

# Batt Sports Award To Be Announced

Presentation of the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Award will take place next Saturday at the Southwest Conference Track Meet in Houston.

The award will be presented by "The Battalion" to the Southwest Conference member school whose student body and athletic teams exhibited the highest standards of sportsmanship during the school year 1947-48.

The winning school was selected by a poll of some 35 student leaders and faculty members of the seven Southwest Conference schools together with sixteen conference athletic officials and the Conference Executive Secretary James H. Stewart.

The award will consist of a three foot tall trophy designed and constructed by the L. G. Balfour Company, manufacturing jewelers, and a distinctive wall plaque made by the same company.

The trophy will be rotated from year to year among the winning schools, while the plaque will become the permanent property of the winning school.

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# Conference Bowl Games Expected To Be Curtailed

DALLAS, May 12 —(AP)—The Southwest Conference faculty committee, meeting at Houston Friday night, is expected to restrict participation of its members in New Year's Day Bowl games and to cut in each member of the conference on the proceeds of those that do participate.

A committee has already made its recommendations to the faculty group but what they are was not revealed today by James H. Stewart, conference executive secretary, who said this matter and the question of penalties for violation of the rule on financial aid to athletes would be the major topics of discussion at the annual spring meeting.

Last January 1 four conference schools had teams in bowl games, bringing the demand from some quarters that there be a limit placed on such participation.

There were reports that the faculty committee might not restrict the number of teams but accomplish the objective by reducing the financial haul for the participants. This would be done by cutting in all members of the conference on the money the participating team received.

Stewart has made recommendations regarding control of financial aid to athletes. The rule now in effect limits such aid to tuition, books, room, board and laundry and bans all outside help. Stewart is recommending the penalties that will be invoked for violations.

Another question up for discussion is expected to involve elimination of B-team football which has been allowed during recent years as a means of providing competition for as many students as possible during abnormal enrollment. Coaches favor return to the old system of only varsity and freshman teams.

# Arkansas May Provide SWC Track Margin

## Season's Showings Gives Texas Slight Advantage Over Aggies

By The Batt Sports Staff

Anything can happen in the Southwest Conference track meet but the Battalion Sports staff feels as though they have figured out how things will wind up in Houston on May 15.

While it is definite that the Longhorns and the Aggies will battle it out for the Conference Track Crown in Houston this weekend, the Arkansas Razorbacks have to be considered if one wishes to figure out the outcome of the SWC classic.

The Razorbacks, led by the versatile Clyde Scott, boast strength in every event and the way the Porker entries stack up against the Aggies and the Steers will be the biggest factor in deciding the SWC track champions.

Scott, who specializes in the hurdle races is also an excellent sprinter and a crack javelin tosser. Scott is capable of running the 120 yard high hurdles in 14 flat and the 20 yard low hurdles in 23 flat. The latter time is the SWC record in the low hurdles.

Last week Scott ran the 100 yard dash in 9.4 seconds, which equals the world record, and is one tenth of a second under the conference mark. Although he was helped by a wind at his back this means that the Arkansas flash will figure in the Century come Saturday.

Scott's other accomplishments include throwing the javelin close to 190 feet and anchoring the Razorback's crack sprint relay team.

Another headache (as far as the Aggies are concerned) on the Arkansas squad is Charles Baker, versatile thiny clad who captured the Decathlon crown at the Kansas Relays.

Some of Baker's feats are: high jumping 6'4", pole vaulting 12'6", putting the shot 16'6", throwing the discus 143', throwing the javelin 188' and broad jumping 22'. Baker is also a member of the Arkansas sprint relay team.

Word has been received from the forty acres that the Longhorns crack broad jumper and sprinter, John Robertson, is over his leg injury and he will be in top shape for the conference battle.

Texas has shifted their distance men in an effort to grab more points in the big meet. Jerry Thompson's new running mate in the mile is ex-two-miler Dickie Brooks. In the two mile, Jack Nipper, who has been recuperating from a leg injury, will run with Thompson in the two mile event.

Col. Frank Anderson, Aggie track coach, may shift his squad slightly to overcome the first place power of the Steers.

Blair Cherry, University of Texas football coach, says he's going to have a top-flight football team next fall. "But it won't be undefeated; no team can do that in the Southwest Conference," he says.

Football coach Bob Woodruff of Baylor was in Austin for the Texas Interscholastic League Track and Field Meet.

"Looking for football players?" I asked, mentioning Townsend, et al. "No," he grinned. "I'm trying to find a good Cross-Country man to help out the track team."

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Two Aggies who will figure prominently in next Saturday's conference track meet are RAY HOLBROOK, left, and ERVIN BILDERBACK. Both men are on the A&M crack mile relay team, which will be trying to set a new conference record.

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## Thompson Lauded As Greatest Runner in SWC Track History

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF

DALLAS, May 11 —(AP)—Strangely enough, my most lasting memories of little Jerry Thompson in sports are of a sprawling figure in hot enders.

No athlete ever gave me more thrills, none ever accomplished more or contributed as much to sports, as this tiny man of track-don. He was and is—until Saturday anyway—the greatest runner the Southwest ever knew.

The plunge to the enders at Austin occurred in Thompson's junior year in high school. It robbed him of a place in the mile run of the Texas Interscholastic league meet.

The fall to the track at Fort Worth was in the half-mile of the Southwestern Recreation Meet. In each instance Thompson got up and continued the race.

At Austin he was too handicapped by a big field of runners to overcome the disadvantage. At Fort Worth he almost won the half-mile anyway.

I watched and wrote about Thompson from high school through college. I have tried to immortalize him in a book soon to come off the presses. In my mind this little man with the fiercest competitive urge of them all should stand forever as a monument to the best there is in sport.

The argument continues over

whether or not Texas high schools should have a spring training period for football.

Each side has its strong points.

The one that impresses me most—and the only one—from opponents of banning spring football has to do with injuries. If going away with this training period brings more hurts than I say put it back into the program as soon as possible.

Paul Leming, Beaumont high school's great hurdler (he bettered the national scholastic record last week by running the 200-yard lows in 21.4) is going to Texas U.

He was a four-spot letterman at Beaumont High—football, basketball, baseball and track—but he'll confine his endeavors to track at Texas.

Byron Townsend, Odessa's great all-around athlete, says when he high jumps 5 feet 9 inches, he broad jumps 18 feet 6 inches,—meaning he flies through the air that far if he were high jumping 6 feet 3. I presume, he could also

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# Aggie Golfers Win SWC Title As TCU Takes Two From Texas

The Texas A&M Golf team, thanks to the TCU Frogs, is now the proud possessor of the South West Conference Golf Championship.

The Aggies, who threw the SWC golf championship into a very close finish with their surprising defeat at the hands of the Arkansas foursome, were literally riding their winning hopes on the

frons and woods of the Froggie Four and the boys from Cowtown came through.

The University of Texas golfers won a 1-2 victory over Texas Christian, but it was soured a bit because the Frogs' two points kept Texas out of a tie for the Southwest Conference championship.

TCU's Jack Williams and Bob Malone did Texas A&M the favor of spoiling Texas' last chance yesterday.

Williams beat Hugh Dahlberg, 3 and 1, and teamed with Malone to beat Morris Williams and Dahlberg, 3 and 2, in the number one low ball match.

At the beginning of the Texas-TCU tussle the conference standings were A&M-27 and Texas-21, so if Texas had won all six points in the Fort Worth the Golf Crown would have to have been shared.

The members of the A&M team who have been ably coached by Gaither Nowell, pro ably the Bryan Country Club, are Travis Bryan Jr., Bart Halton, Johnny Henry, and Jack Burnett.

There will be a conference playoff at Austin next weekend to decide the SWC representatives to the CAA tournament. And all of the Aggie team have a good chance of making that team.

# Midshipman Killed In Javelin Accident

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 12 —(AP)—A javelin hurled by a classmate yesterday killed Midshipman Geo. J. Elipolus, Naval Academy athlete.

Capt. E. B. Taylor, Navy athletic director, said the 23-year-old victim "was struck in the neck by a javelin that slipped from the hands of Midshipman George B. Stone." Elipolus pulled the spear from his own neck, but collapsed and died within four minutes.

The two boys had been working out together at the Thompson Stadium when the mishap occurred.

# Heavy Rain Cancels Rice-Baylor Ball Game

HOUSTON, Texas, May 12 —(AP)—A heavy afternoon rain forced cancellation of Tuesday's Southwest Conference baseball game between Rice Institute and Baylor University.

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