

Championship Aggie Golf Team Loses Only One Man

By JOHNNY HENRY

Texas A&M's Southwest Conference champion golf team loses only one man through graduation this year and should be a strong contender for conference honors next year. Only man who will not be back next year is Travis Bryan, the team's number one man for the past two years. The loss of Bryan will be heavily felt. However, the team may get a very capable replacement.

A&M is trying to get Billy Maxwell of Abilene who was the state junior champ and has won several tournaments in the past two years. He is only seventeen years old and is improving his game all the time.

The rest of the present team, Bart Halton, Johnny Henry, and Jack Barnett plus several men who have been practicing with the team will provide material for the rest of next year's linksmen.

Farmers closed the 1948 season at Fort Smith Arkansas with a match that left a bitter taste in their mouths for it was there that Arkansas handed them their lone defeat of the season.

The Aggies, who led the Southwest Conference race from the very beginning, headed only two

points against Arkansas to cinch the conference championship and were confident that they could get them. However, the Razorbacks held them to only one point.

Texas, who was the only other serious contender for the title had to sweep matches from both TCU and SMU to win the championship, but the Frogs took two points to throw the 'Sips completely out of the running and make the Aggies champions.

There was a story in The Daily Texan about the Aggie golfers "lucking out" to win the championship. Reference can only be made to the six-nothing defeat handed them at the Bryan Country Club. It takes a lot of luck to win six out of six matches. The Aggies also beat SMU six-

nothing at Bryan and Rice six-nothing at Houston. The Teahounds swept only one match.

Admitted A&M might have had a little luck by playing most of their matches at home, but the score speaks for itself, and the Farmers are the undisputed Southwest Conference Champions.

The golf team was tutored by Gayther Nowell, professional at the Bryan Country Club, who received no compensation for his services but was just "helping out the boys" of his own accord. He left his business to go on the trips with them and was a big help.

Although Nowell was never recognized as the official Aggie golf coach he was the man who actually performed the coaching duties.

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Playoffs Continue for Berths In Western NCAA Tourney at Denver

DENVER, May 26.—(AP) Battling for berths in the Western NCAA Baseball Tournament opening in Denver three weeks from today has reached the playoff stage on the Pacific Coast and in the Midland and Rocky Mountain areas.

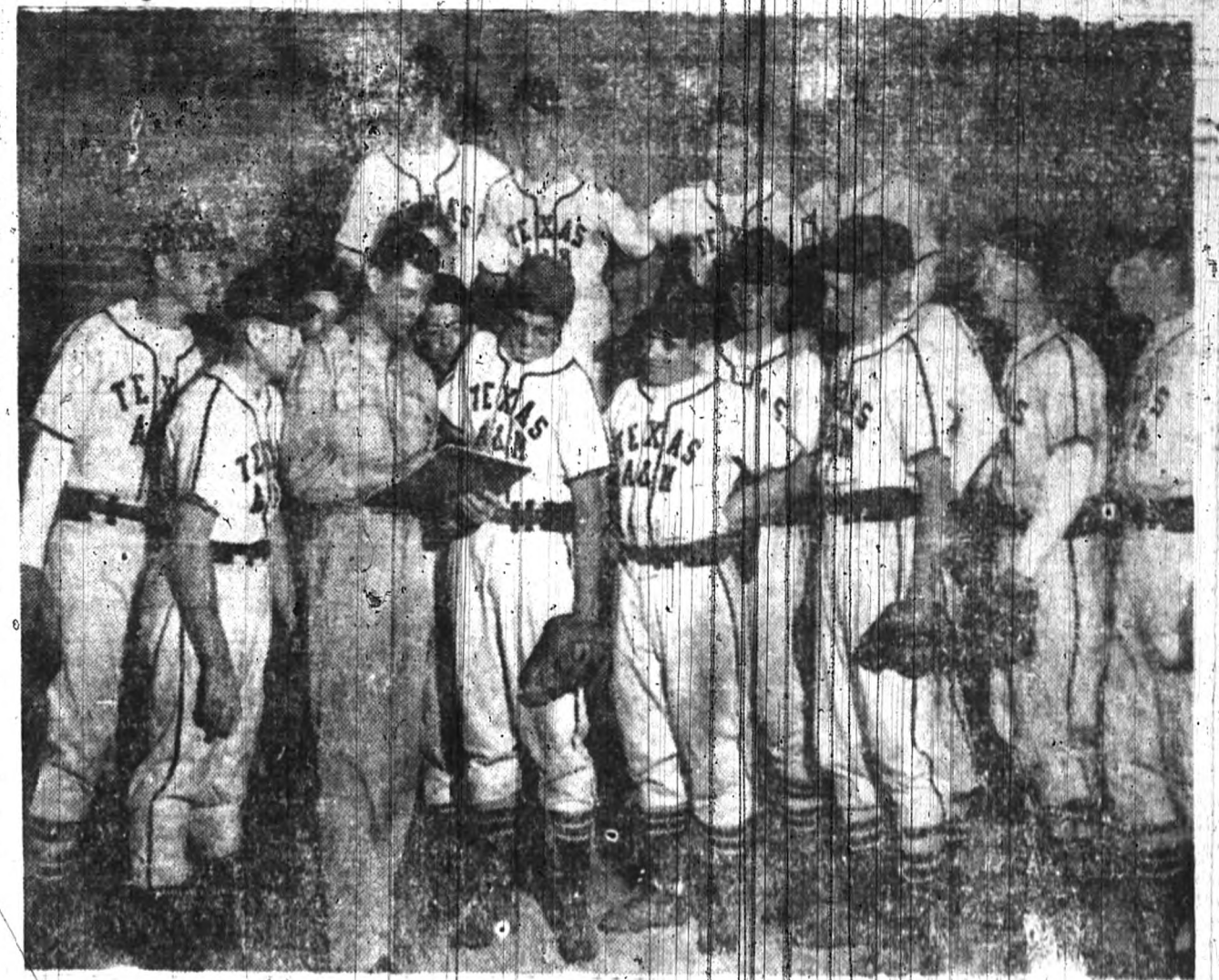
The Baylor Bears, third place winners in the South West Conference, have accepted an invitation to represent the seventh District. The West Coast team will be known by Saturday but the others won't be determined until a week before tournament time.

Texas, champion of the Southwest Conference, declined an in-

itation because all of its regular players won't be on hand when the four-day western playoffs begin June 16. Second-place A&M conceded Baylor to be better choice because of superior pitching.

Nebraska, the big seven champion, and Oklahoma A&M, winner of the Missouri Valley, will tangle in a three-game series starting June 7 at Lincoln, Nebr., for the right to represent the fifth district.

Three teams still are in the running for the seventh district (Rocky Mountain) berth. Denver and Brigham Young will meet in a three-game series at Salt Lake City Friday and Saturday for the skyline six title. The winner then will play a series June 4 and 5 with the Colorado State Bears, champions of the Rocky Mountain Conference.



The Freshman Baseball team is shown clustered around James DeAnda, their Batt reporter. Bottom row, left to right: David Britt, Bill Dennis, Ed Sculike, Joe Savarino, Guy Wallace, Henry Candelari, Bill Warner, Sonny Bollman, Mac McCoy, Hollis Baker, and David Haines. Top row: Hondo Taylor, Bob Graham, Booger Moon, and Joe Effe.

Mural Officers Receive Awards At Barbecue

Thirty-three intramural managers and 46 athletic officers for 1947-48 were presented awards yesterday evening at the annual intramural appreciation barbecue.

Four senior intramural managers were presented engraved Hamilton pocket watches by G. C. "Spike" White, director of student activities and former manager of intramurals. Receiving watches were Herbert Carter, Thomas B. Crouch, Harold G. Harkrider, and Bill Kippstoe.

Heavyweight intramural manager's sweaters were awarded to the seven junior managers. Students receiving these awards were Frank N. Burgess, Tommie D. Bonfield, Roy L. Borton, John K. England, Billie G. Hightower, John W. Lindblum, and Jimmy R. Spillinger.

Twenty-two sophomore intramural managers were presented intramural manager's sweaters. They were William A. Barber, William R. Billingsley, W. R. Blackmore, Sam S. Clark, Roy H. H. Greig, Ralph H. Hahnfeldt, and B. H. Hest, Joseph Hesse, Herding, Glen H. Hest, Arthur C. Jour E. LeVine, James G. Maquinn, Jim Meyer, Joe T. Rabi, William E. Richard, Robert S. Schechter, Robert F. Schuller, Bob Skidmore, Bob Speer, John A. Williams, and Billy G. Worley.

A sweater is also being sent to the parents of Glenn D. Zimmerman of Crystal City, a sophomore intramural manager who died last month.

Following presentation of the intramural manager's awards, athletic officers were given gold and silver clips in appreciation of their work throughout the year.

White then gave a short talk commending the athletic officers and managers for their fine work, deriving from service which one body through the intramural athletic program.

The 150 students and guests attending the affair were treated to a barbecue supper with all the trimmings.

Freshman Additions Are Improving Baseball Outlook For A&M In 1949

By ANDY MATUDA

They've turned in the scorebook for baseball this year. The flannel uniforms have been sent to the college laundry for the last time. No doubt they'll be shrunk to their minimum but they'll be saved for next year's sea on.

And speaking of next season, what will the Aggie baseball be like next year? Already the Aggie coaching staff is figuring their chances in conference competition for 1949.

Eight lettermen leave the team this year and all in vital spots. The infield is his largest with Ike Strasser, Walter Williamson, Roy Borton and Dusty Clark pulling stakes.

Let behind is Stan Hollmig, big stick on this year's A&M team. Stan's big bat and excellent fielding will be a big asset to the Aggie coaches for 1949. Several other lettermen from the 1948 team will be holding in the gardens.

John Henry (snout) and Wallace should have played the left field position. Blanton Taylor, who bats from Hondo as does Hollmig, is a capable center fielder, and our warbler, slightly built right fielder, is due to be one of the best hitters in conference play next spring.

In the infield, the Aggies will lose Tex Thornton, who for the past three years has been a stellar defense man at short stop and a handy man with the bat. Peck Vass, first baseman, will also leave the Aggie team minus an all around excellent utility man.

Up from the Freshman squad will come Guy Wallace to fill Thornton's shoes. Fish infielders Joe Savarino and Sonny Bollman will give Russell Mays and Cotton Lindolf stout competition if they don't push them out of a starting position.

Coach Marty Karow may retain Fretz at first base or he may send in Billy McPherson who handled first for the Fish this past season.

On the mound, troubles again will plague the Aggies. Earl Bessley may double to return for his last year of eligibility. Bessley

would like very much to beat Texas University and this would give him a last chance. Bruce Morris promises to become a regular starter next year if he gains more confidence in play this summer. From the freshman team will come Pat Hubert, Truett Mobley, Felix W. Gutz and J. B. McCoy. This group has won 12 games for the Fish in 1948 and holds good promise for next year.

Again available will be Bob Fretz, this year's most valuable player, with a three won and one

Potato Pitch Is Latest Thing

ST. JOSEPH, La., May 22.—(AP) There's something new on the baseball links—the "Potato Pitch". And there's nothing in the rules to bar it, says the inventor, Pitcher Rip Duncan of St. Joseph high school.

In a game here Thursday, Rip tossed "twirl" to first to catch a quail off the bat.

As the first baseman missed the pitch, the player dashed for second. Then Duncan nailed him with the ball, which he had concealed in his glove.

That "wild" pitch to first was fast-breaking Irish potato. It appears to be a new view of the play, allowed the runner to stay on second.

Which Calumet team's Billy is the only member of her sex named for the 1948 Kentucky Derby—the only time only one member of her sex was nominated for the race.



Football Pays Off

LONDON, (AP) The British hire county public assistance committee debated long before deciding not to appropriate \$1048 in football pool winnings of six indigent annuities in a public institution. They have found that the money had been spent anyway.

BOXING FANS SAY LOUIS OVER WALKOTT

NEW YORK, May 26.—(AP) A nationwide poll of sports writers by the Associated Press showed today 239 who believe Joe Louis will defeat Jersey Joe Walcott against 12 who favor the challenger.

Although Louis won the first fight by a decision only two writers believe he will repeat the same way in Yankee Stadium June 2. The other 228 predict a knockout, with the short fourth and fifth rounds favored.

ART HARNDEN receives his Linscomb-Culson trophy from "Flop" Colson as captain of the Track Team.

Summer Hours for Engineers Library

The Texas Engineers Library in the Petroleum Building will be open in the summer from 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, and from 8 to 12 noon, Saturday. The above schedule will go into effect May 31.

Busy Runner

SOUTH BEND, Ind., (AP) — Ernie McCullough, track captain at Notre Dame, doesn't restrict his collegiate activities to the cinder path. McCullough, besides being a top quarter-miler, plays the violin in the school orchestra and is the author of articles on music and is a magna cum laude student majoring in philosophy.

ROTC Pay Checks Ready June 2-4

Advanced ROTC pay checks for May must be picked up at ROTC headquarters before students leave for the summer vacation. Colonel G. S. Meloy, PMS&T, has announced.

Checks will be available for distribution June 2, 3, and 4 and must be picked up at that time.

Athletic Officer Receives Watch

Ralph Burch, 21-year-old business major from Ft. Worth, and athletic manager of Dorn 14, was presented an engraved Hamilton pocket watch last night for the work he did in managing the veteran intramural championship team.

The watch was presented to Burch by Laurence Hagan, who gave it on behalf of Dorn 14.

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