

Varsity Upset By Fish Tankers, 46-38

By SCOTTY SWINNEY

It was Freshman night at the swimming pool last night as the Fish squad upset the Varsity 46-38.

There wasn't even a slow start in this meet. Both teams stacked the 300 yard medley relay with their best men for a fighting start.

Ed Kruse opened the relay for the upperclassmen, and for a while it looked as though he would creep away from the Fish swimmer Bill Sargent; however Billy started pulling up on behind and overtook Ed to tie it up.

Billy Karow took over for the Fish and pulled out to lead Jimmy Flowers by 5 feet. This gave Van Adamson a good advantage to work with, and he used it to the best as he stroked out to retain the lead over Danny Green and win for the Fish.

Bernie Syfan took the first of his two wins, and the Varsity's three, when he pulled up to overtake Ralph Ellis of the Fish after the first turn of the 220 yard freestyle.

After a short fight to stay up Ellis dropped behind and left it all open for Bernie. Dave Vardaman of the Varsity outswam John Parnell of the Fish to take third.

Billy Karow put the Fish back in the win column when he took the 50-yard freestyle away from the Varsity's swimmers Jerry Fisher and Toddy Westervelt, who placed second and third respectively.

Van Adamson added more points for his team when he won the 220 yard individual medley. Gilbert McKenzie, swimming for the Varsity, took a short lead in the breaststroke, but Van took it away from him in the backstroke, with Billy Sargent taking over second place. The two Fish then held on to their positions to win. Paul Clevinger placed third.

Dave Mitchmore, Freshman diver, pulled an upset in the diving contest to give the Fish some unexpected points. Scotty

Potter, the favorite in this event, placed second.

Another upset was staged by Billy Sargent when he beat Ed Kruse in the 150 yard backstroke. It was close all the way, but Sargent held on and wouldn't be beaten.

Paul Fleming of the Varsity and Ray Hilton fought it out for third, with Paul taking it for his team by a touchout.

Bernie Syfan pointed the way for the Varsity again in the 100 yard freestyle to take the second win of the evening. His teammate, and captain of the A&M swimming team, Danny Green paced along behind him to finish second and give the Varsity 8 points for the event.

Billy Karow took the spotlight for his final appearance when he won the 220 yard breaststroke. George Dieck beat Tommy Comstock for second by a touchout.

Van Adamson led the field for the entire distance in the 440 yard freestyle. His only likely competitor was his teammate Ralph Ellis, who challenged him for awhile but finally dropped back to finish second. Dave Vardaman took third after giving Ellis a fight for second.

The Varsity took their last seven points with the 400 yard freestyle relay. The team made up of Gilbert McKenzie, Paul Clevinger, Toddy Westervelt, and Danny Green easily beat the Fish team.

Results

300 medley relay—Fish (Sargent, Karow, Adamson); time: 3:09.9.

220 freestyle—Syfan, Varsity; Ellis, Fish; Vardaman, Varsity; time: 2:27.9.

50 freestyle—Karow, Fish; Fisher, Varsity; Westervelt, Varsity; time: 0:24.7.

200 individual medley—Adamson, Fish; Sargent, Fish; Clevinger, Varsity; time: 2:28.9.

Diving—Mitchmore, Fish; Potter, Varsity; Johnson, Varsity; points: 63.1.

100 freestyle—Syfan, Varsity; Green, Varsity; Ellis, Fish; time: 0:56.

150 backstroke—Sargent, Fish; Kruse, Varsity; Fleming, Varsity; time: 1:49.

200 breaststroke—Karow, Fish; Dieck, Varsity; Comstock, Fish; time: 2:38.3.

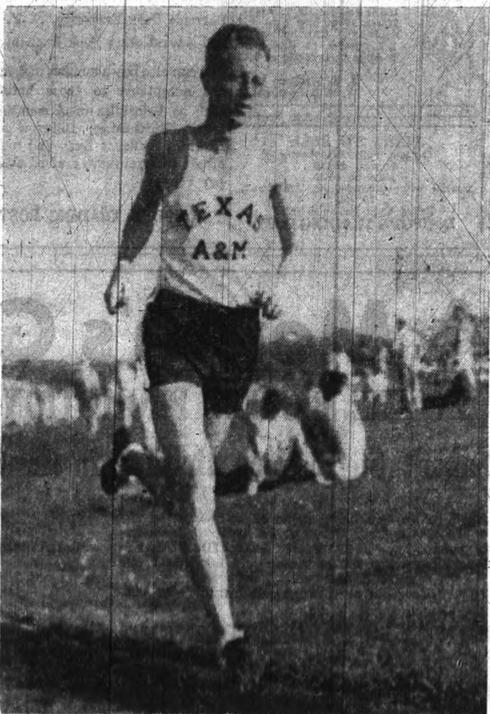
440 freestyle—Adamson, Fish; Ellis, Fish; Vardaman, Varsity; time: 5:31.4.

400 freestyle relay—Varsity (McKenzie, Clevinger, Westervelt, Green); time: 4:00.2.



J. D. Hampton, distance ace on the A&M track team, has been selected by the Batt Sports Staff as Star of the Week for the week ending last Saturday, March 12.

Hampton, a senior agricultural student from Brady, earned the selection last Saturday when he won both the mile



J. D. HAMPTON, Aggie distance star from Brady, Texas, has been selected Star of the Week by the Batt Sports Staff. He earned this nomination Saturday at Laredo in the Border Olympics when he broke two records in winning both the mile and the two-mile runs.

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His runs were the outstanding feature of the Border games because he broke records in both of those runs.

The record that he cut the most time on was the mile. Blaine Rideout, Aggie trainer, set the old record of 4:22.6 in 1940 when he was running for North Texas State. Hampton shaved it down to 4:18.7.

Probably the most satisfying to Hampton though, was his breaking of the record set for the two-mile last year by his old rival, Jerry Thompson, from Texas University. He shaved 1.3 seconds from Thompson's record when he ran it in 9:36.

Hampton was the pace setter for the Aggie Cross Country Team last fall when it defeated the defending champion, Texas University, and won the conference championship.

High hopes are held by the coaches of the Aggie team this year for Hampton. He is the outstanding distance runner in the Southwest and is favored to take the same two runs in the conference meet at Fayetteville. Those wins will add up to a lot of points for the Aggies.

Three Pitchers Lead Fish Over Allen, 10-0

By SACK SPOEDE

Three Texas Aggie freshmen pitchers held the Allen Academy Ramblers scoreless in a baseball practice game held on the Fish diamond yesterday afternoon as the Farmer batters put 10 runs across the plate. Only one hit was allowed by the Fish throwers as they fanned 19 of the Bryan batters.

Lanky Sam Blanton started on the mound for the Fish and retired the first nine men to face him in order to finish his three-inning stint with the minimum of effort. Blanton is a South Park of Beaumont product. In the game against the Allen team he proved that he was as tough as armor plate and twice as fast. He promises to develop into one of the greatest pitchers in the history of Aggieland.

Not only did the Beaumont chunker exhibit blinding speed but also managed to keep the ball in there so that none of the Allen players reached first on a walk.

Bob Tankersley of San Antonio replaced Blanton on the mound for the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings. Bob went to Thomas Jefferson High in the Alamo City, a town that does not have high school baseball teams, although they do produce some outstanding players.

Tankersley gave up the only hit that the Allen players were able to attain all day. This was a little blooper over the head of the first baseman and second sacker and too short for the right fielder to get. Although Tankersley did give up the only hit he did do a fine job on the mound walking none of the Ramblers.

Walter "Buddy" Davis finished in the box for the Fish and surpassed the other two pitchers by getting seven strikeouts to six for each of the other two pitchers. He also gave up the only walk of the day, however.

A&M also furnished the pitchers used by the Allen team in the practice game. These were Smith of El Paso, Robertson of Brackenridge of San Antonio, and Hughes of Dickinson. These three did very well on the mound, although they were hindered by the antics of the Allen team in a field to a degree. The Allen players were trying but they either don't have the experience or the natural ability of the Fish baseballers.

Al Ogletree and Ham Hamilton handled the catching duties for the freshmen. Ogletree started and before he left the game showed that the Aggies could count on good catching for the next few years unless something changed the complexion of things. Al is an Austin high graduate who saw the light and left the banks of the Colorado, for those of the Brazos.

Hamilton is from Little Rock, Arkansas. Last year he was one of the outstanding prep school players in the state famous for good baseballers. Unlike another Arkansas catcher, Bill Dickey, Ham is a short fellow.

Jim Tunnell of San Angelo was on first for the first year men. Tunnell is a big guy with the advantage of being a natural left hander. He looked good at the initial sack on the times that he got to handle the ball. This didn't happen often due to the job that the pitchers did.

Little Joe Eterich has finally become a starter in a Fish sport. Eterich, a Brackenridge of San Antonio product, first tried the Fish football squad but didn't have the foot to make the grade. During the basketball season he tried that sport and did get to play some. Now in baseball he has earned the starting position at second base. During the game yesterday he got on base every time that he moved to the plate.

Wester Lackey was the starting short stop. Lackey is from Stephenville and looked good in the game the times that he got to toss the ball around.

Charles Oberstony of Bryan was on third for the Fish. He proved his prowess at the plate by knocking out one home run and then putting another ball in the same place only to have it caught by an outfielder who was playing it safe that time.

Yale Lary, Bobby Farmer, Jack Mills, and Aggie Saxe all saw action in the outfield for the Fish. Lary is from Fort Worth's North Side High, Farmer is from Amarillo, and Mills and Saxe are from South Park of Beaumont.

While the Fish won this game easily, it does not prove that they will go the remainder of the season without meeting some team that will not give them plenty of trouble and will probably beat them.

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Boxers in Two Classes Prepare

Six fighters in the 159 pound class and four in 129 pound class advanced to boxing semi-finals by virtue of their action in the ring Wednesday afternoon.

Bill Mayo and Max Word clashed in a wide open punching duel and provided the afternoon's top match. Both fighters took a round apiece then cut loose in a slugging spree in the third. Word, a right hander from F Air Force, got the judges nod over left-handed Mayo from E Air Force.

In the 129 pound division, Griff Pastorek of A Composite, defeated Bob Blakely of A Field. Ross Fryer, Dorn 17, took a TKO from Carl Thomas of C Field in fifteen seconds of the third round. Dave Cravey out-boxed John Cummings in their match; Cravey is out of Maroon Band and Cummings is from ASA. Walter Todd, B Engineers, had a bare margin over Art Clardy, D Air Force.

A lone 148 pound bout saw Bob Schubert score a TKO over Jim Morrow. A Cavalry's Morrow couldn't answer the third round bell so Schubert of QMC took the bout.

ASA's Artie Wright had no trouble with Stan White of B Air Force in the 159 pound class. John Dextler, Maroon Band, decisioned Hymie Whelan of A Signal. Bo Damuth, B Infantry, took a bout from aggressive Sonny Blaine, A Cavalry. Jim Arnet C Cavalry, out-punched Waymon Martin of E Field. Autrey Frederick, C Cavalry, took a slow and close fight from Jack England of B Air Force. Flukinger of A Engineers, forfeited to Beck, A Cavalry.

MacKnight, E Field, downed game Ken McConnell of A Field in a 179 pound fight. Both fighters threw plenty of leather in the first two rounds but slowed down in the final round. Walton entry, Jack Groff, had no trouble with Joe Braden of A Field. Groff's fists beat Braden into submission by the end of the second round.

Finch, ATC, forfeited to War-maker, E Field, in a scheduled 169 pound fight.

In Handball semi-finals, A Infantry downed CWS in team play. Next Monday, they'll meet ASA for the team title.

Law and Leggett went seven innings to a tie in softball. A playoff will be arranged later in the season if necessary.

F Flight outslugged A Vet in Corps Softball, 12-4. ASA beat B Air Force by a 7-5 margin. Ordinance company ran up a 11-2 score over A Flight.

Razorbacks Open Play In NCAA Tomorrow Night

The Arkansas University basketball team journeys to Kansas City tomorrow to open play in the first round of the Western NCAA Regional play-offs. The Razorbacks will represent the Sixth District in the play-offs.

Among other teams picked to play at Kansas City are Wyoming, champion of the Skyline Six; UC-LA or Oregon State, contenders for the West Coast berth; and either Oklahoma A&M or Nebraska from District Five.

Arkansas will play its first game tomorrow night. Pairings for the first round will not be known until the West Coast and District Five representatives have been picked.

The winner of Regional play at Kansas City will go to Seattle, Washington, to play against the Eastern NCAA finalist for the National Championship.

This is Coach Eugene Lambert's second team to gain the NCAA Campbell at regards. Kearns and play-offs. In 1944 the Razorbacks gained that honor but were unable to attend the meet because of an accident that cost the team the services of Don Nichols and Ben Jones. Utah then replaced the Southwest entry and went on to take the National title.

In 1945 Arkansas again was the Southwest representative in the Western regional and lost out in the second round of play to Oklahoma A&M after beating Oregon 79-76 in a record-breaking first round game.

Coach Lambert will probably stick to the same line-up that carried his team to a tie for the Southwest Conference championship. This starting five found Cathcart and Horton at forwards, Ambler at center, and Kearns and Campbell at guards. Kearns was chosen on the A&M Conference team.

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Aggie Nine Plays SFA Team Here Tomorrow Afternoon

The Texas Aggie baseball team plays its second game tomorrow afternoon when it meets the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks on the Kyle Field baseball diamond. The Cadets opened their 1949 baseball season by taming the University of Houston Cougars 6-0 last Saturday.

Coach Marty Karow has the job of rebuilding this year's team after the loss of several of last season's starters. The Farmers took second place behind Texas in conference play last year but probably will find the going a little rougher this year with both Texas and Baylor fielding good teams.

Baylor already has beaten Stephen F. Austin, Hardin College, and Oklahoma A&M this season while the Longhorns have lost two close ones to Dallas and Houston of the Texas League.

Coach Karow will probably start the same team that he used last Saturday against the University of Houston. This line-up was made up of McPherson, Jr.; Moon, cf.; Warriner, rf.; Maltz, 1b.; Lindoff, 2b.; Mays, 3b.; Wallace, ss.; and Graham, c. The starting pitchers will probably be Bruce Morrisse, Pat Hubert, or Bob Fretz.

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Conference Swimming Meet Begins Tonight In Austin

The Southwest Conference swimming meet opens this evening at 7:30 in Austin with the swimming of the 1500 meter freestyle race.

Aggie Bernie Syfan, Dave Vardaman, and John Peters will be entered in this event for the A&M squad. These three left at noon today for Austin along with the men who will enter the 50 yard freestyle and the low-board diving. The preliminaries in these events will be held tomorrow.

Reds Turn Sports Into Politics

BERLIN, (AP)—The Communists of Russian-occupied eastern Germany have converted sports into a political tool. They have gone farther in this respect than the Nazis ever did.

Outright political proclamations which denounce the western powers are issued by the Communist-created "Deutscher Sportsausschuss" (German Sport Committee) which tightly controls all sports in the Russian occupation zone.

This committee was established last November by several Communist-controlled organizations, including the trade unions and youth movement. It bars from competition any sport club which does not join the committee and has the sole power to license new clubs. This effectively prohibits the operation of any independent or non-Communist groups.

How the Communists make politics with sport was vividly demonstrated at a recent meeting of the Deutscher Sportsausschuss.

As reported by the Russian-controlled news agency ADN, the meeting began with a denunciation of the west, which declared: "Now it has become apparent that ruling circles of the western powers have no interest in keeping the Potsdam agreement but are more concerned with a criminal division of the world and constructing a front for a new war. Our new democratic sport movement, on the contrary, stands for peace. Therefore, we resolve uncompromisingly never again to aid the warmongers by conducting a non-political sports movement."

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