

Ag Swimmers, Basketeers Meet Northwestern, Bruins

By FRANK N. MANITZAS
A&M's varsity swimming, basketball, and Fish basketball teams will provide an entire evening of sports thrills beginning at 8 p. m. Friday at the DeWare Field House.

Coach Gene Schrickel's Fish basketeers will tangle with the strong Baylor Cub basketeers as the opener for the evening at eight. Marty Karow's cagers will take on the Baylor Bruins in a very important conference basketball tilt. After the varsity basketball game, the swimming meet will begin in the P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium where the Aggies will splash against the Northwestern College of Louisiana.

Fish Gain and Drop One
The Fish basketball team took another setback last week when the Cubs trounced the Fish 56-35, but regained part of their prestige in sliding past the Wharton Junior College Pioneers 41-35. It was the Cubs first win over the Fish, and the second Fish win over Coach Johnnie Frankie's Pioneers.

Leroy Miksch starred for the Cadets in both tilt sinking 28 points in the weekend games. This brought his total for the year to 90 points. Miksch and Don Garrett's rally in the last few minutes of play pulled the Fish ahead to defeat the Pioneers last week.

Fish Handicapped
Although the Fish have been handicapped throughout the year with changes of coaches, injuries, and ineligibilities, they hold a 4-4 record, having defeated the Rice Shine, the Pioneers twice, and losing to the Texas Shortorns, Baylor Cubs, Lon Morris, and splitting a two game series with the Allen Academy Ramblers.

Coach Bill Menefree's Cubs boast a 6-1 record having gained wins over the Fish, the Texas Shortorns, Lon Morris, the TCU Frosh, and two wins over the North Texas Frosh, but losing one game to the SMU freshmen.

Darrell Davis, John Starky and Lonnie Quillen lead the Cubs in scoring although it was a substitute, Roland Elledge, that sparked the junior Bruins' win over the Fish. Elledge paced the Cubs with 13 points for last Friday's victory.

Bear-Ag Tilt, Crucial
Marty Karow's serious contenders for the Southwest Conference title will meet the Baylor Bears in a crucial tilt which will determine the leader of the conference—a lead now shared by four teams—A&M, Arkansas, Baylor, and SMU.

The Cadets dropped the Bears last week 66-45 on the Baylorites home court. Probable starters for

the Bruins Friday will be the quintet of Don Heathington, Odell Preston, Bill Slack, Bill DeWitt, and Bill Hickman. Ralph Johnson, 6' 3" substitute for Baylor, may start since he was high scorer for the Bears in last week's game with 13 points.

A&M's usual quintet—Jewell McDowell, John DeWitt, Bill Turnbow, Wally Moon, and Buddy Davis, that was unusually cold against the SMU Mustangs last night, will probably start against Coach Bill Henderson's five.

The Aggies hold an average of 49.9 points for seven conference games and have allowed their opponents only 45.5 points in each game. Baylor, on the other hand, has scored 51.3 points for each of its seven conference games and have allowed 49.5 points in each game to their opponents.

McDowell leads the Aggies in scoring with 251 points while DeWitt trails as runner-up with 184 points. Davis is close behind with 183, and Bill Turnbow, the Cadet high scorer in the Mustang-Aggie tilt, has 120 points to his credit for the season.

Aggs, Louisiana To Swim
Coach Art Adamson's tankmen will engage Northwestern Louisiana in a dual meet immediately after the varsity game.

Earlier this year the Aggies took second place in the S.W.C. Relay Carnival, which was held in the SMU pool, when they were nosed out by a powerful Texas team. In their first dual meet of the year the Aggies were defeated by the Oklahoma Sooner team 40-35 at Norman. Last week the Cadets drowned the Baylor mermen, allowing the Bears only two firsts in the meet.

Van Adamson, Ralph Ellis, Billy Karow, and Bill Sargent will place the A&M swimmers with added support coming from Tommy Butler, George Dieck, and divers Howell Johnson and Paul Shaffer.

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Holy Cross, OS Crowd Top Of AP Cage Poll

New York, Feb. 8 (AP)—Holy Cross, the nation's only major unbeaten college quintet, continues to lead the field in the weekly Associated Press poll, but Ohio State's rugged Buckeyes are preparing to steal the basketball spotlight.

Victorious in all 17 games, Holy Cross received more than 50 per cent of the first place votes.

No other five was even close to the Crusaders, but if Ohio State should continue its current pace, there's no telling what might happen. Far back two weeks ago, and seventh last week, the big ten leaders knocked off two stalwart opponents over the weekend to jump into a fourth place tie with St. John's of Brooklyn.

Bradley (19-3) replaced Duquesne in the runner-up role, bagging four No. 1 nominations to none for the Pittsburg five. The Iron Dukes, winner of their first 16 games, were dropped from the unbeaten ranks last Saturday by Louisville.

Hamilton Paces TU in Victory Over Frogs

Based on AP Reports
Veteran Tom Hamilton scored 31 points to pace the Texas Longhorns to a 69-57 basketball triumph over Texas Christian tonight. The balding forward dropped in 10 field goals and hit 11 out of 12 free throws.

The win moved the Longhorns into a tie with the Frogs for second place. Each team now sports a 3-3 conference record.

The game was close until the last five minutes. Then Texas forged into what seemed a safe lead, but the Frogs narrowed it in the last 99 seconds by making six straight free throws.

In the first half the lead exchanged hands repeatedly, but Texas managed a 30-24 halftime margin.

Lon Morris Junior College racked up their third straight East Zone basketball title in the Texas Junior College Conference tonight. Patie Ramirez spearheaded the Lon Morris attack with 24 points as they defeated Navarro County 68 to 54 to annex the crown.

Ted Darland paced the losers with 23 points. Lon Morris led at halftime 28 to 27.

The younger generation may

Sauer Takes Over New Duties at Baylor U.
Waco, Tex., Feb. 8 (AP)—George Sauer, new head football coach and athletic director at Baylor University, took over his duties here yesterday.

Sauer and his family arrived by automobile from their former home in Annapolis, Md. They previously had moved into their new home here.

Sauer was head football coach at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis last season and formerly served in the same position at the University of Kansas.



STAN HOLMIG Outstanding Philly Rightfielder

Tigers and Milano In District Playoff

A&M Consolidated Tigers, winner of the north zone of district 66-B, will meet south zone winner, Milano, in a three game play-off to begin late this week, Coach Othel Chafin announced today.

The winner of the three game series will compete in the regional meet to be held in Huntsville Feb. 24-25 along with the other district winners of this region, Chafin concluded.

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have a dim knowledge that Johnny Weismuller was a famous swimmer in his day, but the teen-agers of today best know him as a treacherous hero of the movie jungles.

Older heads, however, traced back over the pages of sports history and, in the Associated Press National Poll, named Johnny Weismuller as the greatest swimmer of the past 50 years.

These experts, and there were numerous young as well as older minds participating in the poll, voted Weismuller this outstanding distinction over a tough field of rivals for the honor, and did it by an overwhelming margin.

Weismuller received 132 votes, 30 more than the combined votes of all the other candidates, and 112 more votes than his nearest rival, newcomer Hironoshin Furuhashi of Japan. Third place went to Adolph Keifer, 1930 backstroke king, with 11, and the great Duke Kahanamoku of Hawaii got fourth place with 10.

Hollmig Story Marks Rise From Hondo To Philly Nine

By ROGER COSLETT
It's a mighty big jump from a small town like Hondo to a spot in the Philadelphia Phillies lineup—a jump that almost every aspiring ball player would like to make, but one that very few do make.

Not too many years ago a lad by the name of Stan Hollmig was playing high school baseball in Hondo, and like all young ball players he dreamed of playing in the big leagues. Hollmig had a lot of encouragement and advice from a man who had dreamed these same dreams and if not for an arm injury might have realized them for himself.

This man was Hollmig's father, a ball player who had seen many a horsehide being hurled in his direction from the mound of a Texas League diamond. He took time from his job as an accountant to coach and see his son through a successful high school career and into college at A&M.

But Uncle Sam and the war took a few years of Hollmig's life before he was able to start that college career. Hollmig laid aside his glove for a set of ear phones and became an Air Force radio-man.

Former All-SWC
After his discharge in 1946 he entered A&M and promptly proceeded to make a name for himself in college sports circles. He was elected to a berth on the All-Southwest Conference nine in '47 as a first baseman and again in '48 as an outfielder.

The fall of the year found him booting and passing the pigskin far and accurately for the Aggie eleven. His efforts in these departments were good enough to earn him two letters and a most valuable player award.

But it was Hollmig's prowess as a hitter that was to be his most sturdy rung on the ladder of success. With such feats as two home runs against a strong Texas University nine in '47, it wasn't long before he acquired the nick name of "Slammin' Stan Hollmig."

His constant hitting soon attracted the attention of major league scouts. A \$25,000 bonus and a contract with the Phillies were enough to make him lay his studies aside for a while and join the play-for-pay ranks.

The contract was signed in June of '48 and the remainder of the summer Hollmig spent playing for a Philly farm club, the class "B" Wilmington, Delaware nine. After a season with Wilmington that saw him batting a solid .303 average, Hollmig returned to A&M to continue work on his business degree and await the beginning of spring training.

With a successful summer behind him and a major league berth ahead of him, Hollmig took time out to buy a small ranch near Hondo and marry a captivating miss whom he had been fortunate enough to meet on a blind date at Texas University the season before.

His wife, an inspiring young lady who goes to see all his home games, is as enthusiastic about her husband's career as her father-in-law. She likes being the wife of a big-league ball player and is especially pleased that her husband is playing on a hustling squad such as the Philly club.

According to her, the players range in age from about 23 to 30, the average age being about 25.

Hollmig, a 6' 2", 195 pound young man of 24, like his wife, is very friendly. He is very modest about his success and attributes his quick rise to fame and fortune to the new bonus ruling.

Last season, his first in the majors, he saw service as a right fielder and as a pinch hitter and clutch hitter. He finished out the season with a .285 batting average.

Hits in First Appearance
In fact, his first major league appearance was as a pinch hitter against Boston. He hit a single. His first starting assignment was against a Brooklyn nine. All together he played about half of the games in the regular season for the third place National Leagueurs.

Hollmig seems to think that the biggest difference between college and major league ball lies in the pitching. A pair of Cardinal pitchers, Howard Pollet and "Cat" Brocheen, deal him what he terms his most difficult hitting problem.

When asked what he remembers most in his first year as a major league player, he related this experience:

"We were playing a game against Cincinnati in which a total of five home runs had been hit in one inning, tying a major league record—and it was my turn to bat. I was hopeful that I, too, might get a solid hit. I got hit,

North Texas Golf Team To Play in Texas Open

Denton, Tex., Feb. 8 (AP)—For the second straight year North Texas State's crack golf team will compete as amateurs in the \$10,000 Texas open.

The tourney, which will run Thursday through Sunday, will be at San Antonio.

The NTSC team won the National Collegiate tournament at Ames, Iowa, by a ten-stroke margin.

The Eagles who will play are Billy Maxwell of Odessa, Joe Conrad of San Antonio, Bill Houck of Borger, and L. M. Crannell, A. J. Triggs and Don January of Dallas.

okay, but it was with the ball." Hollmig left the first part of this month from A&M, where he had taken fall semester courses. He headed for spring training in Florida with a newly signed contract and hopes of a bright season ahead. After a long baseball career he would like to try his hand at coaching that sport or football.

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