

Favored SWC Tied by Big Seven in Duel of Champions

Art Harnden, ace anchor man on the A & M mile-relay team, gave the Aggies a 2 yard edge over an all star aggregation from the Midwest to tie up the track meet 65 1/2 to 65 1/2 at the second annual "Duel of the Champions" held at the Dal-Hi Stadium in Dallas June 4. The Duel of Champions which is a duel track meet

Taylor Wilkins To Coach Fish Cagers in Fall

Taylor Wilkins, a former all-Southwest Conference basketball guard at A&M, will join the Aggie athletic staff this fall as freshman basketball coach. Athletic Director William R. Carmichael has announced.

Wilkins, who coached Bowie of El Paso to three district titles and into two state basketball playoffs in five years, has been on the administrative staff at A&M since January, 1946. He will retain his present position of veterans advisor.

A native of Franklin, Wilkins was selected as the most valuable basketball player on the Aggie squad in 1934, while a sophomore.

He became head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Bowie in 1936, remaining until he entered the service in 1941. He was in uniform for four and one-half years.

Wilkins, 32, takes over the basketball duties formerly assigned to Johnnie Frankie, now athletic director at Wharton Junior College.

Young and Ruby Lead Golf Play

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., June 9 (AP)—First round matches in both the men's and women's divisions of the San Antonio Golf Association's annual invitational tournament began yesterday.

Lorraine Young and Joe Ruby, both of San Antonio, shot four-under-par 68's yesterday to go for medalist honors in the men's division.

Mrs. Lee Christopher of San Antonio was medalist among the women golfers with an 81.

College View Meeting

There will be a meeting of all College View residents (Men and Women) on the softball diamond directly behind Apt. A-3 at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 to discuss plans for the Summer Intramural Program.

All but one of the College View resident athletic officers has graduated. Therefore, all residents of the College View Apartments are asked to help in getting the program started. Softball, volleyball, bridge, horseshoes or any other desired sport will be offered.

Norton Takes Kirwin High School Job

Homer Norton, former football coach at A&M, announced Wednesday night that he would coach the Kirwin High football team this fall. Kirwin High is a Catholic school in Galveston.

Norton plans to move to Galveston Sept. 1 where in addition to his newly acquired coaching position he will complete work on his beach front hotel, and prepare it for use during the 1949 season.

Announcement of the signing of Norton as coach came at a dinner tendered Galveston civic leaders by Sam Maceo and was made by Al Lopez, president of the Kirwin High athletic association. Bishop C. E. Byrne was among the many congratulating Kirwin on obtaining the services of Norton as coach.

Norton said that he was very pleased with his new position since he has devoted his life to working with boys, and that he would devote as much time as possible to his new team.

Two Aggies Sign Pro Contracts

Two members of A&M's baseball team, Earl Beasley and Tex Thornton, recently signed professional baseball contracts.

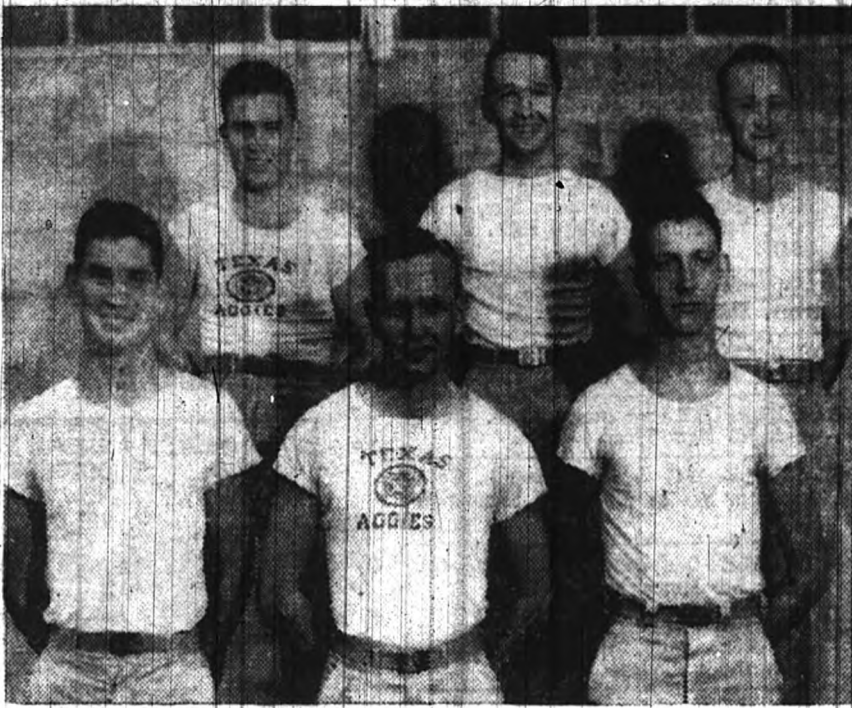
Beasley signed with the Chicago White Sox and will report to a Class B league later in the week. Beasley was the workhorse of the Aggie pitching staff last season, seeing action in 122 innings. He had one year of eligibility remaining, but decided to accept the offer now.

Thornton is scheduled to play his first game today with Baton Rouge, a farm club of the Philadelphia Phillies. Thornton played second base for the Aggies, and had no eligibility remaining.

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Last semester's corps handball champions were the members of "C" Infantry pictured above. They are: First row, left to right: Mackey, Kunkel, and Barber. Second row: Splitzger, Krauskoff, and Schulte.

New Softball Diamond Built For Aggie All-Star Team

The new floodlight poles towering above the trees just south of the grove are the site of a new softball diamond for the entertainment of summer school students, Taylor Wilkins, Veterans Advisor, announced today.

The team last year, composed of Aggies and ex-Aggies, was so successful that President Gilchrist authorized the use of Exchange Store profits to finance the year's team. Last summer the team played for W.S.D. Clothiers of Bryan.

Operating expenses will be met through profits from the concession stands to be opened at the new ball park. There will be no charge for any of the games played here, Wilkins said.

A complete schedule has not yet been arranged but plans are being made to play games with teams from Houston, Austin, Waco, and other surrounding towns. "Navasota is first on the list for this month. The game will be played in Navasota."

Although the team is already operating, all men interested are urged to try out for the team. Workouts will begin at five o'clock today.

Opening of the new ball diamond will be held on the night of June 18. No definite information has been received yet as to what team will play against A&M on this date.

Wilkins said that the bleachers from the south side of Kyle Field were going to be moved to the new site so there will be room for at least three hundred spectators. More seats will be built if there is need for them.

In winning the Southeastern Conference football crown last autumn, Mississippi merely reversed the previous season's record — from a 1-6 mark in '46 to a 6-1 finish in '47.

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184 Strike-Outs in 81 Innings Summer Swim Is Record of 17-Year-Old Pate Schedule Is Announced

ST. GEORGE, S. C., (AP)—Pistol Pate's 184 strike-outs in 81 innings this season make him one of the best professional baseball prospects on record, his coach believes.

Pate, who will be 18 in August but still has two years of high school left, is a calm, almost phlegmatic lefthander who has shot that third strike past batters with amazing regularity. His best strike-out record is 25 in a nine-inning game. His lowest is 13 in a five-inning game halted by rain.

In the 10 games he has pitched this year, he has given up but 23 hits but only one earned run.

Five feet 10 inches tall and weighing 160 pounds, Pate uses a speed ball most of the time. His control is phenomenal. Coach Felix Neal insists.

His hitting is as good as his pitching. He has a .470 average. In one game he rapped out a single, three doubles and a triple, driving home six runs.

Neal, a 1943 graduate of Mississippi State where he played football, basketball and baseball, says Pate is almost as good a football halfback and basketball forward as he is a diamond pitcher.

The youngster plans to finish school at St. George High, and possibly attend college. He refuses to say whether he wants a professional baseball career.

Neither of his older brothers has ever played professional baseball, nor has his widowed father, W. A. Pate, who christened his youngest son Francis Marion, after the state's Revolutionary War hero general.



PISTOL PETE PATE Whiffed 25 in One Game

The schedule for the summer recreation program has been announced by Aggie swimming coach Art Adamson.

The schedule calls for novice swimmers to swim on Mondays and Wednesdays at nine; low intermediates on Tuesdays and Thursdays at ten; high intermediates on Mondays and Wednesdays at eleven; and advanced swimmers, 14 years and over, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.

There will be a registration fee of \$2 which will cover the use of the pool and emblems for the students. The program is sponsored by the College Station Recreation Council.

Adamson will instruct the children and will also conduct a women's class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at one, and a business girls class on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 for which there will be an instructional charge.

In addition Adamson will coach the College Station Swimming Club which is also sponsored by the College Station Recreation Council.

The pool will be open on week days from 8 to 5:30 and from 9 to 10:30. There will be a charge of 9¢ for children under 12, and 14¢ for those over 12. The pool is available to students, instructors and their families free of charge. All swimmers are required to wear a bathing cap and suit, Adamson said.

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Plane Model Club To Meet Tonight

The Aggie Aero Modelers Club will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 108, ME Shops Building, according to Rogers Barton, club sponsor.

During the summer, he said, the airplane modelers' group will carry on an extensive membership drive, and students will have an opportunity to take part in an active flying season.

Barton requests that students interested in the model plane hobby attend tonight's meeting and bring with them their newest models.

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