

# Ag Tankers Sink Mustangs, 40-30, To Stay On Triumph Trail

## Green Loses to Muckelroy In Fifty But Wins Hundred

By SCOTTY SWINNEY

Aggie swimmers kept up their winning ways Saturday with a walk away win over the SMU tankmen at P. L. Downs Natatorium.

The A&M squad stepped off to an early 5 point lead by winning the 300 yard medley relay. Ed Kruse started the relay for the Aggies with the backstroke, picking up a 3 yard lead over the Mustang backstroke ace, Robert Willard.

Then Jim Flowers took over with the breaststroke portion of the event, and increased the lead to 7 yards over the SMU man, Jim Dwire. From there Gene Summers stepped out with the freestyle to bring home a nice 5 point lead for the Aggies.

The 220 yard freestyle event saw the Aggie lead increased to 12 points, when Bernard Sfyfan and David Vardeman took an early lead over Mustangs Doug Connar and Harold Bradham, and held it to place first and second.

Sfyfan and Vardeman were swimming stroke for stroke for a long while, then Sfyfan pulled away to win by about 3 yards. Vardeman, however, who is working on a new style, turned in the second best time he has ever recorded, and more is expected of him as the season progresses.

The race that everyone was hoping for developed when Danny Green and Mike Muckelroy were matched in the 50 yard freestyle. The race was a fight all the way, but Mike nosed the Aggie ace out at the finish to win for the Mustangs.

This marks the first time this season that Green has been outdone in a race, either individual or relay, and he didn't take it lying down. In the 100 yard freestyle, he hopped back to take an advantage over Muckelroy on every turn to beat the big Mustang hope out of his second win.

Aggie divers came to the front in this meet, and walked, or dived, away with the first and second places. They would have taken all three places had it been possible to enter three divers. The third man diving for A&M was Herbie Johnson, who is greatly improved, and hasn't reached his peak yet.

Johnson amassed some 81 points to put him a close second, which was unofficial since each team could only enter two divers, to Scotty Potter the winner of the event with a total of 84.15 points.

Gene Summers gave the SMU

breaststroke man, Jim Dwire a close race in the 200 yard breaststroke event, and provided the gallery with one of the many thrills of the afternoon. All the way, they swapped the lead back and forth, and it was a toss-up as to which of the swimmers would reach the finish in the lead. Finally, the advantage went to Dwire, who turned in a 2:46.5, while Summers finished with a 2:46.6.

Ed Kruse did his bit for the Aggies, when he turned in his second win of the afternoon over the Mustang backstroke flash, Robert Willard. The first time Kruse outswam him was in the backstroke leg of the 300 yard medley relay, but this time it was in the 150 yard backstroke race and netted Ed an individual win, and the Aggies another 5 points toward their victory.

The 440 yard freestyle gave the spectators another bit of excitement to put them on the edge of their seats, when John Peters, of A&M, and SMU swimmer Doug Connars fought it out in a two man duel.

Connars took a slight lead off Peters at the start of the race, and it looked as though he may win without too much of a fight, but John came back into the fight, and tied it up with the man from SMU. Then after holding on for several lengths, Peters started dropping back again, and it seemed that he was out of the running, but again he gave the gallery a surprise by pulling up again and surging to the front. From this point on John used all the turns to his advantage and beat Connars by 4 yards at the finish.

SMU took the 400 yard relay, but not without a fight all the way. Cleveger started for the Aggies and gave them a 2 yard lead. Then Tommy Butler added another yard to put them ahead by 3 yards.

Jim Flowers gave up the lead in the first half of his hundred, but regained part of it in the last half, to give the Aggies a lead of 1 yard. Then on the last hundred, Muckelroy nosed out McKenzie to win by 1 yard and give the Mustangs another 7 points, and ending the scoring at 40-30, and a ten point win for the Aggies.



KENNETH SHOBE and GLENN LIPPMAN dress for spring training as the first phase of the season of 1949 gets under way. Both players were stand-outs on the freshman squad last year, Lippman sparkling on offense and Shobe being particularly impressive as a line backer. A full-back on the Fish team, Shobe is now playing right half.

## Position Shifts Numerous As Spring Drill Gets Underway

By SACK SPOEDE

"There'll Be Some Changes Made" could well be the theme song of the Aggie football coaches and players as they move into spring training, for there has been plenty of shifting of material around among the members of the team. Especially is this true among the members of the Fish team of last fall moving up to the varsity.

Ralph Dresser, starting end for the freshmen in four of their games last season, has been converted to a guard position by the coaches. This move was taken to shift some of the strength from the generous supply of ends to the weak center of the line.

Dresser has been having trouble with the knee that he injured in the game with the Rice frosh. He has been unable to strengthen the knee to the point that he can get full use of it.

Bobby Goff, starting fullback on the varsity last season and winner of the Most Valuable Player trophy, has been shifted to right half. In the practice Saturday, Goff injured a knee. Last season he was continually bothered by a knee injury, but this time he has hurt the knee that was good throughout the past season.

Running at full back in place of Goff is Bob Smith of Houston, ineligible the past season for Kish football. Smith is a 200 pounder who has run the hundred in 10.2 seconds in track.

Jimmy Flowers, former all-

state center from Highland Park has been shifted back to that position after being used for an offensive tackle during the past year. Flowers is having trouble getting into shape for football because he is dividing his time between swimming and football. Swimming will loosen the muscles while football tightens them.

Three former fullbacks on the Fish team are now operating at right half. They are Jerry Crossman of Houston, Buddy Shaeffer of El Paso, and Kenneth Shobe of Corpus Christi. Bernard Lemmons is still at full, as he was on the Fish squad, while Clarence "Bull" Lawson is not taking part in spring training due to a knee operation that he has just had performed. Paul Yates and Kenneth Voss of last year's varsity are still fullbacks.

Jim Doby and Bill Tidwell, halfbacks on the Fish squad, are now running from the fullback post. Doby was the lad who returned a punt for a score against the TCU Poliwoogs last fall, while Tidwell stopped Byron

Townsend of the Texas Freshman decisively in the Shorthorn game several times.

While it is still very uncertain who will end up playing where, the coaches had Goff, Smith, Glenn Lippman, and Jimmy Cashion running in one backfield Saturday. After Goff was hurt, Robert Schaeffer moved into the vacated right half post.

Clinton Gwin and Andy Hillhouse were at the end positions for that team. Gwin was having a field day snagging the passes thrown by Cashion.

Goff, Frank Torno, Mack Stoeltje, and Yale Lary have been warming up in the punting exercises. Torno has looked impressive in this department as he sent booming spirals down the field.

It is still very early in the training period and only one thing can be determined by the drills so far. And that is there will be plenty of work put out on the practice grid at Kyle Field this spring.

## Baseball Opens Tomorrow With Steers Favored

Tomorrow is the opening day of baseball in the Southwest Conference. It finds the Texas Longhorns favored for the conference flag as usual but if some inexperienced pitching comes through for the Aggies, they will be in the thick of the battle for the flag.

Last year's catcher, Jim Calvert is again back to handle behind the bat duties. Behind him are two sophomores who can be expected to take quite a bit of the load off the Dallas backstop's shoulders. They are Bob Graham and Bill Dennis. Both showed strong throwing arms for the Fish nine last fall.

Russ Mayes will again return to third base where he was a stand-out last season. Mayes is a fast little third sacker with a rifle for a right arm.

At short the Aggies have lost Tex Thornton, but have gained Guy Wallace, Jr., who hit over .400 last spring for the Fish and performed well in the field.

Cotton Lindloff is back again at second base to finish his college career at A&M. Cotton was an All-state football back and an All-state short-stop while at Waco High School.

Little Joe Saverino will be ready to fill in at second if Cotton or any of the other infielders should falter and some changes need to be made.

First base is wide open with the possibility of John DeWitt or Bill McPherson taking over that spot. Bob Fretz, who divided his time between first and pitching last season might have to do it again this season if the above sophomores don't come through.

Finding pitchers to go with the rest of the team is the problem that is bothering Coach Marty Karow the most as concerns baseball at present. Possibilities on the mound are Blanton Taylor, who might also play in the outfield, Bruce Morris, a southpaw bothered by wildness last spring, Bob Fretz, who might do better than last spring if he can concentrate on pitching, and Pat Hubert and Truett Mobley. Hubert looked very good at times last year on the Fish team, especially in a game game with the Texas Shorthorns in Austin when he defeated Frank "Pancho" Womack, 5-2.

After the outfield of last year the Aggies are going to have to work hard to remain as strong as they were. Gone are Red Burditt, Dusty Clark, Willy Willingham, Zeke Strange, and last but not least, Stan Hollmig. Only one other outfield in the conference compared to these men last year, and that was Texas University's.

Paul Andrews will handle the Fish team this year succeeding Charley DeWare, who resigned from the coaching staff earlier in the year. Andrews has been on the campus as an instructor in the physical education department.

Outstanding candidates for the Fish nine include Bob Tankersley of San Antonio, Bill Bybee and Bobby Farmer of Amarillo, Charles Operstony of Bryan, Lester Lackey of Stephenville, Al Ogletree of Austin, and Martin Hamilton, a standout American Legion catcher from Little Rock, Arkansas.

### "T" STAG POSTPONED

A&M's T-Association has announced the postponement of its stag dinner indefinitely. Instead, a regular meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 15, in Hart Hall lounge for the discussion of plans for Sports Day on March 12 and the T-Association dance on March 25. All lettermen are invited to attend.

One of the smallest athletes at Texas A&M is I. J. Barrios of El Paso, 138-pound captain of the fencing team.

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## SACKIN' UP SPORTS

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### Rice Owls Might Surprise in Mile Relay With Addition of Soph Quarter Men

With track season drawing nearer it might be well to note that A&M's mile relay team might find as tough competition in their own backyard as anywhere in the nation. Two schools in the conference have teams that have possibilities of beating the Cadets.

Rice Institute recruited some fine quarter mile prospects last year and this year have these sophs to go with Tom Cox and Jim Hoff to form a relay team that will be dangerous to the Aggies in every meet.

Rice's two leading second year men in the quarter mile are Red Brown and Caesar Bernal. With Cox, Hoff, Bernal and Brown running, the Owls expect to force the Farmer team below 3:15 in order to win.

Rice will field an improved team this year. Vern McGrew, winner of the Olympic trials of last year, may reach 6'9" or 6'10" in the high jump this spring. More than likely he will be the outstanding performer in track in the Southwest this season.

Texas University also might field a team that will challenge the Aggie track team in its favorite event, the mile relay. Texas will also give the Aggies a tough fight for points in the field events. A&M, however, will probably pick up points in the distance races due to the loss of Jerry Thompson over at the Forty Acres.

Billy Echols, who is at present starring for the Coca-Cola amateur basketball team in Houston might enroll at A&M sometime in the future, according to a story carried in the Houston Press last Thursday.

While at Sam Houston high of Houston, Echols was one of the

leading figures in school boy cage circles in the city. He led the Houston team to district and bi-district championships. In the state play-offs in Austin, the Houston team drew Amarillo in the first round and was eliminated. According to the Press article, Echols guarded Jewell McDowell in the game.

After finishing high school, Echols didn't enter college but went into amateur basketball in Houston. Since his graduation Billy has grown a couple of inches and added a few pounds. He is now 6'3" and weighs 180 pounds. According to players on the A&M basketball squad, he is not fast but does possess a sharp eye for the basket.

After two years in amateur ball, Billy has decided that he wants to go to school and he feels that A&M would suit him. When the Coca-Cola team beat the strong Humble team of Texas City recently, Billy scored "about 20 points". Other former Sam Houston players on the Coke team are Roy Creppon and Johnny Gunn.

Stan Hollmig has signed his contract for the coming season with the Philadelphia Phillies. Hollmig signed with the Phillies last season after the end of the Southwest conference baseball season, receiving a bonus of \$25,000.

Hollmig must spend a year with the Phillies on the main squad as a bonus player before he can be sent down to the minor leagues again. So he will either be playing for the Phillies or on their bench during the coming season unless they asked waivers on him.

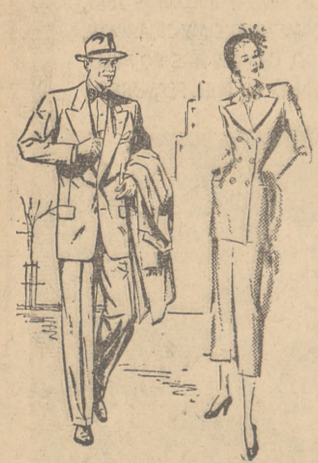
Last season he played for Wilmington, Delaware, in the Interstate League, batting .303 for the season. The Wilmington club is a farm team for the Phillies.

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### Competition Set For Handball Club

After a semester of inactivity, the A&M Handball Club is being reformed. Herman Segrest, club sponsor, plans a meeting for Tuesday February 15 at 5 p. m. in the Physical Education office.

Organization for this semester is already set up. Elmo Livingston is president and Z. R. Wells is secretary treasurer. About twelve members are active now but Segrest wants more to join.

A ladder tournament is now underway. Already, matches have been arranged with four other SWC schools.

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