

# 'Wounded Vets Know Their Baseball' Says Al Schacht

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NEW YORK—Baseball still has a marvelous hold on the wounded GI's says Al Schacht, baseball's clown prince who has just returned from a tour of southern hospitals.

"Baseball has nothing to worry about as long as the veterans continue to show their interest," says the funny man who is serious about his hospital visits. "You can't talk football or hockey to these kids. But baseball! That gets 'em."

"The spirit of the American kid is remarkable. They never let out a beef. I have yet to hear a boy complain."

During his recent 5,000-mile jaunt through the south, Schacht visited hospitals in Richmond, Va.; Asheville, N. C.; Atlanta, Augusta Ga., and Lake City, Fla. At some hospitals he gave away dollar bills for those fortunate enough to answer his four stock questions.

He asks them their name, home town and weight and tops it off with a baseball question. "I'm no fool," says Al. "But I must be slipping or the GIs are brushing up on their baseball. At one hospital I gave away \$6 and pretty soon everybody wanted up on the stage."

"At another place I visited some mental patients. I thought I was entertaining them and all the while they were ribbing me."

"I walked in and a big fellow recognizes me. He's about six-foot-three and has his feet on the table. 'Hey,' he shouts, 'what's wrong with you?'"

"Not a thing," I said. "I'm here to form a baseball team."

"Look, the fellow says, 'those guys aren't interested. But tell me what you want and I'll fix everything. I'm the king here.'"

"So I say 'OK you're the king but who wants to pitch?'"

"Pretty soon there's a chap winding up without anything in his hand. He's throwing an imaginary baseball. He's my pitcher. Then I see a fellow walking around in circles. I stop him. He says he's running the bases."

"Pretty soon I get enough men to form a team but nobody wants to catch. Those boys know what it's all about. Catch-



AL SCHACHT

more entertainment out of visiting veterans than they do out of his efforts to entertain them. It's fun when they get him into a baseball argument. "I usually wind up in the middle," he says.

Raconteur and Restaurateur Schacht likes to recall how he got in on the Italian invasion.

"It was 4 o'clock on a Friday morning, Sept. 3, 1943," says Schacht. "The previous day I had entertained Montgomery and his British 8th Army and part of the U. S. 5th Army at the Catania Opera House in Sicily."

"On the third they flew me to Italy. When we hit the airfield three jerrys strafed us. The pilot told me to lie on the ground. It all happened in 10 seconds. 'If you can shake, get up,' he said. I shook all over. I had never been in a war before."

"I saw tanks rolling through the streets. I learned it was the British 8th Army. There I was in on the invasion and didn't know it."

"They gave me a room in a broken down hotel and a major told me to grab an hour's sleep. I never got a chance to sleep. Shrapnel was flying all over the town. Part of the hotel balcony went flying through my room."

"I removed a cot from a closet, put it against the door to the room and ran into the closet. When I did that the lock snapped. There I was locked in the closet with the cot against the door of the room. It was almost impossible for anyone to reach me. A major broke down both doors."

"Another time we were aboard ship a half mile off shore. Radar picked up enemy planes and we abandoned ship. I was undressed at the time, ready to take my first shower bath in seven weeks. I spent the next few hours in a sewer."

ing is too tough, they tell me. So I go away convinced if we ever get to play I've got to be their catcher."

Schacht says he probably gets

## Four Keglers Top 160 in First Night of Bowling Tournament

Moans and groans were heard on the YMCA alleys last night as those end pins failed to fall. The occasion was the first session of the bowling tournament to select a team to compete against Baylor. And many of those groans wouldn't pass the rigid rules of speech

habits at that Baptist school. Competition was high for the fifteen berths, and so were some of the scores. Four men beat 160, but Claude Lee posted the top score for the night with an average of 188, striking his first four frames. He added another 14 strikes in his three lines for a total of 563 points.

William Klabunde took second place honors with a total of 516 for an average of 172. Brad Holmes, a short man with a straight ball, sneaked into third place in spite of a bad final game of 132. Holmes' 482 topped Don Boston's effort by a single point.

Wally Dixon, the most consistent shooter of the night, shot 474 for fifth place. Dixon was plagued with splits, having five during his three games. Another bowler who deserved a better score was Marvin Hagemeyer, who left numerous tenpins rocking but still up.

But the champion of the one-pin-left bowlers was "fast ball" Floyd Henk. His ball left the tenpin standing alone numerous times, and the sloping alleys made his second shot difficult.

Most of the curve-throwers had trouble on the uneven lanes, and resulted in much of the moaning and groaning.

R. L. McClure was one of these. McClure won the intramural championship, beating out Dixon in the finals.

Due to the increased number of entries, two nights of tryouts will be held next week for the remaining contestants. Both Wednesday and Friday nights have been reserved, and all entries must be turned in to the Batt Sports desk by Saturday afternoon.

Bowlers will be notified by mail when they are scheduled to play. The limited number of alleys limits each session to 12 bowlers.

Lee—205, 170, 188 (563); Klabunde—169, 169, 178 (516); Holmes—174, 177, 132 (483); Boston—138, 184, 160 (482); Dixon—165, 165, 144 (474); Hagemeyer—162, 145, 155 (462); McClure—145, 160, 152 (457); Henk—127, 189, 128 (444); Peterson—131, 119, 146 (396); Tatum—153, 136 104 (393); Houston—127, 153, 113

# Aggies Test Longhorns In Home Tilt

## Swimmers Meet In Intrasquad Tilt Saturday

Coach Art Adamson has announced the probable swimming lineups for the Saturday afternoon tussle between the Fish and ineligible on one team and the Varsity squad on the other.

Probable lineups will be:  
For the Fish,  
300 medley relay—George Reeves, T. W. Comstock, Bill Sargent, 220 freestyle—Van Adamson, Billy Hale, John Parnell.

50 freestyle—W. G. Karow, J. R. Ellis, Gayle Klipple.

Diving—P. L. Shaffer, David Mitchmore, Gibb Matlock.

100 freestyle—Ellis, Klipple, Albert Hilton.

150 backstroke—Sargent, Reeves.

200 breaststroke—Karow, Comstock, W. A. McKenzie.

400 freestyle—Adamson, Parnell, Hale.

400 relay—Ellis, Klipple, Hilton, Sargent.

For the Varsity  
300 medley relay—Ed Kruse, Billy Moye, Paul Clevenger.

220 freestyle—Bernard Syfan, John Peters, James Gaines.

50 freestyle—Danny Green, Jerry Fisher, J. P. Westervelt.

Diving—Joe Canning, J. L. Flowers, Harold Johnson, Scotty Potter, Guy Saunders.

100 freestyle—Edgar Butler, R. W. Rouse, Fisher, T. D. Davis, S. G. Southworth.

150 backstroke—Kruse, Paul Fleming.

200 breaststroke—Jimmy Flowers, Gene Summers, Moye, George Dieck, John Shepard.

440 freestyle—Syfan, David Vardeman, Peters.

400 relays—Davis, Butler, Percy Bennett, Green.

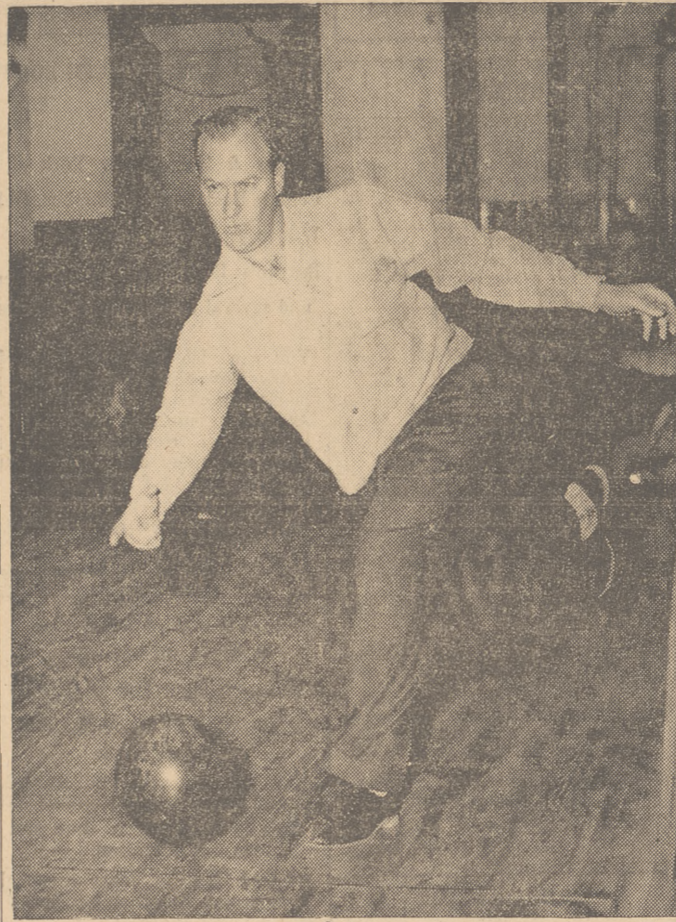
Coach Adamson also stated that he would not limit the number of team entries in order that he might get as many boys in the pool as possible in order to find out what material he can depend on to turn in the best races in future meets.

There will be plenty of good swimming on the program for those who wish to see the boys go through their paces, and the varsity squad, though they will be heavy favorites to beat the Fish, will find that it can't be done without a fight all the way.

AGS TO PLAY BUCKEYES  
A three-game series with the Ohio State Buckeyes will feature the pre-Southwest Conference baseball schedule of the Texas Aggies, Coach Marty Karow has announced.

Ohio State will meet the Aggie nine here on March 24, 25, and 26. The remainder of the Cadets' non-conference schedule will be announced later.

George Guerre, Michigan State's graduating backfield star, has been named assistant alumni director at the school.



CLAUDE LEE shows the form which made him high-point man last night in the bowling tournament. Lee's first four throws were strikes, and he added 14 more while averaging 187 in three games.

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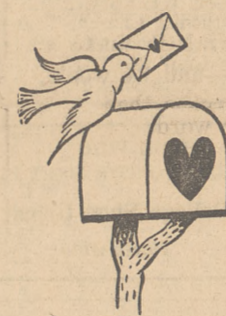
### Call Meeting For 'Mural Managers'

An important meeting for Intramural Managers will be held Monday afternoon in the Intramural Office. Time is set for 5 p. m.

Plans for this spring's activities will be discussed by Intramural Director Barney Welch. Welch will also go over plans and rules for the forthcoming wrestling matches

that begin on February 14. Welch announced that refreshments will be served. The program for this semester will include events in softball, track, wrestling, boxing and horseshoes.

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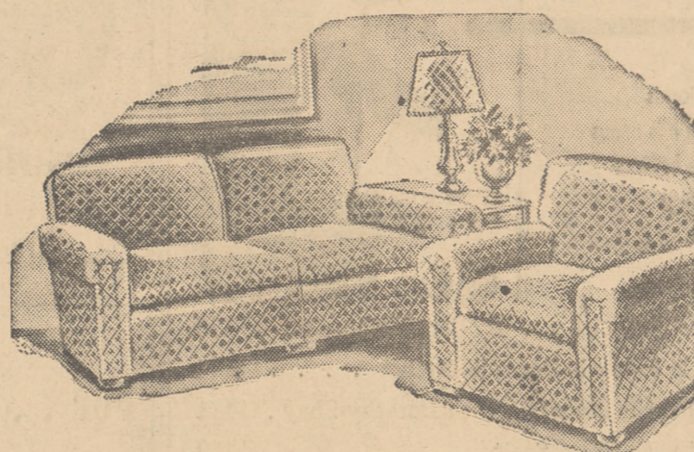
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# Hamilton Biggest Threat Faced By Aggies Tomorrow

By PURR SIMMEN, JR.

Going into the fourth week of conference cage competition, the Texas Aggies meet a strong TU five when the Austinites journey to College Station this Saturday night.

The Teasips have lost only one conference tilt this season and that one to a determined Owl quintet in Austin two weeks ago. The Texans defeated Baylor, last year's conference champs and NCAA tournament participants, Arkansas, TCU and SMU.

The leading scorer, Tom Hamilton, has racked up a total of 55 points in conference competition with an average of 13.8 per game. He is at present fifth in the race for leading scorers.

The Aggies on the other hand, have won only one game in SW competition while losing a number of tilts in the last few minutes of play. The Horned Frogs fell before the Aggies in the Cadets first game of the conference race. The Frogs have also won only one game, defeating the Mustangs, but since the Aggies fell before the Dallas cagers earlier in the season a tie has resulted for the last place in the conference race between A&M and TCU.

John DeWitt, Waco's pride and the Aggies' best pivot man, has scored a total of 74 points for a scoring average of 14.8 per game, ranking third in the conference race.

Since the spring term has started the Aggies have only played one game losing to the Razorbacks by a score of 62 to 57 in Fayetteville.

The Longhorns will be striving for their sixth win of the conference race when they meet the Farmer five in DeWare Field House. Fleet Slater Martin, the Texas' All-American forward will deal the Aggie squad considerable trouble in the tilt along with his playing mate, Al Madsen.

Madsen, the Longhorns' hot tempered captain, has a scoring percentage of 10.8 in the conference race to date, scoring a total of 43 points. He is second in the Longhorn scoring race, outpointed only by Tom Hamilton the Sips' heavy center.

Vilby White, a 6'2" forward who stepped into a starting berth in the closing games last season, will be holding down a guard slot along with Madsen. White, who is back for his fourth season with the Longhorns, has shown considerable improvement in his play this season and is expected to aid his squad in trying to deal the Aggies some misery.

All Aggies whose last names begin with N through Z will be admitted first to the game this Saturday night and if room is available, all others who wish to go will be admitted at 7:30.

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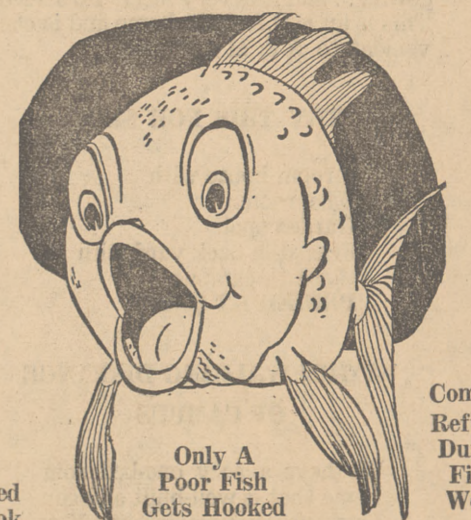
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