



### Mile Relay Squad Makes Return Trip To Sugar Bowl

A&M's record-breaking mile relay team will compete in the annual New Orleans Sugar Bowl track classic. The four selected athletes will rendezvous here on the 28th of December and board the train for "The Cajun" City.

Col. Andy has not made his selection of runners yet—the final and important time check will be made today. Last year the Aggies had the mile relay prize all sewed up until a baton was lost on an exchange, and Oklahoma A&M came in first on the Aggies' error.

Art Harnden is the only one of last season's squad who is not back this year. He ran out his eligibility. Ray Holbrook, Ervin Bilderback, and Emil Ludwick are back after another trip to New Orleans, but will be questioned by Don Mitchell, Don Cardon, and "Red" Wilson.

# A&M Wins Three Southwest Conference Titles In 1948

## Flag Football Vet Title Goes To Dorm 3

Dorm 3 defeated Dorm 16 in Flag Football Wednesday afternoon to take the "Non Military" title in that sport.

The classy spread formation of Dorm 16, led by Art Burch and Bob Hovel, was never able to get underway. The Dorm 3 team, led by Sam Libertio and Joe Benson, scored their first TD on an old intramural favorite, a hideout play. Their other score was a run. Dorm 3 will meet the corps winners sometime in January to decide the college champs.

Corps teams continued their Flag Football playoffs. "D" Air Force defeated "B" Athletic to

## cop D League title. "B" Athletic took the opening kickoff and marched up field till Jack Quiry made a touchdown. But that was their only tally as "D" Force turned on the steam and scored in both halves to win.

In League A, "E" Infantry downed "A" CWS 8 to 0 to win that league's top position. This win puts "E" Infantry against "A" Cavalry on January 7 for semi-final playoffs.

"A" Infantry scored a 26 to 6 victory over "A" Ordinance. Art Gorman was the hot passer for the infantrymen. He threw four paydirt passes, three to J. F. Bell and one to Jake Hissiner. Dale Bloch combined with George Dean for the sole ordinance six points.

In Volleyball, "A" QMC won a semifinal playoff from "A" Cavalry but the match had to stretch to three games before the quartermaster outfit won. Athletic officers are reminded that playoffs will continue on Monday, January 2; for excuses accepted.

## Veteran Tennis Won by Dorm 14

Dorm 14 annexed the Vet Tennis title Thursday afternoon by downing Dorm 16.

The six man team from Dorm 14 swept all three sets in their series. The only other Tennis match, between "A" Infantry and "A" QMC was called on darkness. The match completion was postponed.

In a lone Flag Football game, Austin Club set down Kream and Kow Klub, 24 to 0. Coy Farrar started things rolling for the Austin Club by running back the opening kickoff back to the goal line. Farrar made another six points on a pass from Jordan. Ecklund scored on a pass from Ray and Jordan threw Ray a pass for the final score. No conversions were made.

In a lone Volleyball game, Dorm 3 spiked Walton down, two games to one.

## Aggies Take Track Second Succeeding Year; Win Golf and Cross Country

Texas A&M athletic teams finished a fairly successful year by capturing three of the eight Southwest Conference titles at stake in 1948. The only first that A&M won in a major sport was in track, a title they have taken the last two years in succession. The baseball team finished second to Texas, while in basketball and football, the Aggies came in sixth and seventh respectively.

The Farmers were a bit more successful in the minor sports, winning first places in golf and cross country, second in swimming and third in tennis.

Coach Harry Stiteler took over as head football coach this year and finished the season with no victories and one tie. The tie came at the end of the football campaign when Aggies won a moral victory at Austin by holding a strong Texas team to a 14-14 tie.

Although eleven members of the 1948 squad were lost through graduation, A&M hopes will be much

higher for the coming season. The bright spot in the Aggie hopes for 1949 was the fine showing of this year's freshman team, which emerged victorious over John Tarleton and the freshman teams of TCU, Rice, and Texas. The only loss the fish suffered was at the hands of the Baylor Cubs by a 19-12 score.

The Southwest Conference championship for the second time in two years last spring. In doing so, the Aggies came from behind before the last race was run to swamp the Texas Longhorns in the conference meet which was held in Houston.

### Basketball

The A&M basketball team finished a none too successful 1947-48 campaign by winning only two conference games and finishing sixth in the conference race. The team won 7 of the 24 games that it played last season.

Coach Marty Karow hopes to come through with a better season in 1948-49. Four of last year's starters, Bill Turnbow, Sam Jenkins, Gene Schrickel, and Bill Batey have returned this season. From last year's fish team Coach Karow has picked up John DeWitt who has taken over at the center position. Another player, James Kirkland, a member of last year's varsity squad, has been playing fine ball at the forward slot.

Jewel McDowell, a former all-state player from Amarillo, will join the team at mid-semester. He is expected to take over a guard position that will be vacated by the graduation of Sam Jenkins in January.

### Swimming

After winning six of their seven dual meets last season, the A&M Swimming team placed a bitter second to Texas University in the conference meet. Coach Art Adamson's powerful aggregation skipped thru meets with Oklahoma U., Baylor, SMU, Kansas U., and the D. A. C. without slowing down.

It looked as if the crown would come to Aggiedom after the Aggies took an early season win over the challenging Teahounds, who were crippled by the loss of two key-men to be, Jim McCann and Karback.

An otherwise well-rounded Aggie squad was only one deep in good distance and breaststroke men. Bernie Syfan was the No. 1 distance man, and won first in every dual meet except the one with Texas, where McCann beat him. Then Goodman of SMU swiped first in the conference, followed by McCann and Syfan.

The final blow came when Texas' breaststrokers, Hyman Karback and John Hill, gave TU first in that race, and the winning margin in the medley relay as well.

Danny Green, one of A&M's swimming greats, won every race he participated in last season. He was always good for 10 points, plus a fine assist in the 400-yard relay.

Jack Riley was right behind Green in both dashes, and missed several first places by a hand. Johnny Heeman bolstered the Aggie colors in the biggest deficiency of all—diving. However, Heeman was no match for either Jack Tolar of TU or Bullet Manale of Baylor. He split duels with Bill Campbell but trailed him in the conference meet.

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## SPORTS

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### Led by J. D. Hampton, the Aggies lost only one duel in the entire fall season and that was the first meet of the year to Oklahoma University. In that meet, however, Hampton crossed the finish line ahead of everyone else, as he did in every other meet he entered during the fall.

Julian Herring also performed well during the season and won second place in the Conference meet. Herring should win the Conference title in the mile in the Conference track meet in the spring of 1949, with Hampton sacking up the two mile race.

Members of the cross country team who represented A&M during the season include Ray Holbrook, Jerry Bonnen, Carroll Hahn, Webster Stone, N. A. Ortiz, and of course Hampton and Herring.

### Tennis

The Aggie netters finished third in conference competition and made an excellent showing for themselves in inter-sectional competition.

Coach W. M. Dowell is expecting his squad to do even better in the '49 competition because of the addition of some excellent

### Golf

The A&M golf team ended Texas University's supremacy in that sport by winning the title last spring. The Aggie golfers soundly whipped the teasippers 6-0 and then almost lost the championship by losing five of six matches to Arkansas in Little Rock. The loss to Arkansas was the only conference setback suffered by the Farmers, who came through with wins over Rice, SMU, TCU, Baylor, and Texas.

The Cadets will find themselves favored to retain the crown when conference play takes up again next spring. Coming back from last year's squad are Johnnie Henry, Bart Halton, and Jack Barnett. The only member not returning is Travis Bryan, Jr., who was the number one player last year.

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