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Mural Track Competition Set For Action Early Next Week

The Intramural Track Meet is definitely set to be run on next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Over 500 entrants took part in last year's competition. About 50 more than that number are on the list this year.

Preliminaries in the 440 yard dash, 880 yard relay, 880 yard run and the broad jump will start the three day proceedings on Monday afternoon at 5 p. m.

Tuesday finds preliminaries continuing in the 100 yard dash, 120 yard high hurdles, 440 yard relay, and shotput.

Finals in all events follow on Wednesday evening. Starting gun will go off at 5 p. m.

Col. Frank Anderson will serve as meet referee and Dean W. L. Penberthy will be on hand to start all track events. Taylor Wilkins will be head finish judge, aided by Erwin Bilderback, Conerly Ludwig, Bill Napier, Don Cardon, and Bob Hall.

George Kaders will decide on shot put entrants. Three judges for both pole vault and broad jump have been assigned. Leroy Eodem, Jack Simpson, and John Davis will manage the vaulters while L. C. Coleman, Bill and John Henry, will judge the broad jumpers.

Entrants qualifying for the 440 yard dash must place first, second or third in each heat. Only the first team in each heat of the 880 relay will enter the finals.

The first three men in the 880 yard run will gain a spot in the finals. The best man in each heat of the century will advance to the finals plus the fastest second of the race.

Nine heats have been arranged for the 120 yard hurdles but only the fastest six will get into Wednesday's competition.

To line up the 440 relay finalists the judges will take the first place winners and add the two swiftest seconds.

Three Intramural Open Tournaments take place this week in DeWare Field House. Two take place this afternoon at 5 p. m. The Badminton Club will handle the open badminton tourney while the Weight Lifting Club will conduct the Open Weight Lifting meet.

Saturday afternoon, May 14, at 1 p. m., the Open Fencing meet will be held in the gym. The matches are run by the A&M Fencing team.

Only two Softball games rounded out activities in Intramurals Tuesday afternoon. Walton defeated Dorm 17 by a 10-6 score. Wilson won the route for Walton and gained the victory. Tumbow was charged with the loss.

The Pre Med's held a track meet with the Lutheran Club, downing them by the huge score of 22-0. After three innings, the game was called in accordance with Intramural rules. Lindig was the winning hurler and Hink pitched for the losers.



QMC's Intramural championship flag football team is shown here smiling over their sparkling victory in last season's gridiron wins.

Yankees Hinge Power Hopes On DiMaggio's Heel Healing

NEW YORK (AP)—The Yankees refer to Joe DiMaggio's famous right heel as "IT."

The easiest way to find out how the Yankees feel about "IT" is to visit Dr. Gene Mauch's spacious headquarters in Yankee Stadium. He's doing a land office business. During the first few days of the American League pennant race Mauch has had as many as a dozen Yankees under his care at once.

"They'll need a new rubbing table before the season really gets started. And the diathermy machine is getting a big play. But the big topic is "IT."

"It's a shame," is the way most of the Yankees put it. "If only somebody could do something for IT. We need the guy real badly. He's our power, if only he had some idea when IT would clear up."

IT's got the Yankees down. "Just to have Joe in uniform means a lot," says Coach Frankie Crossetti. Frankie is the only member of the Yankee brain trust who can really appreciate what Joe's hat meant to the Yankees last year when DiMaggio hit 39 homers and batted in 155 runs to top the league. Manager Casey Stengel and Coaches Bill Dickey and Jim Turner were not with the club.

"We're not the Yankees of old," says Crossetti. "Everybody knows that. But with DiMaggio around in uniform it helps tremendously. He's the best outfielder in the league."

"I can't understand this heel business. I never heard of any other major leaguer with heel trouble. I think Rogers Hornsby had something wrong there but when he quit he was at the end of his career anyway."

"Hank Greenberg told me he could hardly run when he came out of the Army. After his great year of 1946 when he hit 44 homers with Detroit his legs went back on him."

"I'm still able to move around pretty good and I'm as old as Greenberg (38). Joe's only 34 and I honestly think he could go on for 10 more years. But with the heel business, I just don't know. We're all hoping IT clears. They say rest will do it."

DiMaggio first developed heel trouble on his left foot in 1946, his first season back after three years in the Army. In January of 1947 he underwent an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for removal of a bone spur. He missed spring training. Then he had the heel cut open again. He had a total of 40 stitches in the rear of the left foot.

Last season DiMaggio still favored the left foot. As a result he developed heel trouble on his right foot. In November he went to Baltimore for another operation, this time on the right heel. Twenty stitches were required. Joe now has more stitches in his heels than a regulation baseball.

During spring training he played only 43 innings and made flying (See DiMAGGIO, Page 4)

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The 1949 Intramurals Bowling Champs. Both Royce McClure on left and Don Barret on the right are from CWS Company.

SACKIN' UP SPORTS

SACK SPOEDE

Coach Frank Anderson plans to take about 26 trackmen to the conference meet in Fayetteville, Arkansas this weekend. Time of departure from A&M has been set at 6:10 p. m., Thursday. Pullmans will be waiting in Dallas for all six of the Texas schools of the Southwest Conference. These cars will form a special train to the home of the Porkers.

All men who have shown that they might possibly take a point in the meet will be taken with the team. The meet promises to be so close that one point might determine the winner between the two state schools of Texas.

There are several freshmen working out on the track every afternoon who would really be valuable to the varsity at the present time. Not the least among these is the pole vaulter and high jumper from Brownwood, Don "Sleepy" Graves. Graves, who did well in high school circles last year, has been a very consistent performer for the Fish squad this year.

For the first part of the season he hit the 6'2" mark regularly in the high jump. Then around the middle of the season he cleared the bar at 6'3". Last week in practice he went over when the bar was set at 6'5". Monday afternoon he again cleared this height, although when it was measured the sag in the bar brought it down to 6'4".

In the pole vault, the former Brownwood Lion has been doing 12'6" and is shooting at the 13 foot mark. If he were eligible in the high jump this year, some of those wrinkles on the brow of

Coach Anderson would go away. Latest word has it that John Robertson, the conference broad jump champ for three years now, will not be able to jump in the meet in Fayetteville. We can believe this when we see it. Robertson has not competed since the Texas Relays when he pulled a muscle in his leg while running a lap in the 880 yard relay. He had previously torn a muscle in the opposite leg in the Fort Worth meet.

Charley Parker, who was also hurt in the Southwest Recreation meet, ran his first race since that time in the dual meet with the Rice Owls in Austin last Friday. Parker placed third in the 100, but anchored the winning sprint relay team. Perry Samuels of Texas was the winner of the race with Arthur Brown of Rice second. According to witnesses, Brown gained on Parker in the last leg of the sprint relay.

Texas has also performed better in the mile relay in the latter part of the season than they did in the first meets. Last week with two of the varsity team running laps under 49 seconds, they ran the relay in under 3:21. Their freshman team does the distance in about the same time.

Next year A&M will have only one man off of this year's mile team back. He is Don Mitchell, the little Deer Park runner who starts for the quartet. Connie Ludwig, Ervin Bilderback, and Ray Holbrook will finish at the end of this season.

Candidates to move in the vacancies are Don Cardon, who ran on the relay team last year; and James Baker, who has performed so well for the Fish squad this year in the quarter mile. Bernard Place, who transferred to A&M from Navarro Junior College, is another likely prospect. Place has been held out of competition this year so that he could save a year of eligibility. He was third in the state junior college sprints here last year. The first place winner, O. B. Chesshir, went to Texas.

Place ran a 49.9 in practice yesterday afternoon. This is a very promising time for a lad who has not been competing this year. If all these boys come through the Aggies might not be so weak in the 440.

The Standings

AMERICAN			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	16	5	.762
Detroit	11	8	.579
Cleveland	9	7	.563
Washington	11	13	.500
Philadelphia	11	11	.500
Chicago	10	11	.476
Boston	8	10	.444
St. Louis	4	17	.190

NATIONAL—(No Change from Tuesday)			
BIG STATE LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Texas	14	10	.583
Wichita Falls	14	10	.583
Waco	12	9	.571
Austin	11	11	.500
Gainesville	12	13	.480
Sherman-Denison	11	12	.478
Greenville	9	12	.429
Temple	8	14	.364

TEXAS LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Dallas	22	5	.815
San Antonio	18	10	.643
Shreveport	14	10	.583
Fort Worth	13	13	.500
Oklahoma City	11	16	.407
Beaumont	9	16	.357
Tulsa	10	18	.357
Houston	8	17	.320

EAST TEXAS LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Marshall	12	8	.600
Paris	12	8	.600
Bryan	11	8	.579
Longview	11	8	.579
Tyler	11	9	.550
Kilgore	9	9	.500
Gladewater	8	11	.421
Henderson	4	17	.190

WEST TEXAS-NEW MEXICO LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Borger	11	3	.786
Albuquerque	11	3	.786
Abilene	11	5	.688
Amesillo	8	7	.533
Lamesa	10	9	.526
Lubbock	7	12	.368
Pampa	5	14	.263
Clovis	3	13	.188

RIO GRANDE LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Laredo	12	2	.857
Corpus Christi	7	5	.583
Del Rio	6	7	.462
McAllen	6	8	.429
Brownsville	4	7	.364
Donna	4	10	.286

LONGHORN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Big Spring	10	3	.769
Vernon	8	4	.667
San Angelo	8	6	.571
Midland	8	6	.571
Odessa	7	7	.500
Roswell	5	7	.417
Ballinger	5	8	.385
Sweetwater	2	12	.143

Aggie-Steer Series Here This Weekend to Decide SWC Champ

The Southwest Conference baseball race comes to a climax this weekend here when the Aggie nine takes on the Texas Longhorns in a two-game series that will determine the 1949 conference flag bearer.

The series here with Texas this weekend is a repetition of the same at this time last year in Austin. Both games will have to be taken in order for it to win the conference crown. The situation was the same in Austin last year when Texas won both games from the Cadets.

Texas has the roughest schedule this week. It played Texas Christian yesterday and takes on Rice Institute today. Rice pulled the upset of the season last week when it won two out of three games from the Baylor Bears when the two teams played in Houston.

A&M's schedule is one game lighter than the Bears'. The Aggies will have plenty of time between Monday night's game with the Mustangs and Friday's first contest with the Saps to ready themselves.

At present, the Aggies are in undisputed possession of second place with Baylor third in the standings. Texas is still in first place as it has been all season. It has won all but two of its games while the Aggies have lost three. Last week, Baylor and A&M were tied for second but the Bears' two losses to Rice ran up their total number of defeats to five and knocked them out of the running. SMU is in fourth place, with TCU and Rice behind that order.

The conference race has its anticlimax next week when Baylor takes on TCU in Waco and the Aggies play Rice here, both on Tuesday.

Unless the outcome of the conference race depends on it, the Aggies and the Owls will not play the game between the two teams that was postponed because of rain at the first of the season in Houston.

Michigan State's track and field team starts won three firsts, three seconds and five other places in winning the 1949 indoor team title.



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Steers Smack Barnett, 11 - 6

Texas University increased its lead in the conference baseball race yesterday afternoon by pouncing on Jim Barnett of the TCU Horned Frogs, 11-6. Barnett had to leave the mound in the sixth inning.

The Frogs took the lead away from the Steers in the third inning after the Austin team had scored a single run in the last of the second inning. TCU scored two runs in their part of the third inning.

Coach Bibb Falk's crew of Texans tied the game up in the fourth, and went on to have a five run rally in the seventh. Their lead was never threatened again.

David Choates relieved Barnett in the seventh, while Murray Wall, the starter on the mound for the Longhorns, was relieved by Walt Deason at the end of the same inning. Austin was the site of the game.

Rice Institute plays the loop leaders today, and then they come to College Station on Friday and Saturday for a two game series with the Aggies.

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