

# Developing Distance Duels Will Bring Out Track Fans

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NEW YORK—The promoters of the big eastern indoor track carnivals are rubbing their hands in gleeful anticipation. For competition has come to the distance races. That means crowds are in the offing.

Duels are developing in both the mile—long the fans' favorite race—and the two mile. At the longer distance the battle may rage hottest, for two of the cleverest invaders ever to hit the boards seem certain to make a specialty of that grind.

Erik Ahlden of Sweden and Gaston Reiff of Belgium are the pair that figures to revive the pulse-throbbing finish. It doesn't look like any American can stay close to them. Track experts are predicting the fastest two mile races indoors since Greg Rice hung up his spikes.

In the mile, Ingvar Bengtsson of Sweden and Willy Slykhuus of Holland figure to hit the tape stride for stride. Bengtsson measured Slykhuus in their first meeting at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games by a scant yard. But the Swede had a couple of weeks of training in the country whereas Willy was just off the plane.

Now that the Dutchman has had a chance to round into shape the duel is getting hotter. Willy had trouble on the turns in the Philly meet, kicking his calves black and blue when he tried to negotiate the banked curves.

Bengtsson considers Slykhuus the most dangerous miler around today and Slykhuus returns the favor claiming that Ingvar now is the finest man at the distance in Sweden. This includes both Henry Eriksson and Lennart Strand who finished one, two at the Olympics.

It is a tribute to the versatility of the two runners that they are rated so high at 1,760 yards because it is not the normal distance for either runner. Bengtsson is the Swedish 800



Erik Ahlden



Gaston Reiff

meter champ and showed his ability at less than a mile when he ran away from a 1,000 yard field in the Boston K of C games.

Slykhuus is rated one of the greatest distance running machines in history. He finished third in both the 1,500 meters and 5,000 meters at the London Olympics and is generally considered stronger at the longer run.

Actually, two miles also might be a little short for both Ahlden and Reiff. They are primarily 5,000 meter men, which is right around three miles. However, Ahlden calmly chopped nine seconds off his winning Philadelphia time when he led the way in Boston, and both the invaders expect to be running under nine minutes before the season is out.

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## Aggie Leighton Lomax Wins Regional Flyweight Title

By FRANK SIMMEN, JR.

Aggie Leighton Lomax, that fighting little flyweight from Odessa won the Regional Championship in Temple last Saturday night by defeating Robert Reeves of Temple in the finals of the three day Golden Gloves Regional tournament.

The talented young ring specialist has his toughest fight Friday night in the semi-finals. His opponent was the favored Comsweet, and enlisted man stationed at Camp Hood. Comsweet, also a featherweight, won the Fourth Army Championship, the TAAF tournament, State Diamond Belt tournament in New York, and is a former Golden Gloves Regional champ.

It was a slugfest dual all the way with Lomax coming out on

top by a unanimous decision of the judges. His fight Saturday night in the finals was a breather. He won an undisputed bout against Bob Reeves, a Temple lad who was supposed to be a real match for the tough Aggie boxer.

The crowd favored the rough and fast Comsweet, but when the little Odessa ringster let fly with a flow of hard punches to his opponent's stomach in the third round, the picture changed and the young Aggie flyweight, cheered by the crowd, went on to take the decision.

The rest of the district boxers, mostly from Allen Academy, did exceptionally well in the rest of the classes by taking four titles, six individual trophies, and a group of individual medals.

Along with these honors the Bryan squad took the regional team title. The boys from this area won two novice titles, and four titles in the open class division. The trophy is being displayed in the Allen Academy Gym.

The State Meet is to be held in Ft. Worth in the very near future and the lads who win state titles will go to Chicago to represent Texas in the National Golden Gloves Tournament.

There is some controversy over the eligibility of Leighton Lomax. The flyweight ring specialist has only a thumb on his right hand, being minus the rest of his fingers because of an accident during childhood.

Director Flem Hall of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram is in charge of the Golden Gloves competition in the state. He has not made a definite stand as to the eligibility of Lomax. The rule book states that a man is eligible only if he is physically fit, but whether Lomax, who has a permanent physical defect, will be able to continue in Golden Gloves Competition is not known at the present.

# Three SWC Cage Tilts On Slate This Weekend

## Frogs and Ponies Resume Play In Conference Friday Night

By LEON SOMER

Texas Christian and Southern Methodist resume Southwest Conference play tomorrow night in Dallas in the first of three basketball games to be reeled off this weekend.

Along with A&M, the Frogs and Ponies are all tied up at the bottom of the conference race with one win and four losses. Tomorrow night's game will find one of the two teams climbing into fifth place while the other will take sole possession of seventh place behind the Aggies.

These same two teams opened the conference race last month with TCU upsetting the Mustangs 58-52 in Ft. Worth. However, the Ponies will be favored to trim the Frogs on their home court in Dallas.

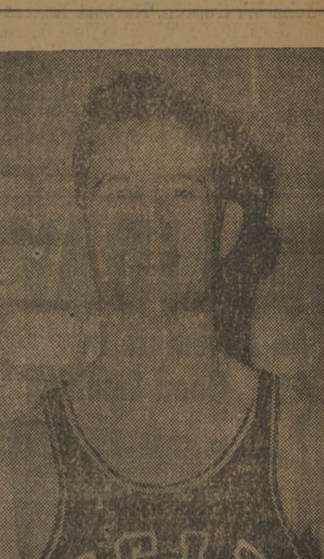
Against SMU the Frogs will depend upon their 29 year old center Julius Dolnic who is presently leading the Southwest Conference in scoring. Dolnic has scored 20 or more points in three of the five conference games in which he has played so far this season.

SMU's hopes to avenge their earlier defeat to TCU will rest mainly on the shoulders of forwards Jack Brown and Bob Prewitt. These two players have scored over half of the Mustangs' total points in conference play this season.

Saturday night will find Texas coming to College Station to meet the Aggies and Arkansas going to Waco to meet the Baylor Bears.

A&M has played all but the Longhorns so far in the conference race. In their first five games the Farmers have been able to defeat only TCU, however, the Aggies expect to be much tougher since guard Jewel McDowell moved up to the varsity squad. McDowell, along with the ever-improving Aggie center John DeWitt, hope to form a combination that will upset the Longhorns when they invade A&M Saturday night.

Texas will be led by their guard combination of Slater Martin and Al Madsen. Martin, who was expected to lead the Longhorn scor-



BOBBY FARMER, long range shot specialist from Amarillo will be counted on heavily in the tilt this Saturday night with the Texas Shorthorns. With the loss of Jewell McDowell, who moved up to the varsity squad, Farmer will take over the hard task of moving the ball downcourt.

## Lyford High Signs The Other Rideout

RAYMONDVILLE, Tex., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Lyford High School, perennial powerhouse in class 44-B athletic competition, will have a former world record holder as coach. The school yesterday signed up Wayne Rideout, who with his twin brother Blaine established world track records while with North Texas State. The new Coach will be permitted to retain his Willacy County Insurance Agency. The agency has kept him busy since he resigned as assistant coach at Raymondville High School last year.

The first meeting of Athletic Officers and Intramural Officials will take place at 5 p. m. today in the Intramural Office.

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct
Baylor	5	1	.833
Texas	3	1	.750
Rice	3	1	.750
Arkansas	3	2	.600
Texas A&M	1	4	.200
T.C.U.	1	4	.200
S.M.U.	1	4	.200

### LEADING SCORERS

Player	Pts	Ave
Tom, Rice	67	16.8
Dolnic, TCU	80	16.0
DeWitt, A&M	74	14.8
Ambler, Ark.	71	14.2
Hamilton, Texas	55	13.8
Prewitt, SMU	65	13.0
McDowell, A&M	13	13.0
Heathington, Bay	74	12.3
Brown, SMU	56	11.2
Madsen, Texas	43	10.8

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TED, I WANT TO WIN THAT NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP! BUT—HRUMPH—I SMOKE SO MUCH MY THROAT FEELS DRY AS OSSEOUS TISSUE

IS IT TRUE, GRAHAM, THAT THE PITHECANTHROPOS ERECTUS WAS EURYGNATHOUS?

IT IS TRUE, SIR AND IT—ULP—HRUMPH—HRUMPH—I'M AFRAID I—CAN'T GO ON

JULIAN YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT YOUR VOICE WOULDN'T LET YOU GIVE 'EM—

O-O—THERE'S A REAL CASE OF CIGARETTE HANGOVER

AND I—HRUMPH! HRUMPH! WANT THAT SCHOLARSHIP SO MUCH—AND MY THROAT FEELS ALL SMOCKED-OUT—

THANKS JOHNNY, I'LL TRY IT

SOME TIME LATER

THE BIG SCHOLARSHIP OUGHT TO BE IN THE BAG FOR YOU TOMORROW

IN ANSWER TO YOUR LAST QUESTION, DOCTOR IT WAS BRITAIN'S WAR LEADER WHO SAID HIS OPPONENT "UTTERED A TERMINOLOGICAL INEXACTITUDE"

BRILLIANT ANSWERS, GRAHAM YOU SCORED 20 OUT OF 20

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THANK YOU SIR—AND THANK JOHNNY AND PHILIP MORRIS FOR HELPING ME WIN!

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EMPYREAN — The clear upper sky.

FEBRIFIC — Causing fever; said of feverish activity.

NUGIFY — To render futile, to X-out.

OSSEOUS TISSUE — Bone.

PITHECANTHROPOS ERECTUS — Famous specimen of primeval man.

EURYGNATHOUS — Having a wide prominent jaw.

CIGARETTE HANGOVER — That stale, smoked-out taste; that tight dry feeling in your throat due to smoking.

TERMINOLOGICAL INEXACTITUDE — In short, a lie.

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