

Intramural Matmen Set For Final Round Today

By NICK MANITZAS

Finals in the eight weight divisions of the intramural wrestling program will be held today starting at 4 this afternoon. Barney Welch, intramural director announced yesterday.

The 119-pound class finalists are Royce Brimberry of I Air Force, who pinned last year's champion Dan Kutch of C Field in the semifinals, and Al Galvin of A Infantry, who tripped W. B. Thomas of B QMC in the semifinals.

The final round in the 129-pound division will pit C. W. Penn of E Flight against Shelby Newman of B Quartermaster. Ralph Gay of A Ordnance, who upset and outlasted Dick Velson of A Cavalry to reach the finals of the 169-pound class, will meet Bob Schubert of A QMC, who defeated Pete Golla of A Field in the other semifinal match.

Word, Timmons to Meet

Max Word of Dorn 15 forced Ben Coleman of D Field Artillery down for the necessary count to enter the final round of competition in the 159-pound division against Kenneth Timmons of A Infantry, who outlasted Harold Springfield of A Ordnance in their semifinal match that lasted for four and a half minutes.

The heavyweight class finals will toss Ken Rodgers of B Cavalry against...

Steer Bowlers Top Maroons in Austin

The Aggie bowling team was defeated by Texas University by a total of 578 points in Austin Sunday afternoon. It was the first meeting of the two teams this season.

M. L. Lunceford had the highest total score of 561 and the second highest individual game of 204 for the Aggies. John Geiger had the highest Aggie individual game of 206. Charles McNeill was the second highest total scorer with 495.

Mulhisen bowled the highest individual game of 243 for the Texas team. He also had the highest total score of 688. Van Wegner was second with a 224 individual game and 603 total.

A&M's team was comprised of E. Trant, H. R. Cox, L. Bernhardt, L. A. Holmes, M. L. Lunceford, J. Greiger, L. A. Layne, Bob Weaver, A. F. Reese, and Charles McNeill.

ry against Don Grubbs of E Infantry. Rodgers gained the finals by matting Charley Jackson of A Coast Artillery in the first minute of their grappling match, while Grubbs pinned Bob Bland of H Air Force early in their match.

Topsy-Turvy Match

One of the most topsy-turvy matches of the entire season was witnessed yesterday in the 149-pound division when Frank Frazier of K Air Force outlasted and, in an indirect sense outwitted Alton White of A Ordnance. Frazier pinned White to the canvas with both grapplers finishing the match in an utter state of fatigue.

Frazier let White do all the work, which included two long airplane spins, and still ended up on top in points—which were not needed since Frazier managed to pin White in the closing seconds of the bout.

Frazier Clashes With Carlson

Frazier's competition in the final round today will be Bobby Carlson of C Infantry, who won the 149-pound title for the two previous years. Carlson entered the finals with a win over Johnny Harrison of D Infantry in the semifinal round.

Carlson has shown to be one of the smartest wrestlers this year with his tactics which seem to draw all the strength from his opponents, yet he still manages to keep his own strength for an always strong finish.

In the 139-pound class Dare Koolan of C Flight, who downed Kenneth Levi of the White Band in one of the semifinals bouts, clashes with Dick Batten of F Flight, who dropped Taylor Jones of A Transportation, in the next to the final round of this division.

Aggie Strong Point Is Distance Events

By RAY HOLBROOK

This spring's Aggie track team looks to the mile and two-mile events as the mainstays by which the Cadets hope to defend their Southwest Conference crown.

The distances, as these two events are dubbed by cinder followers, will be capably taken care of by last fall's conference champion cross-country team. Led by junior Julian Herring, the leaders made it two in a row for the Maroon runners.

Add senior J. D. Hampton, 1948 cross-country champion and mile and two-mile record holder, and you have a potent group from which to choose.

Sophomores Jim McMahon, John Garmany, Jack Jones, Alex Ortiz, and senior Jerry Bonnen are the cross-country lettermen from whom Coach Ray Putnam will have to pick this spring. Ortiz will be running the half mile, but all the rest will be shooting for places in the longer distances.

Hampton Looking Good

At this time it is hard to tell just which boys will be in what events. Hampton has been looking particularly good at the two-mile, and Garmany and McMahon have turned in creditable miles.

Herring is probably a sure thing in the four-lapper. Bonnen in his last year will probably stick to the two-mile, the event in which he has lettered for the past three seasons.

Competition this year will be quite stiff. Tom Rodgers, the TU soph star, is hoping to fill the shoes of Jerry Thompson and will be tough in any event from the 880 through the two-mile. He was shipped at the tape by Herring in last fall's cross-country conference meet.

Competition Rough

Two other outstanding quintets, Duquesne U. of Pittsburgh and St. John's U. of Brooklyn, also accepted bids to the 12-team N. I. T. Tourney which will be held March 11, 13, 14, 16 and 18.

Duquesne (22-1) is fifth in this week's poll a drop of one peg from the week previous. St. John's, which seems to have lost its mid-season edge, ranked tenth, a big skid from their previous sixth place ranking.

Bradley (25-3) was accorded a stiff tussle in the poll contest by Ohio State's (18-3) newly crowned Western Conference champions. Bradley accumulated 42 first place votes and 1,214 points on a 10-9-8-7 etc. basis to 10 first place votes and 1,128 votes for Ohio State.

A total of 148 sports writers and sports casters participated in this next to last poll of the season.

Kentucky's young, improving Wildcats (22-4) moved into fourth place followed by (5) Duquesne, (6) U. C. L. A., (7) Western Kentucky, (8) North Carolina State, (9) La Salle, and (10) St. John's.

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Volleyball-Softball Entry Blank

Any recognized campus organization is eligible to participate in the softball and volleyball programs, according to director Barney Welch. Entries must be turned in by March 6 to the Intramural Dept. or Student Activities Office, Welch said.

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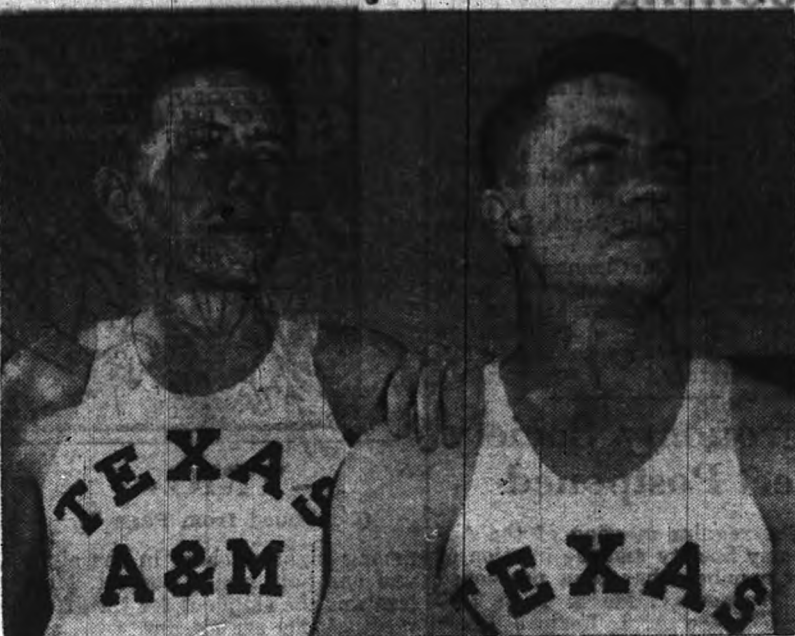
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J. D. Hampton, left, is expected to pace Cadet distance runners this spring and teammate Bob Hall should again top the low hurdlers. Both athletes held Southwest Conference records that they set last season. Hampton established the current marks for both the mile and two-mile and Hall skinned over the 220yrd. low hurdles to set a new standard for that event.

Bradley Braves Top Poll, Accept Tourney Invitation

New York, Feb. 28.—Bradley University's basketball Braves scored a double victory off the court Monday.

The popular, doughty lads from Peoria, Ill., accepted an invitation to compete in the National Invitation Basketball Tournament in Madison Square Garden and for the second week in a row were picked as the No. 1 court team of the country in the Associated Press Poll. Ohio State was ranked second and Holy Cross' unbeaten Crusaders third.

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Paper Editors Say No to SW Gag Rule

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 28.—The Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association expressed opposition Monday to the Southwest Conference's proposal to restrict interviews of football coaches and players.

The association also criticized the Texas Interscholastic League for holding closed meetings.

In annual session, the association in a resolution said: "The Texas APME, representing the majority of Texas daily newspapers, deplors any tendency on the part of the Southwest Athletic Conference, or any other organization, to hinder the free flow of news."

The resolution came as the result of a proposal made to the Texas Sports Writers Association last January that coaches and players at football games not be interviewed until an hour after a game was over.

James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the conference, in presenting the proposal to the Sports Writers Association, said it was the wish of the coaches and athletic directors of conference schools. He said it was felt that talking to a coach immediately after a game involved the danger of the coach, having just finished a hard game, saying something in the heat of the occasion that might reflect on the game or his opponent. If the coach is given a "cooling off" period such will not happen, Stewart pointed out.

The Sports Writers Association agreed to study the matter and have a committee meet with the coaches at the spring meeting of the Southwest Conference in Austin.

Sports Writers Out

Action by the managing editors, however, apparently obviates any action the sports writers might contemplate. The sports writers work for the managing editors.

Charles A. Guy, editor and publisher of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, who with Felix McKnight, assistant managing editor of the Dallas Morning News, and Albert Nibling, managing editor of the Sherman Democrat, made up the committee drafting the resolution, told the Managing Editors Association that "the Southwest Conference has gotten too big for its pants. It seems to me it should be cut down to fit them."

"Let's be honest with each other," he declared. "Inter-collegiate football in the Southwest Conference, as the case elsewhere, is no longer just a schoolboy sport. It is big business. The players no longer merely 'do or die' for board and room; they're spending money and, in some instances, with an eye on a fat professional contract. Most of the material Texas papers publish on Southwest Conference football is not news. It is publicity from which patronage is swollen to pay off stadium debts and astronomical salaries for coaches and others officially connected. We want news, at least some times, and we should tell the Southwest Conference we expect to get it—and print it. There have been several recent indications that the Southwest Conference has gotten too big for its pants. It seems to me it should be cut down to fit them."

The resolution said the Texas APME wants it clearly understood "that it will not condone such restrictive practices and, as the immediate superior of the sports editors, will not agree to this or any other suppression or regulation of news."

The Texas APME deplors the practice of the Texas Interscholastic League in excluding reporters from its meetings," the resolution said.

Interscholastic League officials have said their reason for excluding the press from meetings is because the school men would not feel free to speak out on subjects for discussion if they knew their remarks would be quoted in the press.

Fish Cagers Challenge Yearlings Here Tonight

By FRANK N. MANITZAS

A&M's Fish quintet will be reaching for its sixth win on the hardwoods of DeWare Field House at 6 tonight when it tangles with the Texas Shortorns in the curtain raiser for tonight's varsity basketball game.

In the previous meeting between the two teams the Shortorns shellacked the Fish, 51-36, in the Gregory Gymnasium. High point honors were shared by both teams with Leroy Miksch of the Fish sinking 14 markers, and Leon Black completing the same trick for the Texas frosh.

The Aggies were behind during the entire game and at one time the Shortorns held a 20-point lead. During ten minutes of play in the first half the Texas frosh held the Cadet cagers scoreless, and until the second half, where the Aggies caught fire for a moment, the basketball game was considerably one-sided.

Fish in Top Shape

But tonight's game may turn out to be an entirely different story. Coach Gene Schrickel has whipped the freshman cagers into splendid shape as demonstrated when the first year men pulled two upset wins in defeating the Baylor Cubs and the Lon Morris Bearcats.

The Austinites have shown their strength throughout the entire season with an 8-2 record as compared to the Cadet freshmen record of 6-5. Both teams have split series with the Cubs, but the frosh Steers defeated the Rice Slimes twice while the Fish split the two games played against the Owlets.

The Shortorns looked extra strong when they walloped the Slimes, 55-40, in Houston last Saturday night. George Scalling of the Shortorns led the scorers with 24 markers, with teammate Cecil Morgan clinching the second position with 17 points.

Likely Starters Named

Black, who demonstrated his usual fine ball-hawking ability, dropped in 10 points, while Kelton Brewer and Wayne Ogden, also of the frosh, clicked off the backboards for the Texas. The quintet named above are the likely starters for tonight's game.

Starting for the Fish will probably be Leroy Miksch at the center slot, Max Montegut and Don Heft at the guard positions, with the probable starting forwards being chosen from the trio of Joe Galleger, Don Garrett, and Jimmy Velson.

The Fish have especially been strong during the second half, coming from behind in the Baylor game to win and extending their lead in the Lon Morris to ten points, two minutes before the final buzzer.

Miksch is high scorer for the Fish this season with 119 points in 11 games. Montegut and Heft trail Miksch in the scoring ratings. With Montegut and Heft connecting on their field shots as they have done the last two games, added to the hustle that the forwards—Velson and Garrett—demonstrated in the Cub game, the Fish should edge the Shortorns in a fast and furious game.

Cadet Epee Squad Downs Buccaneers

By JOHN WHITMORE

Fencing history was made this weekend in the University of Houston Gymnasium—A&M beat the Galveston Buccaneers' epee team.

This was the first time since 1946 that the famed Galveston swordsmen have been beaten in any weapon.

The win over the previously undefeated Buccaneers was almost entirely due to the ability of John Gottlob, sophomore from Galveston. The ironical twist to this is that Johnny began fencing under the tutorage of the same Buccaneers in 1946.

The Galveston boys started off hot, but Gottlob began his winning hunt. With an epee in his hand, he turned an ordinarily poor spectator sport into a three ring circus. He combined the finer parts of a Hollywood historical and the prowess of a cat.

A&M's freshman team also made the jump to the big city, but came home without the bacon. The outstanding swordsman on the Fish team was Jim Moss.

Moss is a transfer from John Tarleton where he lettered for two years. However Moss went out on the strip handicapped by a high fever.

The sabre team couldn't boast the prowess that the epee team exhibited. They came in a poor third in the four team competition. The only excuse that the sabre team might offer is that the varsity captain, Gus Mistrot, was out because of an injury.

At first it looked as if the Buccaneers were going to make the meet into a target practice, but the Aggies got hot and cleaned plover. First the Rice bowed to the Aggies and then came the big test—the Buccaneers.

Members of the freshman team who made the trip were Moss, Carroll Bell, and Frank Ragusa.

The usual varsity line up would ordinarily have included G. P. Monks, But Monks was out of competition because of lack of practice and a heavy hour load.

Box scores for the Aggie varsity in epee was Gottlob, 6-2; Joe Hayes, 6-3 and one tie, and Curtis Wilson, 3-5.

Team outcome in epee showed the Aggies in first, the Buccaneers second, and Rice third.

Ag Billiard Team Defeated by Texas

The newly organized Aggie Billiard team was defeated by the University of Texas at the initial meeting of the two clubs.

Meeting in a commercial emporium the Longhorns won 4-1 on the tables and by a score of 18 points on the overall team averages.

Both of these teams are in the early stages of development as the billiards and pocket billiards tournament program is just beginning across the nation.

The chalk and cue-stick aggregation was composed of James H. Flowers, Harold Hannah, Ray Williams, Henry Josey, and Ralph Gorman.

The team has tentatively scheduled a return match with the Longhorns in the next few weeks while the National Intercollegiate Telephonic Tournament is scheduled for March 17.

Trio of Hurlers Show Prowess

Bruce Morisse, Sam Blanton, and Pat Hubert shared mound honors Saturday afternoon when the Mullets defeated the Ragmots, 9-5, in the first intra-squad game of spring baseball practice.

Hurling duties were divided (See TRIO, Page 4)



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