Dial was flying down today for the derby sustained the seven-horse possibility for Saturday.

GALEDO, Charles O'Neil's possible Derby starter, is one of those thoroughbred rarities, a twin. The colt's twin sister died a week after foaling.

with Arkansas University. The Parker linkmen handed the TCU club a 5-1 beating last week.

Bubba Smart is one of the leading college players in the country and is favored to take his singles match. Luder Moseley is another low-shooter for the Ozark players.

Fort Smith will be the site of the meet because it saves the visitors from a long, hilly trip to Fayetteville. Also, the course at that small town has only nine holes.

## Sports Calendar

FRIDAY—Baseball game here with TCU, 3 p. m. Intramural Track preliminaries, 8:30. SATURDAY—Baseball game here with TCU, 3 p. m. Track meet with Oklahoma A&M. Field events start at 1:30, track at 2:00. SUNDAY—Intramural Track finals. MONDAY, TUESDAY—Junior College Track, Tennis, Golf Tournament.

## Lone Star Race Becoming Close

By The Associated Press It's a horse race for the lead in the Lone Star league.

Last night Longview edged Tyler 1-0 in 11 innings to pull within a half-game of the Trojans.

Meanwhile, Bryan was downing Kilgore 8-5 to go into a tie with Longview for second place.

In other games Gladewater beat Marshall 8-6 and Henderson won over Lufkin 5-2.

## Badminton Contest Starts in Dallas

DALLAS, Tex., April 29.—(AP)—The Southwestern Intercollegiate badminton tournament opens at Southern Methodist University here tomorrow.

## Aggies Need to Sweep TCU Series Here This Week-End

### Fish & Bees Take Spotlight In Weekend Tennis

The Aggie tennis team will take a rest from its SWC schedule this weekend while its subordinates, the Fish and the Bees step into the spotlight.

Saturday morning the Fish squad tangles with Clifton Junior College, and Saturday afternoon the B team plays the Abilene Christian College Netters.

Things get underway at ten Saturday morning when the Fish begin their match with the Clifton five. The Fish group has been showing lots of promise in competitive practice and should give a good account of themselves Saturday.

Jimmy Gray and John Lugar, two Freshmen from Lamar of Houston, Allen and Alvin Aaronson, twins from Cotulla, and Charles Hodges from Sunset in Dallas make up the Frosh squad.

In the Bees the ACC lads will meet a group that has been keeping the varsity busy maintaining their top positions. The Bees are just below the regulars in ability and a lot of the time their hustle is even better.

Members of the B team are James Wallis and Ellis Garlington, both of whom have done some conference playing this year, and Bill Hoover, J. O. Williams, and Jack Norman.

Only action that will be seen by the varsity is a scrimmage that is scheduled to be held with San Angelo High School's netters Saturday.

### Perfect Pitcher

Ken Jones, the Peoria, Ill., Journal-Transcript sports editor, finally is convinced that his boy Bobby, is cut out to be a pitcher.

Hurling against Decatur, Bobby turned in a two-hitter, then went back as a reliever and fanned eight in 2 2-3 innings.

The next morning he looked at the box scores and found that his dad's paper hadn't credited him with a hit he had made.

Bobby howled: "Dad, I need those hits. It's serious."

## Longhorns Also Play Baylor, SMU Meets Rice in Houston

Coach Marty Karow's baseball team will try to hold on to its second rung in conference standings tomorrow when it meets the Texas Christian Horned Frogs on the Kyle Field diamond.

These two teams will finish the series with another game Saturday. Both games are scheduled to start at 3 p. m. A loss for the Farmers would knock them out of a chance for the league title.

Last week Baylor, the team which handed the Aggies a 9-4 beating Tuesday, knocked two TCU hurlers out of the box.

Earlier this season the Aggies beat the Frogs 5-0 in their first encounter at Fort Worth. The TCU pitching staff is weak and may again fall victim to the Aggie heavy hitters.

Starting pitcher for the home team is expected to be Earl Beesley. Although he had a rough time with Baylor on Tuesday, Beesley is expected to be in shape for the game tomorrow.

A&M still has six games left in conference play. The Mustangs come here for a single game next Monday, and the Rice Owls will finish play with the Aggies next weekend. Following that will be the crucial two-game series with the Steers in Austin.

The Longhorns are currently leading the loop with seven wins and one loss. A&M boasts a six and two average. However, the naughty Steers may be in for some trouble tomorrow and Saturday when they meet the Baylor Bears in Austin.

In the other conference games, the Mustangs tangle with the Owls in a two-game series Friday and Saturday.

The Bruins are responsible for the lone loss in the Longhorn's record book and are expected to be troublesome again.

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