

W. M. Dowell Is Building First Rate Tennis Team At Aggieland

By LEON SOMER

Rebuilding is the word heard around the tennis courts at the present and that's just what tennis coach W. M. Dowell is doing with the A&M tennis team.

Dowell came to A&M this past year and his first Aggie team finished third in the southwest Conference race.

Gone from last year's tennis team is Bill Bennett who was the No. 1 player. To replace Bennett this coming spring Coach Dowell has Memo Elizondo from Mexico City who played at A&M in 1946.

Benny Elizondo will be Benny Shattard of Dallas who will play in the No. 2 position, Rodney Sellers of El Paso in No. 3, Jimmie Wallis of Rockdale in No. 5, and Ellis Gittington of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the No. 6 spot.

Dowell as yet has not designated who will fill in as the No. 4 player.

Pryce Metcalf of Franklin who lettered at A&M in 1946 will be back this year to help the team.

Coming up from last year's freshmen will be three players who will be trying to make the team. They are: Allen Anderson of Cotulla, Jimmy Gray of Houston, and Jim Houge of Dallas.

Coach Dowell expects a fine crop of freshmen tennis players to enter A&M this fall. Among the freshmen prospects are: Royce Tate of Corpus Christi who was state doubles champ in 1948, Everett Herrera of Cor-

Cadet Golfers Back For Another Title

A&M's Golf team is one of the best bets for a conference title this year. Travis Bryan, Johnny Henry, Jack Barnett, and Bart Halton will all be back for a repeat helping of the conference title.

Last year the farmers roamed out the Longhorns by a fraction of a point when TCU took one point from the Steers in the final match of the season. The Aggies faltered at Arkansas earlier and dropped into a tie with the Steers.

What really set up the crown for the Aggies was the 6-0 drubbing they handed the Longhorns here early in the season.

Travis Bryan is the most consistent player on the team, but outters Johnny Henry and Bart Halton have taken their share of the wins. Texas is slated to lose Hugh "Blackie" Dahlberg and may not put up such a fight for the crown this year.

Proxy-coach Gaythor Nowell of the Bryan Country Club is expecting several other Aggies to give the letterman a run for top flights on the squad.

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BLAINE RIDEOUT, famous distance runner back in the late thirties, will take over the head trainers job here at Aggieland.

Prospects for Baseball Team Look Bright

By BILL POTTS
Marty Karow, varsity baseball coach who turned up with the best team of sluggers in the Southwest Conference last spring, is going to have to rely heavily upon the men coming up from last season's Fish nine to fill the vacancies next year. Graduation exercises and major league scouts took a heavy toll.

Two of his best pitchers, Stan Holmig and Earl Beesley, went the way of the majors with a year of eligibility left. Tex Thornton, All-Southwestern Conference shortstop, Jesse Burditt, outfielder, Dusty Clark, outfielder, Peck Vass, utility man, Zeke Strange, outfielder, and Walter Willingham, outfielder, went down the graduation slide.

Only five lettermen from last season's team will report next spring. Four of the lettermen, Cotton Lindloff, Russel Mayes,

Bobby Fretz, and Jim Calvert were on the starting line up and the fifth, Alvis Nixon was a relief pitcher.

Squadmen from last year's varsity are Bruce Morris, a promising pitcher, Danny Green, outfielder, Johnny Blazen, outfielder, Drego, catcher, and Hershel Maltz, first baseman.

Plenty of promising men are coming up from the Freshman club and Karow expects to fill his positions with these men. Included in this aggregation are three pitchers: Pat Herroer, Truett Mowrey, and Stanton Taylor.

Herbert was the workhorse of the fish last spring and seems to be the most promising of the three. It is not known at this time whether he will enroll this year or not, but if he does, he will be a welcome addition to the varsity.

Infield candidates from the Fish nine will be John De Witt, Sing McPherson, Joe Savarino, Wallace Moon and Gay Wallace. Trying for the outfield will be Bill Warner and Candlarry. Moon and Taylor are also good outfield prospects.

The Aggies played good ball last season, losing only four games in conference play, one to Baylor, and three to Texas, the conference champs.

Earl Beesley did most of the pitching, being relieved occasionally by Bobby Fretz, Stan Holmig, Bruce Morris, or Alvis Nixon. His loss to the majors with a year of eligibility left is a big loss to the team.

Tex Thornton, who graduated, also boasts a major league contract. He was one of the best shortstops seen in the Southwest Conference in many years.

Coach Charlie DeWare's Freshman team of last spring boasts one of the most enviable records of a fish nine in many years at A&M. They ended their season with 18 wins and 2 losses to their credit. They were defeated only by San Houston State and the Texas University Short-horns. It is from material that piled up this record that Karow will fill the vacant spaces.

From the returning men, Karow will have an able pitcher in Bobby Fretz. He will be backed by Bruce Morris, if Morris is able to pick up the control he lacked last season.

When Fretz is not pitching, he will play in the outfield because his batting was one of the outstanding assets to the Aggies last spring and his presence will be an asset to the team.

Jim Calvert will man the catching position again this year and is likely to be given plenty of competition for the spot by Bob Graham, whose sharp pegs caught many a runner off base in fish games last spring.

The hot corner will be well manned again because Rusty Mayes will be back to play in his old position. He played excellent ball at that position last spring and his presence will be an asset to the team.

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The Aggies are expected to have another good team next baseball season; they have the material. All they need now is the experience. They should finish in the upper bracket in the Conference race.

Cotton Lindloff will again take

Aggie Track Squad Can Win Conference Crown Three Years in Row With Victory Next Year

By DON ENGELKING

Defending Champions of the Southwest Conference for the second year in a row will be the handie tagged onto the Texas Aggie track team next spring. The Farmers will be trying for their third SWC track title in a row at the 1949 Conference Meet.

Col. Frank Anderson, head track coach, will have two assistants next spring to help him whip his team into shape. Ray Puuman and Barlow "bones" Irvn will be Col. Andy's helpers.

Putnam is a veteran on the Aggie coaching staff while next season will be Irvn's first as an Aggie track coach.

Of the twenty-five men who lettered last year's Championship squad eighteen or possibly nineteen will return. The nineteenth man is, as yet undecided.

The lettermen who were lost from last year's team are: Art Norden, member of the US 1600 meter relay team in the olympics, Artur Haws, high jumper, Jim Hill, broad jumper, Webb Jay, sprinter and broad jumper, Joe McClochin, miler, and Albert Ricks pole vaulter and high jumper.

Squadmen on the 48 team who will not be back next spring are Vernon Beville, Javein Grover, and Jack Quirey, pole vaulter.

The Aggies will again be the strongest team in the Nation as for as quarter-milers are concerned. Last year the Aggie's mile relay team was considered by the experts to be the strongest in the nation. Only one member of that relay team—Art Harden—will be missing next spring.

To take the place of Harden, Col. Anderson will have four top notch quarter-milers. They are: Conally Ludwick, and Benton Terry, squadmen on last year's team. Two Quartermilers coming up from last year's Freshman team who can run the distance in less than 50 seconds are, Don Mitchell and Cecil Ingelhart.

These 410 men will work with lettermen Ray Holbrook, Ervin Biberback and Don Cardon. Both Biberback and Holbrook have

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in 1944 who broke his leg in the LSU game last year, will probably be the number one signal caller. Bury, a two year letterman will be vying with Casman for the starting berth. Don Nicholas, a member of last year's squad is the third candidate for the quarterback's job.

The Aggies seem to be well fortified at the fullback position with six candidates vying for the starting berth. Among these candidates are three returnees, one junior college transfer, one varsity squadman and one freshman numeral winner.

Robert Goode, who won the Javein throw in the 1946 Conference meet but placed only fourth last spring, is capable of picking up points in all three weight events and the broad jump. It is not definite as yet whether Goode will be on the 1949 track squad.

Robert Smith, an addition from last year's Freshman squad is a potential point getter in all three weight events. Gene Simon, another sophomore, will be vying for a place on the squad as a discus thrower.

L. O. Coleman and Goode both lettermen, will be the only point getters in the broad jump.

No varsity high jumpers are returning but Elmo Wade and Wade Simpson, two sophomores, may come through with points in this event.

Leand Tate, Johnny Davis and Leroy Bodeman, all letter holders should provide enough strength for the Aggies in the pole vault.

The Aggies will probably be the weakest in the high jump and the broad jump and the strongest in the middle distance races.

Our chances for a third straight conference track crown look exceptionally good.

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Ticket Requests Filled Says Ownby

All football ticket applications dated prior to August 14 have been filled and the tickets have been mailed. C. D. Ownby, business manager of athletics, stated here today.

Seats still are available to each of the 40 games the Aggies will play, Ownby said.

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