

Aggies Open Crucial Two Game Series With Longhorns Friday

Trackmen's Last Appearance Of Season at Conference Meet

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Aggie Netters Leave For Rice and SWC Tennis Meet

By BILL EVANS

The Texas Aggie Varsity Tennis Team and Coach C. M. Dowell left this morning for Houston and a crack at individual honors in the SWC Tennis race. The event is the SWC Championship Tennis Tournament and the honors to be decided are the conference singles and doubles titles.

Competition began at 10:00 this morning after drawings were held at 9:00 and the tournament will probably be finished by Saturday morning at which time the awards will be made.

Bobby Curtis of Rice, last year's runner up in the singles race and also one half of last year's championship doubles team, will probably be top seeded and will be expected to take the singles crown, but of course anything can happen and usually does in a SWC tournament.

In the doubles race it will most likely be team with Chick Harris and give the rest of the entries a run for their money.

The playing in this tournament will end the official season for

Twenty-Nine Men Will Make Trip To Houston Meet

Saturday, Texas A&M's once defeated track team makes its last appearance of the season when the thinly clad participants in the conference track meet in Houston.

Only defeat on the Aggies record to date is a 62 to 60 loss that was suffered at the hands of the Longhorns in a dual meet in Austin last weekend.

The results of this meet were in the opinion of most of the experts a prelude to the outcome of the conference track meet in Houston this coming weekend.

Several "ifs" will probably determine to a large extent the Aggies' chances to successfully defeat the conference race line big if is the Arkansas Razorbacks. What the Razorback's Clyde Scott and Charles Baker do in the meet will probably decide whether Texas or A&M is to wear the conference crown. Scott runs the 100 yard dash, both hurdles, and also throws the javelin. Baker who won the decathlon at the Kansas Relay meets participates in all the field events.

The other ifs are what the other SWC schools will come up with, but past performances indicate that except for the points that Rice wins in the hurdles and high jump and the points that Arkansas takes the meet will be just about a two team affair between Texas and Texas A&M.

A&M tracksters who will participate in the conference meet Saturday are: Burdett, Bill Cardon, Don Cardon, and Bob Hall, sprinters; Webb Jay, William Adams, and Jerry Wilson, 400 meters; Art Harnden, Ray H. Brook, Jerry Hilderbeck, and Combs, 800 meters; J. D. Hampton, Gary Hahn, Joe McElathin, Jerry Danner, Roye Raven, and Bob Atkins.

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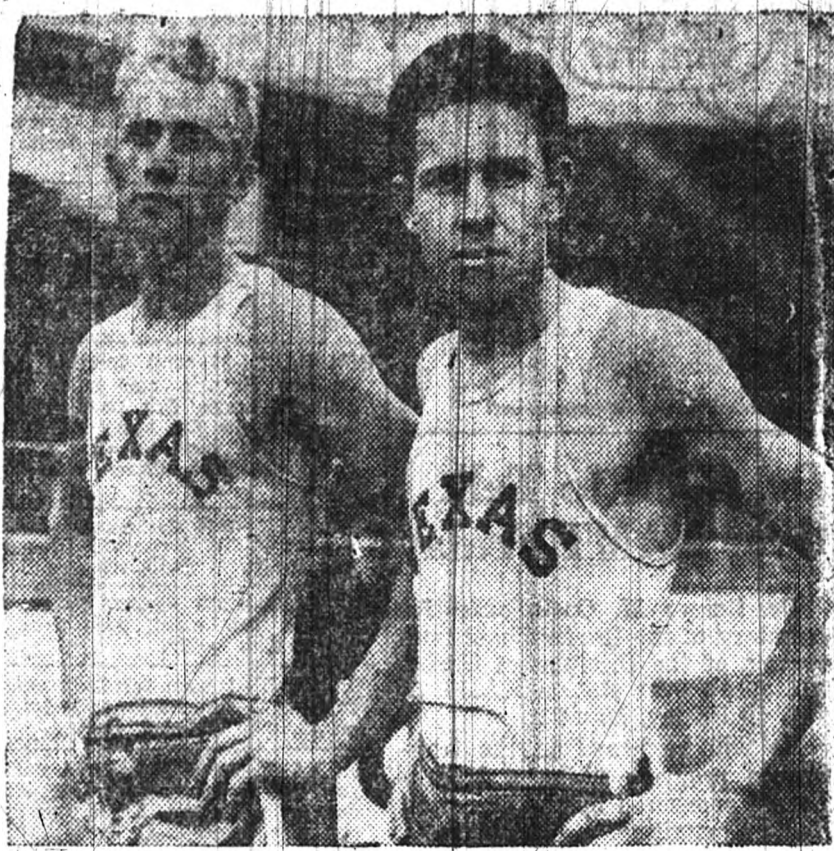
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Texas' two distance twins, DON SPARKS and JERRY THOMPSON, right, will give the Aggies a lot of trouble in the conference track meet at Houston Saturday. THOMPSON won the half-mile, the mile and the two mile races last year and is favored to win the last two events again this year.

Puryear Hall Wins Beaumont And Series From Hart In Vet Baseball

By CLIFF ACKERMAN

Puryear Hall edged out a 1 to 3 win over Hart Hall which gave them the campus championship in intramural Veteran League softball. Puryear Hall will now meet the winners of the College View leagues to play for the Veteran Championship.

Puryear started out early in the ball game to take a three run lead in the first inning. Starting the rally was left fielder Curtis McLeod, lead off man, who made first base on an error. Second baseman Bill Day followed with a single.

With two men on, Wakefield hit a four single scoring McLeod and Day. Wakefield was then fouled out on an attempted steal at third base. Shortstop Simpson made it to first on another Hart error and hit second on Powell's home run to tie the game.

Puryear came back fast in the third inning to tie the game. Erbas, ace pitcher for Hart, led off by taking a walk to first base. The Hart bats next up and flew out. Shortstop Jack Miller then walked.

Jack Shugart, Hart's first baseman, followed Miller and hit the ball into right center field for a safety scoring Echols and Miller.

The tying run came when left fielder Allen Hughes hit to right field sending Shugart home.

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Farmers Must Make Clean Sweep of Games With Steers to Win SWC Championship

By ANDY MATURA

Two games with Texas University . . . that's all that's left on the Aggie-SWC baseball slate this season. Both games will be played on Clark Field in Austin, Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Currently in second place in the conference race, the Aggies stand a chance to beat TU out of the top rung. A sweep of this crucial series would win the Aggies this year's pennant. However one game lost to Texas would definitely make the Longhorns the champions.

The nearest A&M has been to taking the SWC championship was in 1943. Only three teams played in competition that year. . . Rice, Texas and A&M and the Aggies split the crown with the Longhorns.

Pitching will be the main trouble of the A&M nine this weekend. Marty Karow will probably start Earl Beesley on the mound Friday afternoon. Earl at the present time has won six games and lost two. He has pitched more innings of ball than any other hurler in the conference with sixty-five innings behind him.

For the second game with the Longhorns, Karow will either use Alvis Nixon, Bob Fretz or Art Newman. Fretz has three wins to his credit and Nixon has one in SWC play.

With this pair of games, seven Aggie players will end their college careers on the diamond. They are Earl Beesley, Pack Vass, Tex Thornton, Art Newman, Dusty Clark, Zeke Strange, and Jesse Burditt.

Beesley is one of the outstanding baseball prospects to ever play at Couege S.A.O.A. coming from Adanson High in Dallas, Earl entered here in 1943 but did not play baseball that year. He was on the celebrated 1943 Aggie football team. During his service career, he played for the Luke Field, Arizona mine. He returned to A&M in 1946 in time to play for the 1946 team. Last year and this year finish Beesley's playing with the Aggies.

Peck Vass is the Aggies' man of all positions. Last year he worked out-gardens for the maroon and white. He started out there this year then shifted to first base and then went behind the plate to aid Jim Calvert in catching. A better than average batter, Peck was noted for blasting out two home runs against SMU in one game this season. Vass has also played baseball while in school at Aggie-land.

Next year's ball club will miss the services of their stellar short stop, Tex Thornton. Thornton, who hails from Leonard, has been handling infield for A&M for the past three years. Tex is now batting over the .300 mark in conference play.

Pitcher Art Newman lettered for the 1946 Aggie team. Newman is a San Antonio product and has seen little service this year due to an auto accident. A right-hander, Newman throws a fast, breaking curve and is noted for his control on the mound.

Three outfielders round out these seven departing players. Dusty Clark, five foot six, played last year on the 1947 team and then was promoted to the Varsity this year. A fast moving left fielder, Clark covers the right field area easily and hits with the sides.

Zeke Strange recently broke into the Aggie lineup in a big way. Replacing Walter Williams, Strange cracked out two home runs against surprised TCU in their first game this season. Strange is batting in the .400 percentage now.

Last out, by no means least, is Abeline. In 1943 he was a team



Shortstop CHICK ZIMLER has been leading the Longhorns' attack this year and will be a headache for the Aggie pitchers in Austin this weekend.



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Maltz Is Ninth Aggie to Hit Round Tripper

Herschel Maltz the past weekend became the ninth Texas Aggie to join the "I-Hit-A-Home-Run Club" during the Southwest Conference play this season.

The Aggies have a total of 17 homers in 13 games with a two-game championship series with Texas University at Austin Friday and Saturday remaining on the schedule.

Stanley Hollmig leads the homer parade with four. Cotton Lindloff has three, Bobby Fretz, Peck Vass and Zeke Strange, two each, and Jesse Burditt, Tex Thornton, Alvis Nixon and Maltz, one each.

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White Band Beats A Inf to Enter Corps Finals

By BILL THORNTON

White Band took the last of a three game series in the Corps Intramural League yesterday by defeating A Infantry, 10-2.

The musicians took the lead early in the game and held it all the way, scoring in every inning except the fourth.

Pitcher Gamm Fergus of A Infantry had trouble with his control and walked eleven batters while allowing eight hits. Manuel Kuta relieved Fergus in the seventh inning.

Fisher was the winning pitcher, allowing the infantrymen only two hits and two runs in seven innings. Martin relieved Fisher in the seventh inning and held the losers scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The White Band players were credited with only one error, while A Infantry committed five miscues, four of which led to runs.

The leading batters for the White Band were Ulmer and Vaughn, both men getting 3 for 5. Fergus and Mattei were the only men to get hits off Fisher.

Louis Celebrates 34th Birthday
BLOOMINGDALE, Mich., May 13—(AP) — Joe Louis, training here for defense of his world heavyweight championship against Jersey Joe Walcott in New York June 23, throws off diet restrictions today to celebrate his 34th birthday.
PHILADELPHIA, May 13—(AP) — South Africa's Bobby Locke and 103 sand-traps are expected to make it even hotter than the weather for the 188 other participants in the Philadelphia Inquirer's invitational golf tourney that gets under way today.
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