

Four SWC Titles At Stake

By ART HOWARD

Spring Sports will come to a close next week in the Southwest Conference with four championships at stake. The Aggies stand a chance of taking three of them, track, golf and baseball, while the tennis team rests firmly in third place.

The golf team has the best chance of any maroon and white squad for a conference crown. However, they will not be able to fight for it—Texas and TCU will decide the conference race in Fort Worth this week. If Texas sweeps the whole match, they will gain a co-championship with the Aggies.

Regardless of team championships, a conference meet will be held in golf and tennis next week in Houston. The purpose is not to pick the winning team, but rather to choose the individual players who will represent the conference in AAU competition.

Playoffs in golf will be held May 13, 14 and 15, and the tennis eliminations will start the same day but finish on the 14th. A&M's best chances for individual championships rests in its tennis doubles team of Bill Bennett and Rodney Sellers, while Travis Bryan Jr. and Johnny Henry will be dark horses in the golf playoffs.

The baseball crown will probably be the roughest road for Farmers. Assuming a clean sweep of the Ride series, the home team will also have to take a clean sweep of the two games next Friday and Saturday against the potent Longhorns in Austin.

One loss will give the Steers a clear title. The hottest race next week will be the conference track meet, also in Houston. On the basis of individual performances, Texas will probably be the paper favorite, regardless of the results today in Austin.

However, Coach Frank Anderson is not overly pessimistic about losing the title which the team won in a close meet last year.

The two teams stack up very close again this year, and it is pos-



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Methodist Group To Meet Monday

The Aggie Ruth Club of the A&M Methodist Church will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday with Mrs. Harold Lynn and Mrs. J. C. Grady, 200 East Avenue, College.

Port Arthur Club To Elect Thursday

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Aggie Tennis Team Defeated By Texas in Last SWC Match

By BILL EVANS

The Texas Aggie Tennis Team brought to a close its 1948 SWC tennis schedule yesterday at Austin with a 6-0 defeat at the hands of the powerful Texas University Tennis squad.

The boys from A&M played well and looked good, but were up against a team whose defeat on the courts will probably take them into the conference championship.

The TU victory over the Aggies leaves only the Rice Owls in their way for the SWC crown and as these two teams, Texas and Rice, will face each other next Monday the possession of the title will probably be decided at that time.

Up to this year each play has decided the champion but the trend has been toward tournament selection and the SWC officials would be used this year.

Bill Bennett was the first Aggie to run into trouble which took the form of TU's Bobby Goldfarb. Bennett lost his match by a score of 6-3, 6-3, after putting up quite a fight. Goldfarb will probably give Bobby Curtis a lot of trouble in the SWC Tournament in Austin.

The number two man on the A&M squad, Benny Stanford had a hard time with Clarence Mabry, the six number one man on the Texas squad and lost his match by a score of 6-3, 6-3, also. Mabry will be more material for the singles championship.

Rodney Sellers was beaten by Frank Arrington, 8-0, 6-0, after having found a great difficulty in maintaining his balance at the net.

In the clean up slot Duffy Stanley didn't quite come through and was dropped by one time A&M enrollee Franklin McClarter to the tune of 6-3, 6-3 again.

There were more 6-3 scores in



Getting ready to start is DON CARDEN, the new addition to the Aggie Mile Relay team. CARDEN also runs the hurdles with his brother, Bill. Don has cut three seconds off of his best time last year in the quarter-mile run.

Ag Eds Plan Show Of Latest Methods

Newly developed methods of dispensing agricultural information will be used to attract the attention of high school students visiting the agricultural education department on A-E Day.

A model of the "shopper-stopper" a self-operating projector showing a continuous reel of pictures, has been procured. It will be used to show the boys what outstanding FFA chapters all over the state are doing. The machine will be in operation in the basement of the Agricultural Engineering Building.

An agricultural movie will also be shown at 1 p.m. in the Agricultural Engineering Lecture Room.

J. G. Walker, A&M FFA president, is in charge of the planning committee.

NEW YORK —(AP)—US sales of baby products like oil, powder, diapers, lotions, creams and other materials reached an estimated \$800 million last year.

NEW YORK, May 7 (AP)—Major U. S. Postoffices soon will sell postage stamps by machine at face value 24 hours a day.

A&M Meets Rice In First Of Two Game Series Today

Beesley Puts In Overtime This Season

Aggie pitcher Earl Beesley is the workhorse in Southwest Conference baseball this season. Eleven times the Texas A&M nine has stepped on the diamond against conference opposition and in ten of those tilt Beesley has appeared on the mound.

The Aggie ace has toiled 60 and 1-3 innings, once hurling on successive days and later three times in four days.

On three occasions, the Cadet righthander has gone to the mound to quell uprisings and save ball games.

Only one team has been able to solve Beesley's tossing. Baylor's Bears nicked the Farmer twirler for ten hits in six frames in the final game played between the two clubs. However, the Bruins were not so fortunate the first time they looked at Beesley's knuckle ball. He whitewashed the Baptists with a one-hit performance on April 6.

In all, Beesley has allowed but 38 hits in the 60 innings he has worked. He has struck out 58 batters and walked 18 in chalk- ing up five victories against two losses.

Beesley's next outing will be against Rice here tomorrow—and Saturday, if needed. Then he'll twirl against Texas in Austin on May 14—and maybe the 15th too, because the championship may be at stake.

Beesley has also pitched in four non-conference games thus far, just to stay in shape. After all, he doesn't want another sore arm like he had last season.

Aggie Rodeo Team Enters Ft. Worth Rodeo Tomorrow

The Texas Aggie Rodeo team leaves for Ft. Worth today to compete in the first TCU Intercollegiate Rodeo Saturday afternoon.

Some ten other southwestern schools will enter teams in the rodeo. Among those expected to enter are Hardin-Simmons, Sul Ross, Texas Tech, John Tarleton, New Mexico A&M, and Colorado A&M.

The Aggie team will include Lloyd Griffith and James Day who were members of the team that won the Tucson, Arizona, Rodeo, Prince Wood, All-Round Champion at Tucson, will not enter the Fort Worth show because he is superintendent of the horse show at the Little Southwestern Livestock Show here this weekend.

After the rodeo in Ft. Worth part of the team will continue on to Austin for a dual meet with Texas in Bareback Riding and Bull Riding.

The show in Austin will be held at the Buck Steiner Rodeo Arena. Gold and Silver buckle sets donated by Steiner will be given to the winner of each event in Austin.

Competing in Bareback Bronc Riding in Ft. Worth will be James Day, Ann Poyner, Lloyd Griffith, Tom Johnson, Lynn Williams, and Tom Roberts. Griffith, Johnson, and Williams will also enter the Saddle Bronc event.

Payne, Day, and Maxie Overstreet will participate in Bull Riding. Hub Ellis and Bob Woodward will Bulldog. Woodward and Bill Hogg will compete in the roping events.

Those going to Austin will be Roberts, Day, Poyner, and Griffith.

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Farmers Need Clean Sweep To Stay in Conference Race

By ZERO HAMMOND

Texas A&M puts its baseball title hopes on the line again this afternoon when the Farmer baseball nine meets the Rice Owls in the first of two game series. The second game will be tomorrow afternoon. Both games start at 3 p. m.

A loss in either of the two games would deal a severe blow to Aggie hopes for a conference championship. At the moment the Aggies are in second place in SWC standings, only a half game behind the Texas Longhorns.

If A&M wins its two games with Rice, and Texas wins its games with SMU and TCU this weekend, the conference championship will hinge on the two game series between A&M and Texas to be played in Austin May 14 and 15. A loss by the Aggies would virtually eliminate them from the race as they would then have to sweep the TU series to even gain a tie for the title.

Rice stands to gain little but satisfaction from a win over the Aggies since the feathered flock is currently next to last in conference standings with a record of three wins and nine losses. A win would do nothing but strengthen their hold on fifth place.

Two Aggies are batting above the .400 mark and five are batting over .300 as the maroon and white nine moves into the last two weeks of conference play.

Leading the Aggie hitters is Centerfielder Zeke Strang, who has pounded out six safeties in 14 attempts at bat for a .429 average. Two of these hits were home runs that Strang belted over the center field fence in last Monday's SMU game.

Boasting the best average from the standpoint of the number of times at bat is Second Baseman Cotton Lindloff. Lindloff has hit safely 20 times for a very respectable .408 average in conference games. Whereas Strang has only been at bat 14 times Lindloff has faced opposing pitchers 49 times.

Jim Calvert, the Aggie's catcher, is currently hitting a healthy .353 for the number three spot in the hitting department. Jim has 12 hits in 34 batting attempts.

NEW YORK (AP)—Production of steel pipe in the United States totals 6,000,000 tons annually.

Three Farmers are tied for the number four spot with .341 averages. They are Leftfielder Stan Hillmig, Shortstop Tex Thornton, and First Baseman and Rifer Bobby Fretz.

The other Aggie batting above the .300 mark is Peck Vass, utility man, who has five hits in 16 times at bat for a .313 batting average.

In the runs batted in department Tex Thornton leads the field with 12 followed by Lindloff with 10 and Hillmig with nine. Strang holds the one game record by virtue of the five runs that he knocked in during the game with SMU Monday.

Big Stan Hillmig has received the most bases on balls, nine, due chiefly to several intentional walks given him by fearful enemy moundsmen. Walter Willingham received seven before he went out with a broken ankle, and Russell Mays, leadoff man, has worked opposing pitchers for six free trips to first.

The complete team statistics as of May 6 are as follows:

| AGGIE STATISTICS (Conference Games Only) | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|-----|----|------|
| | Ab | R | H | Rbi | Bb | Pct. |
| Mays | 46 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 6 | .239 |
| Lindloff | 49 | 15 | 20 | 10 | 3 | .408 |
| Strang | 14 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 2 | .429 |
| Willingham | 24 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | .208 |
| Hillmig | 44 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 8 | .341 |
| Fretz | 41 | 11 | 14 | 7 | 6 | .341 |
| Vass | 16 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | .313 |
| Clark | 22 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | .227 |
| Burnitt | 29 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | .207 |
| Thornton | 44 | 6 | 15 | 12 | 5 | .341 |
| Calvert | 34 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 4 | .353 |
| Maher | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Nixon | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 | .286 |
| Beesley | 24 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | .208 |

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