Wrestling Completed . . .

# Eight Grapplers Crowned After Little Gym Finals

By NICK MANITZAS

Climaxing three weeks of hard wrestling, eight winners emerged from the 219 entrants of this year's wrestling program. Finals were held in all the divisions yesterday afternoon in the Little Gym with Sam Clark refreeing. Barney Welch, Intramural director, was the other refree during the long grappling campaign.

In the heavyweight division Ken Rogers of B Cavalry won over Don Grubbs of E Infantry, 2-1, in a five minute round. Rogers won the 179-pound class last year.

The championship match which had the largest total of points scored this season was in the 129-pound division where C. W. Penn of F Air Force defeated Shelby Newman of B Quartermaster, 21-20, in a bout which lasted two overtimes.

**Schubert Downs Gay**

Bob Schubert of A Quartermaster, who won the 159-pound division last season, pulled a surprisingly fast win over Ralph Gay of A Ordnance when he pinned Gay in one and a half minutes. It was merely the case of experience that won the event for Schubert, who took advantage of the first break by tossing Gay to the mat and using his reserve strength in pinning his opponent.

For the 139-pound class championship bout, Dare Keeland of C Air Force pinned Dick Batten of F Air Force in the quickest time of the day, 1:23. Keelan merely took the first hold, lifted Batten into the air and slamed him to the floor for the necessary count.

**Word Rides to Win**

In the only match of the finals where someone rode his opponent to the mat was in the 159-pound division where Max Word of Dorm 15 sneaked past Kenneth Timmons of A Infantry, 2-0. During the first two minutes of play, both wrestlers worked each other over hoping to get a hold on the other. Word successfully took the first hold and slamed Timmons to the mat.

The remaining three minutes was taken up with Word never releasing his strong hold on his opponent, but riding him near the mat until the end of the match.

Pat Holmes of A Infantry displayed his brute strength in easily pinning Warren Pierce of D Flight to win the 179-pound class with the time of 1:50. Holmes big advantage was in having stronger arms than Pierce.

**Brimberry New Champ**

Long arms enabled Royce Brimberry of I Flight, who had scored an upset win over defending champion Don Kutch of C Field in the semi-final, to pin short, but game Al Galvin of A Infantry. The fight went almost to the limit, with Brimberry showing agressiveness all the way while Galvani seemed to be content with his defensive style of play.

It took Brimberry four minutes to get the necessary hold on Galvin for the pinning, while Galvin never seemed to give up as he continued to break away from the champion's holds. The final hold which Brimberry employed to toss his opponent to the canvas seemed to draw the strength from Galvin, who finally gave out.

**Carlson Wins Again**

Bobby Carlson of C Infantry won his third intramural wrestling title in the Little Gym yesterday in pinning Lewis Frazier of K Air Force in the last minute of play. Carlson added the 149-pound title to his list, in his usual manner of mixing smart plays with his seemingly tireless strength.

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**Boxers Weigh-in Today**

Today is the last day for entries in the intramural boxing to weigh-in, Barney Welch announced today. Approximately 215 boxers will exhibit their slugging ability in the DeWare Field House when the boxing program gets underway Monday afternoon.

# SWC Champs, U of H, Arizona To NCAA Meet

Bryan, Tex. Mar. 1—(AP)—University of Houston, Arizona and the Southwest Conference's champions will be considered for the berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Western Regional Basketball Tournament at Kansas City, Jack Gray, Chairman of the District 6 selection committee, said today.

Gray, here with his University of Texas team to play Texas A&M in the final conference game of the season for both teams, said no decision on the district's representative might be selected through a tournament as was the case last year when Arkansas, Rice and Baylor, co-champions of the Southwest Conference, and Arizona, champion of the Border Conference, met in Dallas.

On the committee with Gray are Matty Bell, athletic director of Southern Methodist, and Emil Larson of Tucson, commissioner of the Border Conference. J. F. McKale, athletic director of Arizona, was a member of the committee but resigned when his school became involved in the selection. Larson replaced him. Gray said Bell would be replaced on the committee in the event Southern Methodist got into the picture.

Arkansas played Texas Christian at Fort Worth and Baylor met Southern Methodist at Waco last night in the games that determined the Southwest Conference's champion or co-champion.

University of Houston is champion of the Gulf Coast Conference. Arizona is kingpin of the Border Conference.

# Bears, Porkers Clinch Top Spot

**Based On AP Report**

Waco, Tex., Mar. 1—Baylor walloped Southern Methodist, 70-61, last night and grabbed half the Southwest Conference basketball title.

Arkansas won the other share of the crown, beating Texas Christian, 45-39, in Fort Worth as the conference season ended.

The game see-sawed back and forth, with SMU leading at the half, 36-28. With 12 minutes to go, the score was tide, 45-45. Then the Baptists' Bill DeWitt sank a free thhrow to give the Bears' an edge they stretched to a wide gap as the game wound up.

Bill Srack, senior from Houston, paced the Baylor attack with 28 points, 20 of them in the last half. SMU's leading scorer was Jack Brown,, with 21 points.

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Fort Worth, Mar. 1—(AP)—Arkansas led nearly all the way here Tuesday night to defeat Texas Christian University 45-39 and gain a tie for the Southwest Conference basketball title.

The Porkers, led by Jim Cathcart's 14 points, moved ahead a minute and 45 seconds after the opening whistle and were never seriously pressed. They had a 16 point lead at one point in the second half.

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Chicago, Mar. 1—(AP)—Ezzard Charles, the NBA heavyweight champion, asserted in a magazine article today he can "decisively" beat Joe Louis any time the retired champion desires to fight him.

Writing in a current issue of Ebony magazine, Charles declared:

"Louis is eight years older than I am and I don't say I'll get on my bicycle like Jersey Joe Walcott did when he fought Joe, but I won't hesitate to take advantage of those eight years difference in our ages." (Charles as 28 and Louis 36).

Charles did not indicate that a bout with Louis was in the official making, but sports writers in an AP poll said such a match would be the biggest sports story of 1950.

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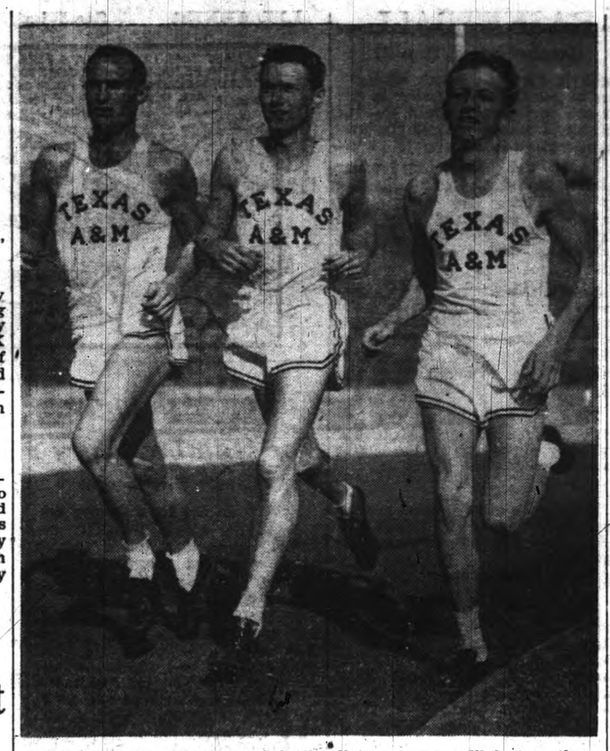
Dallas, Mar. 1—(AP)—Joe Dimaggio, New York Yankee great, sees a four-team fight for the American League pennant between the Yankees, Boston, Cleveland and Detroit.

The big outfielder figures, however, that the Red Sox will be the team to beat and thinks New York has the stuff to do it.

Jolting Joe stopped off here for 30 minutes today between flights on the way from the West Coast to St. Petersburg, Fla., for the start of spring training. He was accompanied by Charles Silvera, Yankee catcher; Jerry Coleman, Yankee second baseman; Bill Martin, rookie New York second baseman from Oakland; Eddie Lake, Detroit infielder, and Bill Renna, Yankee rookie outfielder.



A&M's one, two, three punch in the distance races will feature the lads in the picture from right to left, J. D. Hampton, Julian Herring, and Jim McMahon. Herring is the '49 SWC Cross-country runner.

# Three Divisions Ready For Texas Playoffs

By RALPH GORMAN

Twenty-four teams from the class AA, A, and B division of the State Interscholastic League will start competing tomorrow in Austin for their respective championships.

Paschal and Texas City, defending champions of the State City Conference and the Class AA cage races, will attempt to repeat their feats of a season ago.

As imposing as the records might be of the 24 teams that will compete in the Class AA, A and B tournaments, it is impossible to conceive who the favorites are by just looking at the won-and-lost columns. A review of the awesome records of the 24 survivors of district, bi-district, and regional tournament play would produce entirely too many favorites.

The most imposing of all records is that of Cayuga, a little team in Class B, which has rolled up 47 victories in exactly that many starts. Waelder, another team in Class B, follows close behind Cayuga with a record of only one loss against 40 wins.

Corpus Christi has gained top honors in Class AA play marking up 31 wins, while bowing but four times to the opponent; Sweetwater boasts proudly of 20 victories and five defeats; and Texarkana shows a 22-4 record. At this point Texas City turns in 22 triumphs, while scratching the red column only five times, as they are in definite pursuit of another year as state cage champs.

Birdville of Fort Worth has won 29 games and lost but three in their best season in Class A play, while Lockhart's record is almost as imposing, showing a 26-3 for the year. French of Beaumont rounds out the big three in the A league winning 22 and losing three.

Thursday is the opening day for Class A and B tournament play, but Class AA teams will wait until Friday. Cayuga and Bishop will be matched in the opening game at 8:45 a. m. Thursday.

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For those who are not familiar with the big city tournament, they are reminded that each city will enter two teams from their city conference with a total of eight teams to compete March 10 and 11 in Fort Worth.

Composing the City Conference are Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston. Dallas will send Crozier Tech and Adamson, as its entries: Houston will be represented by Sam Houston and Milby; Fort Worth will enter Polytechnic and Paschal, the latter seeking a second straight title.

Brackenridge currently is on top of the San Antonio ladder with 11 wins and two losses, but Thomas Jefferson and Lanier are deadlocked for second place. Tuesday night Brackenridge meets Jefferson and Lanier has a breather over San Antonio Tech.

The puzzle could be solved easily should Brackenridge and Lanier emerge the victors of the two crucial games, but the perplexing problem of a three-way tie would arise if they both lose. A problem of this sort could be unscrambled only through a play-off series.

**Gene Schrickel**
Stepping in as freshman basketball coach at the start of the second semester, Schrickel Fish Quintet won four of its final six games which gave them a 7-5 record for the season.

## Agriculture Majors Judge in Temple

E. C. Gilmore, P. C. Sigut, A. L. Story, B. J. Pate, and B. B. Shaw, all agriculture education majors, judged FFA chapter conducting contests and Farm Skill contests at Temple Saturday, February 24.

# Ag Fish Cagers Bounce TU Shorthorns, 51-44

By FRANK MANITZAS

A&M's Fish basketball team finished out its twelve game schedule with a convincing win over the Texas Shorthorns, 51-44, last night in the DeWare Field House. In winning its sixth game this season on its home court, the Fish handed the Austinites their third loss of the season.

The seven point margin in the score would seem slight in comparison to the 15 point difference in the score of their last meeting. Texas' frosh had beaten the Cadet freshmen 51-36, in Austin earlier this year.

Don Garrett, and Don Heft lead the Aggie scorers with 11 points while Freddy Whillock paced the field with 15 markers.

Although the lead changed hands five times in the first half, and the Shorthorns led at the half 17-16, the Fish held the largest leads but continuously missed easy set-up crip shots throughout the entire half. Control of the backboards and a close, well-played defence balanced the eratic shooting of the freshmen.

**Shorthorns Claim Lead**

George Scaling shoved the Shorthorns into a 1-0 lead, when he connected with a charity shot, but two seconds later Jimmy Velvin tied the score. A tip-in by Velvin, a long shot by Heft from the sideline and the Cadets romped to the front as the Fish seemed to find their game.

Midway in the first half the home team held a slight 7-6 margin over the visitors, as the game changed pace to become a tight defensive tilt. Freddy Whillock dropped in a field goal for the Shorthorns as the lead changed hands for the third time. Montegut grabbed the lead for the Fish with a two-handed shot and the Aggies continued to lead until the final minute of play in the first half when Leon Black, the Shorthorn's ball hawking all-state guard, claimed two markers with a drive under the basket.

**Fish Rebound**

Coach Gene Schrickel's quintet finally turned the trick in the middle of the second half when it broke the lead which the Shorthorns had held since the end of the the first half. Leroy Miksch, Joe Gulledge, Don Heft, and Max Montegut scored the needed five points that closed the gap.

From this point the Fish leaped ahead with the help of Heft's long shots that were now beginning to swish through the net, and Wally Bleyl's hustling play off the backboard. Don Garrett tossed in a basket after the Fish had built up an eight point lead. The Shorthorn's seemed to collapse, and Coach Schrickel began to filter in replacements for the starting five.

**Won 4, Lost 2**

Schrickel took over the tutoring slot of the freshmen cagers which was vacated by the first semester coach, Les Peden. Four wins and only two losses formed the record compiled by the Fish in their second semester of collegiate play.

The Fish cager's second semester forward surge helped them to close the season with a 7-5 record. Splitting its series with the Texas frosh, the Rice Slime, the Baylor Cubs, and the Allen Academy Ramblers, the Fish managed only one twin win over the Wharton Pioneers.

**Box Scores:**

| Aggie Fish (51) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gulledge, g | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Garrett, f | 4 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Heft, g | 5 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Montegut, f | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Velvin, f | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Bleyl, f | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Miksch, c | 2 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Douglas, g | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 18 | 15 | 20 | 51 |

| Tex. Shorthorns | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Black, f | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Brewer, f | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Whillock, c | 6 | 3 | 4 | 15 |
| Ogden, c | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Scaling, g | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| Morgan, g | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Gonzales, f | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Weaver, g | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 16 | 12 | 23 | 44 |

Officials: White and Segreast.
Halftime score: Texas Shorthorns 17, Aggie Fish 16.

# Cage Tourney Begins Today With 16 Entries

Powerful Tyler Junior College and 15 other teams are apt to do some more record-breaking in the third annual State Junior College Basketball Tournament which starts here today.

The Apaches' 95 points last year against Lon Morris is the tallest score made in 46 tournament games.

Charles Whitten, former Paris Junior College star and now at East Texas State, holds two individual marks that are not in real danger. His 15 field goals in one game and his total of 30 points is the most points by one player in one game.

Some player with a good eye for the basket, lots of endurance and playing for a team that sticks around for four games may crack the tourney individual scoring record. It is held by Sydon (Rocky) Hrachovy of A&M's varsity quintet. Back in 1948, he made 72 points in four games for the Blinn quintet for an average of 18 points per game.

It will take two aggressive teams and a pair of officials who love to call fouls to crack another mark. Last year, 63 personal fouls were called on the Tarleton State and Allen Academy teams as they wound up a torrid battle with the second teams on the court.

Roy Burroughs of Lon Morris canned nine free throws in one game last year for the record in that department.

Tournament officials are predicting record crowds for the 23 game meet which began at 9 a. m. today.

The games to be played this evening include Paris Junior College taking on Blinn Junior College at 6, Navarro College meeting the Allan Academy Ramblers at 7:30, and Laredo Junior College tangles with the Lon Morris Bearcats at 9.

Quarterfinal games are scheduled for tomorrow and will be played at 2:30, 6, 7:30, and at 9.

# Col. W. L. Lee, '27 Given Command

Colonel William L. Lee, member of the class of '27 and wartime commanding general of the Fifteenth Air Force, took command of Ellington Air Force Base and the radar navigation school in a ceremony at the base Tuesday.

He replaced Col. B. T. Starkey, who is retiring.

Maj. Gen. Robert W. Burns, deputy commander of the Air Training Command, attended a parade at 10 a. m. Tuesday in honor of Colonel Starkey and Colonel Lee.

Colonel Lee received a BS in animal husbandry here in 1927 and received an honorary LLD in 1946. He has been flying for 20 years and was formerly stationed at March Field, Riverside, California.

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