

District Golden Gloves Meet To Be Held At Allen Academy

Tournament to Be Staged Next Week; Aggies Are Expected to Enter Team

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

The annual Golden Gloves tournament will be held in Bryan January 13, 14, and 15 at the Allen Academy Gymnasium. This tournament is open to all Aggies who have an amateur status at the present time as well as to other amateurs in this district.

The district tournament will be held in the Allen Academy Gymnasium and the regional tournament will take place in Temple. All Aggies who are interested in getting in a little boxing experience, and are eligible for competition, are asked to fill out the entry blank below.

The Texas A&M Golden Gloves team is expected to be very strong but its real strength will not be known until all entry blanks have been turned in.

Winning boxers in the district meet at Bryan will go to Temple for the regional meet to be held there January 28, 29, and 31. Those winning there will then go to the state meet at Ft. Worth and then to the national meet which was held in Chicago last year. Those boxers going to the national meet will have all expenses paid.

Entry blanks have been distributed to Barney Welch in the Intramural Athletic Department and in the Batt Sports Department. Anyone desiring additional information should contact either of these two offices.

The Bryan district tournament is composed of Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Madison, Robertson, Walker, and Washington counties.

Scribes Choose Outstanding State Player

Balloting is now underway to select the outstanding football player of the year in Texas high school football. Every member of the Texas Sports Writers Association has been contacted by mail in the last few days and asked to turn in his ballot so that the winner can be known by January 14.

So far, three Batt sports writers, Art Howard, Sack Spoede, and Bill Potts, have participated in the voting. They were unanimous in selecting Claud Kincannon, great back from Waco high school, as their man. They readily agreed with each other that Kincannon was probably the greatest passer in the state this year, and that he rated the nod because his running and kicking were above average.

The boy athletes receiving the greatest number of votes in this balloting will be an honor guest at the annual banquet of the University of Houston Ex-Students Association. Last year Byron Townsend of Odessa won the award.

Any high school player in the state is eligible for the award. He can be a lineman or back and from any class school—city conference, class AA, class A, class B or six-man football.

Announcement of the selection is expected to be made at some date after the 14th of January.

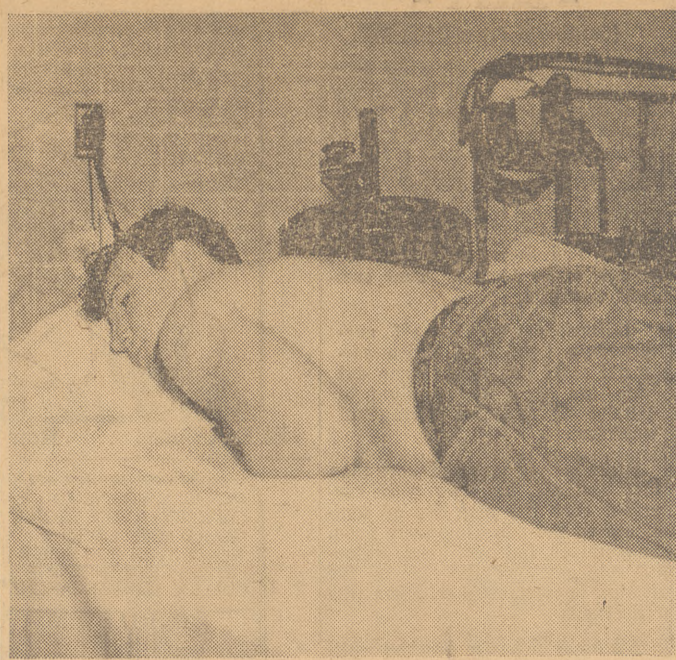
Reseeding Planned For Kyle Field

Kyle Field will have a new coat of grass in the next few weeks, according to W. F. Pitts, caretaker. He said that grass seed has been ordered, and that operations should start before the spring semester.

New seed was planted last year, but the Bermuda grass was mixed with another type, and the field retained its beaten and barren look in spite of ample watering. That and the dry weather made the grass spotty and grey.

It is not known whether or not this operation will prevent spring training workouts on the field, although it is presumed that it will. Much of the wear and tear on the grass was the result of the varsity's workouts on Kyle Field during secret practice last fall.

The Battalion has positions open on the sports staff for interested persons. Those interested should see Roland Bing in the Student Activities office.



GEORGE KADERA reclines under the diathermic apparatus for treatment of a pinched nerve in his right shoulder. A&M's star discus hurler, Kadera will be ready to resume workouts in a few days. His friends claim that he hurt his shoulder while throwing firecrackers.

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A&M Consolidated Will Hold Cage Tournament Next Week

The third annual A&M Consolidated Invitation Basketball Tournament sponsored by the College Station Kiwanis Club will be held in the A&M Consolidated High School Gymnasium on January 14-15.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place teams in the meet. Awards will also be made to members chosen on the all-tournament team.

The teams entered this year are Somerville, Iola, Madisonville, Navasota, Richards, Milano North Zulch, Leona, and Lott. First round games will be as follows: Navasota vs Milano, Leona vs A&M Consolidated, Madisonville vs North Zulch, and Somerville vs Iola. Somerville and Consolidated are favorites in the tournament along with defending champion Navasota.

Few basketball fans who attended the tournament last year will forget the final game when Navasota defeated A&M Consolidated in the second overtime period 46-44.

Coch Coach Simmons' eagles are off to a fast start this year with two victories over Navasota and one over the Bryan "B" team.

District competition for the Tigers got under way this week with a game at Normangee last Tuesday night and one at Centerville tonight.

Four Arrested For Attempting to Fix Basketball Game

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Four men were under arrest on a bribery charge today after a college basketball player told authorities they tried to get him to "fix" a game.

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan said the arrests last night, following four months' investigation by New York City detectives, came after David Shapiro of Brooklyn, co-captain of George Washington University's cage squad, had reported the bribe offer to him.

Hogan praised Shapiro, a 25-year old GI law student who won four battle stars in World War II, for his courage and honesty in working with the district attorney's office until the arrests were made.

Charged with violation of a section of the penal law covering bribery of participants in amateur sports and with conspiracy were: Joseph Aronowitz, 35, a cloth cutter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Philip Klein, 24, a linotype operator, also of Brooklyn.

Jack Levy, 40, of Miami, Fla., William Rivlin, 43, of New York.

Hogan said Shapiro told him that the four men had offered him \$1,000 to make certain his team lost to Manhattan College at Madison Square Garden last night by a lopsided score.

Manhattan, an early 7½ point favorite, rose to a 13-point favorite before game time. Shapiro didn't score a point in the game and fouled out on five personals.

Van Brocklin May Sign With Rams

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Los Angeles Rams expect to add Norman Van Brocklin of Oregon to an imposing stable of quarterbacks for their national pro football league 1949 season.

In passing the Oregon Webfoots into the coast conference co-championship with California and into the Cotton Bowl, Van Brocklin completed 68 passes out of 139 in 10 games for a 48.9 per centage.

In the Cotton Bowl, where Southern Methodist beat Oregon, 21-13, Van Brocklin completed eight out of 19 for 145 yards and one touchdown. He is a 6 foot, 1 inch, 192-pounder from Walnut Creek, California.

Bears Beat Hogs 41-37 With Last-Half Rally

Mathias First In Sullivan Balloting

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Bob Mathias, the 17-year-old marvel from Tulare, Calif., who won the Olympic decathlon championship at London, has been voted the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy as the outstanding United States amateur athlete for 1948.

The award, most coveted in the world of amateur sports, has been given annually since 1930 to the amateur "who, by performance, example and good influence, did most to advance the cause of good sportsmanship during the year."

Mathias, now a student at Kiski Preparatory School at Saltsburg, Pa., was given 201 first-place votes out of 525 ballots cast by sports leaders throughout the country.

Harrison Dillard, the great Negro sprinter and hurdler who won the Olympic 100 meters at London, placed second to Mathias with 119 first-place votes. Dillard also ran second last year, when the award went to Jack Kelly, the Philadelphia sculler.

VERDEUR THIRD

Third in the voting was Joe Verdeur, Olympic breast-stroke swimming champion from Philadelphia, chosen by 77 selectors; fourth, Henry Wittenberg, New York City's peerless wrestler who won the Olympic 175-pound title, 64 votes; fifth, Bob Kurland, towering center of the Phillips Basket-

Bears Show That They Are Out To Defend Their SWC Crown

By The Associated Press

The Baylor Bears made it clear last night that they intend to hang on to their Southwest Conference basketball crown.

The Bears bore down hard to wrest a 41-37 victory from Arkansas at Fayetteville. The score was tied many times during the game—including 20-20 at the half—and Arkansas was leading when the final whistle was but minutes away. Then Baylor rallied.

The game followed the pattern of the only previous conference joust, being just as hard-fought as Texas Christian's narrow 58-52 victory over Southern Methodist at Fort Worth Tuesday night.

Arkansas jumped into a lead over Baylor on a field goal in the first few minutes of play by center Bob Ambler. Ambler paced Arkansas to an eight-point lead in the second half but then was ejected on personal fouls.

A field goal by Don Heathington put the Bears ahead 38-37 as the game end neared. This was quickly followed by a free throw by Johnson and a final field goal by Bill DeWitt.

There is no Southwest Conference play tonight. Tomorrow night Southern Methodist entertains Texas and Texas Christian takes on Texas A&M at Fort Worth.

Best Hard Luck Story To Rate Prize In Tournament

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—There's one fishing competition in which you can win a prize if you lose. It's the Metropolitan Miami tournament and more than 300,000 anglers are expected to participate.

The \$15,000 worth of prizes includes a tough luck trophy awarded by Author Philip Wylie to the unfortunate fisherman with the best hard luck story.

Among the more cherished awards are four perpetual trophies—for the heaviest sailfish, the longest sailfish, the heaviest white marlin and the heaviest jackfish.

The 106-day tournament runs into April and is open to everybody—there is no admission fee—and the eager school boy with dime store equipment is just as eligible for a prize as any elaborately outfitted wealthy sportsman.

Already entered are rod and reel experts from 44 states, the District of Columbia, Europe, Canada and South America.

How do you win the tough luck trophy? Well, Collins L. Carter, of Albion, Mich., got this award at the last tournament when a shark bit off the tail of a white marlin he was about to boat after an hour's struggle. The bite was estimated at 13 pounds and the remainder of the fish weighed 107 pounds. The ultimate winner of the class scaled only 104 pounds, but mutilated fish are not eligible so Carter joined the tough luck group.

The first tournament was held in 1936. The idea was started by a group of sportsmen-businessmen in Miami and Miami Beach who formed an association known as Anglers, Inc., to encourage sport fishing in the metropolitan Miami area. All members donate their services and refuse to accept prizes.

The tournament committee says the rules are kept as simple as possible. All catches must be made unaided on rod and reel and must be weighed in at one of 53 official weighing stations. Thirty one different species of fish may be entered.

Just in case the avid angler needs encouragement the committee points out that of 58 world records charted between 1874 and 1947 no less than 20 of the top fish were taken in Florida waters.

Aggie Golden Gloves Entry Blank

Name _____

Weight _____ Age _____ Box Number _____

Address _____
(Room number and dorm)

Experience _____
(Number of bouts) (Years of experience)

Have you had Golden Gloves experience? _____

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Eagles, Top Pro Grid Team, Put Up for Sale at \$250,000

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—The champion Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League were put up for sale Wednesday—and Owner Alexis Thompson said he'd take nothing less than \$250,000.

Thompson, recuperating from an appendicitis operation, authorized Gen. Mgr. Charles Ewart to handle the sale.

Thompson said at New York "I'm ready to sell if the price is right." He added:

"My figure is no less than \$250,000 and no higher than \$300,000. The difference will be settled on the basis of new equipment we've purchased and ticket sales for next season."

"I have empowered Ewart to act for me in connection with sale of the Eagles, but when it comes down to closing any deal, the final approval will be given by me.

The Eagles won the NFL championship last month defeating the Chicago Cardinals in a snowstorm 7 to 0.

Thompson said "No one has approached me, personally, with an offer to buy the Eagles."

Two weeks ago, James P. Clark, former Democratic city chairman, said he and a group of Philadelphia businessmen had made an offer for the club.

The Eagles owner said he never met Clark and added flatly: "The rumor that the deal for the Eagles is almost closed is still just rumor."

Saddler to Defend Title
NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP) Busy Sandy Saddler will defend his world featherweight championship February 11—less than four months after he won it.

His foe in the 15-round title fight at Madison Square Garden will be the one from whom he snatched the crown—Willie Pep.



BILL BATEY, Forward

Bill has been looking good in recent workouts with the varsity and is fighting hard for a position on the starting five. A 6 foot letterman from Moulton, he led the Aggies in scoring last year with 250 points.

Cleveland Indian pitching star Gene Bearden led the American League hurlers in his first season with an earned run average of 2.43.

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