

Aggie Nine Opens Conference Play Against Owls Wednesday

Morisse, Hubert To Pitch Against Owls In Houston Tilt

Houston will be invaded Wednesday when the Aggie baseball squad arrives for a two game series with the Rice Owls.

At this date, it is uncertain at what time the games will be played or where. The Wednesday game at least will probably be played at Buff Stadium, and that will possibly be the site of the Thursday game also.

AP Training Camp Briefs

TUCSON, Ariz., March 29—(AP) The Chicago Cubs will hit the Texas trail for a full two-week tour after their game with the Cleveland Indians here today.

A&M goes into this series as the favorite, having won three games against two losses. The Owls record includes two losses against one win. The only method of comparison between the two teams at this time is their showing against the University of Houston. The Aggies defeated the Cougars, while they in turn beat the Owls.

Italians Plan To Construct Huge Stadium

ROME—An Olympic stadium to seat 120,000 may be built in Naples, in part with money from Americans of Italian descent.

VERO BEACH, Fla.—Eddie Miksa, utility Brooklyn Dodger infielder, is expected to be sidelined five days.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Paul Hinrichs, the New York Yankees' \$40,000 bonus pitcher, is giving Manager Casey Stengel some hard moments.



GUY WALLACE is the starting Aggie shortstop this year. He is a sophomore and will be playing his first conference game when the Aggies play the Rice Owls in Houston tomorrow. A&M is to play two games against the Owls this week.

Yankee Manager Casey Stengel Has Pack of Pennant Problems

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Casey Stengel has been bossing his New York Yankees less than a month, but already he knows that he has inherited a club with an excellent outfield, a potentially fine pitching staff—and very little else.

THUMBNAIL PREVIEW
New York Yankees
Pitching—Good
Catching—Fair
Outfield—Excellent
Infield—Fair
Finish—Third

Baylor Bears Win Over Ponies, 14-3
WACO, Texas, March 28.—The Baylor Bears sounded a loud warning to their Southwest Conference baseball foes Monday with a savage 14-to-3 rout of Southern Methodist Mustangs.

Donk Walker and Kyle Rote gave the Ponies a 1-to-0 lead in their half of the first frame. Walker walked and Rote singled his home. Baylor promptly tied it up, 1 to 1, in the second.

HECKING UP THE BIG THREE are Johnny Lindell, a 317 swatter last year; Hank Bauer up from Kansas City; Gene Wooding, the Pacific Coast batting champion, and Cliff Mares, a hold-over. Stengel says his biggest problem is how to cut this imposing list of flycatchers to five.

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Hurlers, Rookies Hold Key To Indian Success In '49 Season

TUCSON, Ariz.—Confidence in rookies and pitchers dominates the camp of the Cleveland Indians. The performance of the two groups stands out as the Tribe prepares to defend the American League pennant.

Both play a large part in the well-balanced baseball weapon being molded by Manager Lou Boudreau. This weapon is made up of experience youth, hitting, fielding and enthusiasm.

THUMBNAIL PREVIEW
Cleveland Indians
Pitching—Very Good
Catching—Good
Hitting—Satisfactory
Infield—Excellent
Outfield—Strong
Finish—1-2

Yet Boudreau says he can replace any of them with a rookie and hardly notice the difference. In spring practice these newcomers have shown ability in the field and at the plate.

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RAY HOLBROOK

Top Aggie 440 Man Placed Second In Schoolboy 880

By SCOTTY SWINNEY
Ray Holbrook, the Aggie's fleet footed 440 yard dash man, is a native of California. He moved to Goose Creek, Texas at the age of nine, and it was there that he started his track career.

Ray ran his first quarter mile in competition during his junior year at Robert E. Lee High School. That year he ran a 52 second 440 to place third in the State Meet.

During his senior year in high school, he again concentrated on the 440 and placed 2nd in the Regional Meet. When it came time for the State Meet he was shifted to the half mile run and captured second place in that event.

After graduating from high school in 1944, Ray shifted his feet to Aggie land. As a freshman on the 1945 A&M track team, he captured first place in the 440 with a time of 49.1 seconds.

That same year, he also took the 880 crown in 2 minutes and 1 second. To top off his activities for that afternoon, he ran a leg on the Aggie mile relay team which placed second.

After the season of 1945, Ray was given an invitation by Uncle Sam to join his Navy. He spent one year on this team, during which he ran for the Ward Island track team at Corpus Christi, Texas. He was discharged in time to re-enter A&M in the fall of 1946.

Holbrook got back to A&M at the same time another Aggie 340 king did. The other man was Art Harsden, who was on the United States Olympic squad last summer and they became known as the 440 twins of Aggie land.

In every meet the Aggies entered that year, it was these two lads who crossed the finish line in first and second place. That season Ray finished second to Harsden with a time of 0:48.3. He also ran on the A&M mile relay team which won the conference meet.

As a junior, Ray kept up his point making ways for the Aggies. This season went much the same way, with Harsden finishing first and Holbrook bringing up a close second. The same was true for the Conference Meet.

A&M's mile relay team that year enjoyed even greater success than during the previous season. That year, with Ray again a member, they set a new record at every meet in which they were entered except the Drake Relays and the Conference Meet. They won both of these meets, but they couldn't quite touch the records.

This seems to be another good season for the Aggie fleet foot. He has already anchored the mile relay

Battalion Sports Quiz

- Who won the Boston Marathon last year?
- Leslie Pawson
- Johnny Kelly
- Gerard Cote
- What is the U. S. Speedboat record?
- 1.96 mph
- 2.124.9 mph
- 3.124.6 mph
- Who holds the U. S. Speedboat record?
1. Gar Wood
2. Sir Malcolm Campbell
3. Guy Lombardo
- Who was the only man to ever beat Gene Tunney?
1. Jim Crowley
2. Emler Layden
3. Harry Gaeb
- Which of these was not a member of the Four Horsemen?
1. Jim Crowley
2. Elmer Layden
3. George Gipp
4. Don Miller
- What is the fastest growing sport?
1. Eddie Arcazo
2. Johnny Longden
3. Ted Atkinson
- Which Major League team has finished in the first division for 20 successive years?
1. Do the players receive a cut from all the games played in the World Series?
1. Yes
2. No
- Who won the first Southwest Conference Championship?
1. Texas
2. Texas A&M
4. Baylor

How To Win Friends And Influence Sports Writers

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
DALLAS, March 29.—(AP) As a tribute to Dr. Daniel Allen Penick the National Collegiate Tennis Tournament will be held at the University of Texas June 20-25.

Dr. Penick, the only tennis coach Texas U. has had during 41 years is quite excited about it.

He hopes to produce a champion to go with the five doubles and two singles winners he has had in the Nationals since 1920.

Gil Johnson, Southern Methodist might passer, says there was some good-natured ribbing going on in the SMU-TCU football game last fall. Johnson sparked Southern Methodist in a 99-yard drive in the last minute and forty-two seconds to bring a tie and he made his only run of the year with the ball in the process.

Johnson had a knee injury that was supposed to keep him from carrying the ball. Coach Dutch Meyer of TCU told his players not to hit me on my bandaged leg," says Gil. "It was a mighty fine thing for Mr. Meyer to do."

As the time ticked away Gil suddenly called himself to run with the ball. Dick McKissack, the Southern Methodist fullback, was amazed. "You'll hurt yourself," he said. "Oh, no," said Gil. "I'll catch them flat-footed. You block for me."

Next month there will be a referendum among Texas high schools as to whether or not they want to resume spring football practice.

This was banned last year by vote of the schools on grounds it interfered with spring sports. Since then the Texas high school coaches association has been campaigning for the return of spring practice. The chief argument is that it gives the opportunity to condition the boys and that they also need the period to teach the football fundamentals.

Gil lit out around right end while McKissack laid a terrific block on the first guy he thought might be going after Johnson. Gil ran the ball out of bounds. Some of the Texas Christian players flocked around him. "That wasn't in the contract," they said. "You weren't supposed to run."

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Babe Young, veteran National Leaguer, will attempt to fill the shoes of George McQuinn at first. Should he fail, either Jack Phillips, Dick Kryhoski or Joe Collins will take over. Both Stinweiss and Rizzuto experienced poor seasons at the plate last year. Each hit boys for all sports.

A letter, unsigned but obviously from a Texas A&M ex-student, takes us to task for saying in a story after the University of Texas had defeated A&M in the Border Olympics and Southwestern Recreation Meet that Texas was making a comeback.

Our article related that A&M had won the Southwest Conference championship two years in a row but it now appeared Texas would return to the throne.

We are somewhat puzzled at the letter-writer's agitation. First off he says he knows most Texas journalists are "teasippers from T.U." But that he thinks we should at least give a little credit to the Aggies for having won the past two years.

As noted above A&M was duly mentioned as having won the past two years. Answering the other point: We don't like tea and as near as we ever came to attending Texas U. was the time we talked to one of the professors about fixing up a schedule of courses for our son.

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