

Aggies, Steers Duel For Southwest Conference Baseball, Track



Forming one of the fastest sprint relay teams in this section of the country is the Aggie quartet of (from left to right) WEBB JAY, WARREN WILSON, ROBERT HALL and BILL NAPIER. These men will be out to upset the heavily favored Texas Sprinters at the Conference Meet in Houston Saturday.

Clark Field Scene Of Diamond Clash Friday, Saturday

The Aggie baseball team, surprise contender for Southwest Conference diamond laurels, faces the supreme test this weekend when Marty Karow's crew tackles the defending champion Texas Longhorns in a two-game series in Austin. Earl Beesley, ace of the Aggies' mound corps, will take the hill in Friday's game and will probably be opposed by Texas' Bobby Layne. The Aggies, picked to finish third by pre-season forecasters, will be bidding for clear-cut possession of the title when they step onto Clark Field Friday. By winning both games, the Farmers will be in. If the two teams split, Texas can win the title by defeating TCU in a game postponed earlier in the season. If Texas loses to the Frogs after splitting with the Aggies, the championship will end in a tie.

Beesley will be seeking revenge from Layne who bested the Aggie pitcher, 5 to 4 in the only previous meeting of the two hurlers this year. Beesley has lost only one other conference game, to Baylor, while leading the Aggies to a contending position in the championship race.

The Aggies will probably rely on their big weapon—the home run—to overcome the "Layne jinx" Friday. Seventeen homers by nine different men have played an important role in the Aggie's unexpected good showing in conference warfare this year.

Stanley Hollmig, the 1947 Home Run King, is again pacing the Farmer circuit's clouters with four in SWC games.

Cotton Lindloff has hit three. Coach Karow was undecided when he would start in Saturday's game. The choice will be among Bob Fretz, Al Nixon and Art Newman.

The two games will mark the end of the college playing careers of seven Aggies. Beesley, Peck Vass, Tex Thornton, Newman, Dusty Clark, Zeke Strange and Jesse Burditt, all will hang up their gloves following the series.

Open Badminton To Start Monday

The intramural open badminton tournament will get underway Monday, May 17. There are 38 men entered in singles and 18 doubles teams scheduled.

Jimmie Tittle, last year's runner up in singles, is entered this year and will be the man to beat for the championship. Tittle lost to Joe Lander for the 1947 College Championship. Lander did not enter the tournament this year.

The winner in doubles last year was the team of Hahn and Haskins, who beat Tittle and Lander. Neither of these teams are entered this year.

All winners of the tournament will be awarded intramural medals.

Wearers of the Green

SOUTH BEND, Ind. —(AP)—Illinois and Pennsylvania are the leading contributors to Notre Dame's football team, according to the spring roster. Nineteen boys from each of these two states are on the 1948 Irish squad, and 15 of the 19 Illinois boys come from Chicago. Next to the first two is Ohio, with ten representatives.



All three of these Texas sprinters, ALLEN LAWLER, CHARLEY PARKER, and PERRY SAMUELS, are National Junior Champions. Parker has placed first in the 100 and 200-yard dashes in every Conference meet this season.

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Bart Haltom Leads Conference Golf Tourney by One Stroke

Bart Haltom, No. 2 player on the Texas A&M team, took a one-stroke lead at the halfway point of the Southwest Conference golf meet Thursday, carding a 67-73 (-12) on the par 74 Brae Burn country club course.

Haltom leads Ed Hopkins of Texas by a single blow. Hopkins had 71-72 (-10) Thursday. Next in line are Bob Watson, Texas university's No. 1 player, and Bob Malone of TCU, both with 111's. Malone had the day's best 18-hole score, with a blazing six-under 66 Thursday morning but slipped 12 strokes to 78 during the afternoon turn.

Still very much in the running with 146 is Hugh Lindberg, the 1946 champion from Texas, who had 146; Dick Smith, the Aikman Bayler, both of whom had 147. The final 36-hole round will be held Friday. The medal play is for the individual championship only. Texas A&M has already won the team title.

Monday's scores on the opening 36-hole round:

- Bart Haltom, Texas A&M, 67-73 (-12)
- Ed Hopkins, Texas, 71-72 (-10)
- Bob Watson, Texas, 71-72 (-10)
- Bob Malone, TCU, 71-72 (-10)
- Blackie Danberg, Texas, 74-72 (-10)
- Richard Smith, Arkansas, 74-72 (-10)
- Tommy Parry, Baylor, 75-71 (-9)
- Travis Bryan, Texas A&M, 75-71 (-9)
- Merrill Williams, Ohio, 74-71 (-8)
- James Moberg, Arkansas, 75-71 (-8)
- Jack Williams, TCU, 75-71 (-8)
- Wallace McCreary, Baylor, 76-71 (-7)
- Jack McCreary, Baylor, 76-71 (-7)
- LeRoy Henry, Texas A&M, 75-75 (-6)
- Jerry Bennett, Texas A&M, 75-75 (-6)
- John Plummer, Rice, 75-75 (-6)
- Bob Henry, SMU, 75-75 (-6)
- Ernest Cardon, Rice, 84-75 (-1)
- Gene Darby, Jr., Texas A&M, 81-82 (-2)
- Clark Henscher, Texas, 77-86 (-1)
- Frank Ficker, Texas A&M, 81-82 (-2)
- Phil Feltz, Rice, 82-81 (-1)
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Prelims Set Today In Houston; Texas Favored in Finals

Preliminaries for the SWC track title started today in Houston. The Longhorns will enter the meet as slight favorites because of their 62-60 victory over the maroon and white in Austin last week. Five records will be in peril as the two teams clash for the title of tomorrow.

Aggie George Kadera will be out for the conference mark in the discus after exceeding it in nearly every meet this season. Kadera has gone almost ten feet further than the conference mark of 163 feet 8 1/2 inches.

A&M's mile relay team is also expected to set a new mark. Their best time this season is 3:15.2, compared with the mark of 3:16.7. Jerry Thompson is expected to break the two-mile mark of 9:32.4 with ease. The tiny Texan has hit a 9:24.5 in this race, and Coach Clyde Littlefield said that he will not run Thompson in three events this year, as was the case last year, so that he will be able to set a new mark.

Longhorn runner Charlie Parker has also made some under-record performances this year and may break the century record which he has been flirting with for two years.

However, rain and Arkansas may hold the key to the conference crown. Two Arkansas field-and-track men, Clyde Scott and Charles Baker, will figure prominently in the day's activities and are expected to take 20 scarce points from the leading contenders.

Early weather reports predict rain for the Houston area today, and a wet or muddy track could upset the predictions.

Some of the events which the two schools will need for a win are the shot put, high jump, broad jump and pole vault.

Field events will start at 1:30 p. m. and will be broadcast over station WTAW, starting at 2 p. m.

The baseball game and the Conference track meet will be carried over Station WTAW starting at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Cisco Quits Job As SWC Referee

WEATHERFORD, Tex., May 14 (AP)—Big Jack Cisco, whose run-ins with the fans over his officiating last fall brought about as much notoriety as the Southwest football campaign, is calling it a day.

Today he declared he would not officiate either college or high school games next season and probably never would officiate again.

"I have written the Southwest conference to cancel the five games I was to work and I am doing the same with a dozen high schools," he said.

Cisco, who is in the automobile business here, said working football games last fall represented a financial loss anyway. "I could stay here and sell one old beat-up car and make more than I ever got out of refereeing a football game," he asserted.



A&M's crack mile relay team composed of (from left to right) DON CARDON, ERVIN BILDERBACK, RAY HOLBROOK and ART HARNDEN. This is the team that won the mile relay event in both the Kansas and Drake Relays. They will be out to set a new SWC record in Houston Saturday. Their best time so far this season is 3:15.2 which they ran in the Drake Relays.

Aggie Reply

Haul out all your extra crying towels—for special shipment to the Forty Acres. The teasippers are going to need them after this weekend.

We can see it all now in Sunday's papers. "Aggies Snow Steers To Win SWC Track, Baseball Titles."

Just think, not only do we clip the Sips, in Austin for the Baseball crown, but our track team demolishes Clyde Littlefield's motley collection of stumblers down in Houston.

It looks like Saturday is truly going to be a blue day for the Steers—the slow, awful humiliation of a once-proud teasipper track team.

The quarter-mile Aggie, Aggies and more Aggies; the cinders will be crowded with Aggie Harneden, Holbrook, Bilderback, Cardon, finishing one, two, three, four and adding 11 points toward the championship.

Bob Hall skimming over the low hurdles to add five more points to the cause with Texas' magic letting lucky and pulling in one point with Boren staggering home fourth.

George Kadera having a field day in the weight events. He'll throw that discus out of sight, teasippers, and when he picks up the shot, well, just put up five steps nearer the throne room.

And then the Pole Vault. Gads, we've got almost as many pole vaulters as Texas does athletes: Al Ricks, Leland Tate, Johnny Davis, Jack Quincy and Larry Robinson. And what has Texas got? One scrawny little specimen, name of Walters, who will probably fall on his face from sheer exhaustion after lifting the pole a couple of times.

And what's all this noise we hear about Texas being the "Great White Father" when it comes to distance races? Malarkey—pure propaganda. So, well, give Thompson a couple of first places, but hardly three. He's being passed so hard by Aggies in all three events the 180, mile and two mile tonight, now, that if he tries to run them all, he'll lose at least one and maybe two.

We've got Webster Simpson to push him in the 880 and Carol Hahn and Joe McGoldlin in the 1000 yard and mile. As for the two mile, Thompson may take the first, but the Aggies are gonna come stomping home with second, third and fourth—Hampton, Raven, and Bomen. So we get six points in two mile to five for Texas.

And while we think of it, we might call the attention of our optimistic but misguided friends in Austin to the fact that all may not be so rosy for the Sips in their two "hot" field events—the javelin and discus. In fact, from the looks of things, the atmosphere will be so frigid it will make a brush off by an experienced female look like a hot day in July.

Robertson, the Steers' big hope in the broad jump, is about as consistent as a wet wash rag. And now, he's got knee trouble; our heart goes out in sympathy. As an aid in getting him out of the hospital, we might remind dear Robertson that one James Hill soared nearly 21 feet in the meet with Oklahoma A&M. And then we've also got Webb Jay, who's been holding reserve in the broad jump just so he can make the afternoon relay for Texas.

We got all this plus—an unenviable mile relay team, sprinter Webb Jay and Bill Napier, goalies, Don and Bill Cardon, high jumper Art Haws, broad jumper Joe and Coleman, shot put Franklin Young and—well why go on that night to give even the most misled Longhorn the undying creeps.

P. S. All donations for the "Towels For Teasippers" fund must be submitted to the Batt Office, Sports Department, on or before noon of the fatal day, Sat. Saturday.

Teasipper Speaks

By W. HOYT RATHBONE

Aww, what are you guys talking about, we're going to plow that Houston track under with Farmers, Cocky, overconfident Farmers, that's all you've got to offer. It'll be a massacre.

What have we got?

Well, just as a starter, we've got Charley Parker, the best sprinter in the southwest. And to help him mop up the sprinters in the 100 and 200, we've got Perry Samuels and Allen Lawler. They'll run the legs off this Webb Jay and this Bill Napier. Why we'll finish one-two-three-in both events and have 20 points right there.

Then we got Jerry Thompson, the best distance runner in the league. He'll take the half-mile, mile and two-mile, and with Don Sparks and Dickie Popokstant check Napier around to help him, we'll get at least 20 more points out of those three events.

And then there's the field events. Hahn, here's where the Farmer blood begins to show its back quarters. So the Aggies cleaned up in the pole vault, broad jump, javelin, discus and shot last year, nun, won em all, you say, well, brother, leave me inform you those days are gone forever.

We got three guys down here in Austin that are going to make life miserable for all waters of the Black and Blue, or is it maroon and white? Frank guess him toss the javelin over 200 feet and walk away with that event. And Walters will throw another monkey wrench into the Aggies by winning the high jump and the pole vault. Did you guys note in the paper where Walters jumped 10 feet 10 inches about Vern Meyers' of them, the boy everybody thought was going to win the high jump?

And just to make the day thoroughly unpleasant for the Aggies, we've got Jim Robertson who can broad jump further than most Aggies can run.

So you say you've got George Kadera, the great discus thrower. Well that's fine, so gorgeous George will get you five points by winning that shot and you'll drop to fourth place, we're gonna take second and third with Clay Krames and Harold Clay and get five points also.

You can't win, Farmers. You'd better put yourself on the back while you can, cause after next Saturday, there's gonna be no joy in Farm-land.

Oh, and I almost forgot to mention it—we've got a sprint relay team out here that's been showing its heels to everybody. So you win the mile relay with your great quarter-milers. So what? We win the 40 relay and break even.

It's going to be such a runaway, people will get bored. Just think, Texas so, A&M 42, Four Farmers, maybe next year, huh?

P. S. I might be able to get Colonel Any another job for you boys provided he survives next weekend. Always willing to help my pals out when they're down, you know.

P. P. S. And, oh yes, just as a gentle reminder of the fate that's in store for Anderson's athletes, need we call your attention to the outcome of the deal meet last week? Hmmm? Texas 62, A&M 60, I believe. The sad end of a long road of victories for the Aggies. Well, you can't win 'em all you know, Aggies, and from here on in, the street is paved with hot coals, Texas style.

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