



Winners in their respective classes in the 1948 intramural boxing finals are pictured above. Reading from left to right are: RALPH WHEAT, of C Inf., 119-pound class; HERSHELL SHELBY of C AF, 129-pound class; TAYLOR of B AF, 149-pound class; SAMMY SARGENT of Dorm 4, 169-pound class; KENNETH TIMMONS of Dorm 10, 159-pound class; and FRED WHISENHUNT of Bizzell, heavyweight. Not pictured are GUS VLETAS, 139-pound class, and SAM LIBERTO of Dorm 7, 179-pound class.

## Sarazen Predicts Open Season On Name Players in PGA Tournament

By SKIPPER PATRICK  
ST. LOUIS, May 20 —(AP) Gene Sarazan, an old master of the Fairways, predicts an "open" season on the name players in qualifying rounds of the professional golfers' association 30th tournament that opened yesterday.

"Golfing ability counts for plenty," Sarazan said, "but the short (6,467 yard, par 71) course here could result in a bunch of the hot-shots getting knocked off before match play begins Friday."

Sarazan, a three-time PGA champion (he last won in 1933) is one of the 135 golfers scheduled for competition in the professionals' exclusive show that winds up next Tuesday.

"On a short and treacherous course such as this layout, a comparatively unknown golfer has just about as much chance winning as the habitual champion," Sarazan said.

The shortest hole on the Norwood hills country club course—number 11—measures 177 yards; the longest, 555 yards.

Sixty-four players will comprise the match play field.

Most prominent of the "name" players who figure to give Jim Ferrier, who won the tournament last year at Detroit's Plum Hol-

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BOB HALL

## Hurdler Bob Hall Looms As Brightest Track Prospect

By LARRY GOODWIN

Those Aggie followers of track and field who have been celebrating the Aggies' seven-point victory over Texas for the SWC Track title last Saturday, may be overlooking one of the most heartening signs for the future that resulted from the Houston meet.

The performance of little Bob Hall, promising young Sophomore hurdler from Dallas, in placing second by inches to Arkansas' Clyde Scott in the 220 low hurdles, stamps him as one of the Southwest's potential "greats" in track during the next two years.

Scott ripped over the low barriers in 23 flat, a flashy performance that tied the existing Southwest Conference record in that event. But while all the praises of the 5,000 fans who saw the meet were being tossed Scott's way, few stopped to realize that Hall bowed to the great Arkansas athlete only after leading for 200 yards and then lost by a matter of only inches.

If Hall can step over the woods in that fashion at the tender age of a Sophomore, his possibilities in the next two years are going to be interesting to follow.

Scott's performance, it must be remembered, came as a climax to his college track career when he, presumably, was at his best. The fact that Hall, almost on a par with Scott now, has two years left makes his future prospects almost unlimited.

Hall, despite his small (five feet eight inch) frame, has all the necessary equipment for a good hurdler: speed, coordination and the willingness to work. A member of A&M's fine sprint relay team, Hall is capable of a 9.8 hundred yard dash. His form over the hurdles is good and continues to improve.

Apparently the biggest barrier facing Bob is time. With another season of Southwest Conference competition under his belt, the carrot-topped hurdler should be cracking 23 flat. And that, brethren is traveling.

The world record in the lows is 22.3; if Bob continues to improve at his present rate, even that may not be impossible.

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## Basketball Team Ends Preparations For Next Season

By SACK SPOEDE

Unnoticed among the spring sports have been the daily workouts of the basketball squad. Every evening for the past month the Aggie roundballers have been preparing for the conference race next season.

Coach Marty Karow will probably put a tall fast team on the floor when the interest in football begins to fade next fall. The team will be slightly inexperienced in spots compared to some of the conference teams, but is expected to make up for this deficiency with lots of hustle.

A newcomer to the basketball squad is Andy Hillhouse of Alvin. Ineligible the past year because he transferred to A&M from Lamar Junior College of Beaumont, Hillhouse is also an outstanding prospect for an end position on the football team.

A number of men on the team range over six four in height. Some of these sky-scrapers have moved up from the freshmen squad of the past year. Kenneth Sutton, John De Witt, and Carlton Batten are included in this group.

Jewel McDowell of Amarillo is another standout on the squad. He was the star of the freshmen after mid-semester of this year and scored twenty points in several games.

The Aggies can't be expected to replace the Baylor Bears as conference champs next year, but they can be expected to finish closer to the top than they did the past season.

The practice tonight will be the last one until next fall.

## Golf Team Takes Match From TWC

A&M's championship golf team won a 4 to 2 practice match from Texas Wesleyan College of Fort Worth here yesterday afternoon.

Bart Halton was medalist for the winners with a 70, followed by teammate Johnny Henry with a 71.

Halton and Jack Barnett teamed to beat Jim Hill and Charles Royer of TWC, six and five in the worst defeat of the day.

The visitors got their two victories when Doug Smith and Johnny Foster beat Henry and Travis Bryan in doubles two and one, and Smith out pointed Bryan, one up.

## North Texas Wins Lone Star Title

CORSICANA, Tex., May 20 —(AP) North Texas State College won its second straight lone star conference golf title when a four-man team posted a 599 total in medal play here Tuesday.

The University of Houston came in second with 623. East Texas was third with 630 and Southwest Texas of San Marcos fourth with 637. Trinity University had 657 and Stephen F. Austin 730.

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	W	L	Pct.
Fort Worth	23	10	.697
Houston	17	15	.531
San Antonio	17	15	.531
Tulsa	16	17	.485
Dallas	16	18	.471
Oklahoma City	14	17	.452
Beaumont	14	18	.438
Shreveport	12	19	.387

## White Band Takes Win From E Field To Even Playoffs

By BILL THORNTON

White Band tied up the College Intramural Corp Finals by defeating E Field 8-3 yesterday afternoon.

White Band put the game on ice in the fourth when they scored 4 runs on three hits and four errors.

The bases were full of musicians when Charles Lundelius hit a fly to short center scoring Barrak and Clarke when the ball got away from the infielders on the throw in.

With a man on second and one out Umer went to first on an infield error. Lawler then cleaned the bases when he smashed a long hit to deep left field but was called out at home when he tried to stretch the triple into a home run. The next batter struck out to retire the sides.

E Field scored their three runs in the first, third and fourth innings. E Field was charged with twelve errors with most of them being evenly divided between the first baseman and short-stop.

Fisher, the winning pitcher, gave up four hits and received good support from his fielders.

Hartman, the losing pitcher, gave up seven hits and had poor support from his fielders.

## Wallace Leads Hitters With .434 Mark; Hubert Sets Pace On Mound

The 1948 baseball season came to an end last week for the Aggie freshmen and with it ended one of the most successful years ever enjoyed by a Farmer first-year nine. Ability and the will to win proved to be a winning combination as the Aggies scored thirteen victories in fifteen starts.

But for a tenth inning squeeze play and a sleepy umpire the Cadets could have finished the season with an unblemished record. Both losses were by identical scores of 6-5.

Coach Charlie DeWare's crew first tasted defeat on April 8, in Huntsville. Sam Houston State's Bearkats halted a Farmer winning streak at four games when outfielder Bob Howard's bunt scored Neal Taylor from third in the first extra round.

The second Cadet defeat did not come until the final game of the year, after the Farmers had registered nine more wins. This time it was the Texas Shorthorns who turned the trick with a five-run rally in the fifth frame. The Steer come-back was made possible by the plate umpire who failed to notice that a Texas runner skipped the formality of tagging up in scoring after an outfield fly.

In the rest of the campaign it was the Aggies all the way. A hardhitting attack and a capable mound staff usually build up a sizeable margin after nine rounds of play. The Fish finished the season with a team batting mark of .314 and eleven members of the squad were clouting the ball above the .300 level.

The Cadets gave notice that they would make life hard for opposing pitchers in their first appearance. Aggie batters held a trio of Southwestern hurlers for fourteen hits, including home run clouts by Wally Moon and Dave Britt. In his first turn in the batter's box, Britt smashed a drive over the 357-foot sign in center field.

Big gun in the Aggie powerhouse throughout the season was Guy Wallace. The classy short-stop led the Cadets in every offensive department. Wallace connected safely twenty-three times in fifty-three official trips to the plate for a .434 percentage. He drove twenty-four runs across the plate and scored twenty-one times.

Runner-up to Wallace for hitting honors was another infielder, Bill McPherson. The first baseman's efforts at the plate gave him a .391 average. In the field

he made only three errors while playing a dozen games at the busy initial sack.

Third baseman Sonny Bellman was another reason the Cadets tallied at least a dozen runs in seven of their thirteen victories. His nineteen base knocks was the second highest total on the Fish club.

Bollman was in the select 400 group most of the year, but a slight lapse in the waning days of the season lowered his slugging mark to a mere .373. The Houston Cadet also accounted for thirty-three of the one hundred and fifty-five runs the Farmers pushed across the plate. He was credited with thirteen RBIs and scored twenty times.

Another Houston Aggie, second baseman Joe Savarino, rounded out the infield. The hustling second sacker made the job of getting on base look easy. At one time during the season the Aggie lead-off man reached first safely fourteen times in sixteen trips to the plate. Savarino was also one of the numerous 300 hitters on the squad. He closed the books with a .347 percentage.

In the catching department the Farmers were three deep. Number one backstop on the club was big Bob Graham. His sharp pegs nipped four base runners off the bags in the first Baylor game and were a vital factor in the Cadets' 7-4 decision over the Cubs. Graham also did his share in the hitting department. He not only pounded the ball hard, but hit it regularly enough to maintain a

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