

# Ag Hurdlers Best In Track History

By RAY HOLBROOK

For the first time in many years the 1950 version of A&M's cinder team is very potent in both the hurdle events. So strong in fact that at this early date it is feasible to predict that both hurdle events in the conference meet will go to Aggies, and these individuals should also go far in the national picture.

Last season the Cadets' Bob Hall broke the conference record in the low hurdles, but there the hurdle points stopped. This spring, due to the addition of two promising sophomore stars, the Aggies should make 15 points or more in the hurdle events.

Paul Leming, the first of these two sophs, is the overwhelming favorite in the high, having won his favorite event in the three meets to date and running a fine 14.7 at Laredo, March 11. He should also place in the lows and might as easily cop first in these as third or fourth.

Leming was state-AA champion in the highs and lows in '48 while running for Beaumont High and set a new record of 21.4 in the 200-yard lows, but because of a strong tail wind it was not recognized as a national record. He was undefeated last year as a freshman and obtained national recognition for his 14.5 in the highs and 22.7 in the lows.

The other brilliant soph hurdler is Bill Bless, who pushed Bob Hall to a new Border Olympic record of 23.1 in the low hurdles. Bless has been hampered by the additional three inches on the college highs, but by league competition time should have it whipped down so as to place in that race.

His best bet is the lows where he may yet beat Hall and Leming both and should be a cinch for a third at least, come conference meet time.

Set National Record From Brackennridge, San Antonio, Bless was state big city champion in the lows in '48 and set a new national and big city record, running a 21.8. With no wind to help or hamper, his mark was recognized nationally.

Even though competition will be tough from his two sophomore

teammates, Hall will certainly be the favorite in all low hurdle races this year and should retain his conference low hurdle title. And with the pushing he will get from Leming and Bless, he may even clip his own record of 22.8 in the SWC meet.

The Dallas speedster ran 23 flat winning from Bless last weekend in the Rice meet. Hall's 22.8 last year was second nationally only to Craig Dixon of UCLA. And with Dixon gone this year, the Cadet should be the foremost low hurdler in the nation.

## AP News Briefs...

### Steers Tromp Gophers In Austin Tilt

Austin, March 23—(AP)—The University of Texas Longhorns walloped the touring University of Minnesota Gophers, 10-2, Wednesday.

Ed Burrows, Steer shortstop, led the nine-hit attack with a double and a single while Jim Graumann paced Minnesota with two hits.

Fort Korth, March 23—(AP)—Oklahoma's Sooners launched a three-run uprising in the fourth inning here Wednesday and carried on to defeat TCU's baseball team, 3-1.

El Paso, Tex., March 23—(AP)—Former heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis prepared for an exhibition bout here last night, still publicly undecided whether to make a "comeback."

Louis, who retired as undefeated champion, has said he would make a definite decision on a "comeback" at Waco, Tex., Saturday. He winds up an exhibition tour in Waco then.

However, Marshall Miles, Louis' manager, said he does not expect anything to be said about the matter until after he talks to Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club in New York next week.



Van Adamson

## Adamson Chosen Star of the Week

Individual medley champion and new record-holder of the Southwest Conference—those designations became the possessions of swimmer Van Adamson last week and in recognition of his efforts he has been selected Star of the Week by The Battalion sports staff.

Adamson snapped the 200-yard medley mark in last week's SWC meet in Waco by beating former champion and record-holder Bob Cone of Texas. The College Station splasher did the distance in 2:18.1, almost a full five seconds under Cone's winning time in '49.

The soph star also contributed points for a second place behind Steer Eddie Gilbert in the 220-yard free style event. In the free-style relay he swam the final lap, but a judge ruled that he had left his box a little too fast (before the third-lap swimmer touched the edge of the pool) and the Aggies—

who had won by a third of a length of the pool in record time—were disqualified.

Adamson has been a consistent free style point winner in races ranging from 50 to 440 yards all winter. He has also swum the free style lap in record-breaking 300-yard medley relay performances as well as anchoring the powerful 400-yard relay.

Last year he set a new record in capturing the Southwest AAU individual medley crown in Dallas.

# Aggies Meet Sooners Today; Gophers Friday and Saturday

By SKIP SIMMEN

Continuing with its most crowded week in baseball competition, A&M's rampaging nine will meet Oklahoma in a one game exhibition contest today followed by two game series with Minnesota, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Baylor licked the touring Gophers in both games of their scheduled matches, 5-1, and 7-6. The Bears had to come from behind in the last of the ninth to defeat the Minneapolis lads in the second game.

Two Regulars Return

Two 1949 regulars return to the O. U. nine. They are Shortstop Bob Stephenson of Blair, who led the squad in hitting last season at .350, and Right-fielder Russell Hill of Norman, whose long throw from right field cut down many an opposition base-runner.

Jack Shirley, junior right-hander from Southside in Jackson county, also returns. This is a fine break for the team since Shirley had a 5-1 record as a sophomore last year, beat the Oklahoma Aggies twice, and working with excellent control, submitted a seasonal earned run average of only 1.35.

Minnesota Squad at 20

Of a squad of 20 comprised of 8 lettermen, 7 newcomers and 5 reserves Gopher Coach Dick Siebert has high hopes for his brand new infield which has drilled so far only indoors. His combination has seen action against Baylor, but has further games scheduled with University of Texas, A&M, and the University of Oklahoma nine.

There is not a single holdover letterman from the 1949 Gopher infield foursome Siebert has selected. Bill Krans, a utility reserve last season, is slated for the first base job against right-handed pitcher Wayne (Punjab) Robinson saw very little action behind Len Fern at first base a year ago.

A cinch at second base is Jim Anderson, a sophomore. Bob Graumann, the third base choice, was ineligible a year ago but made his Minnesota debut in the series with Baylor. Graumann went to Minnesota with a fine record in high school and Legion ball, both as a pitcher and infielder.

Jim Holker, a cinch at shortstop, was out last season because of a bad back. One of the finest prep shortstops ever to come out of the Minnesota high schools, Holker, like coach Siebert, is eager to learn how his back will hold up under action. If it proves D. K. the Gophers should have considerable strength in this spot which proved a detriment last season.

Coach Dick Siebert considers Lundeen and Engstrand his best hurling prospects, and feels that with the improved support which he expects from his new infield combination, both might come up with strong records.

The same is true of John (Lefty) Garbett, diminutive Minneapolis southpaw who barely missed his letter. He pitched excellent ball on several occasions, only to have his defense will behind him.

Cage Standout Contributes Myer (Whitey) Skoug, Minnesota's All Conference and All Western basketball forward, recovered from a persistent arm soreness late last spring, in time to register three wins against non-Conference foes. Whitey went on to have a great season with his home-town Engineer nine which he pitched to the championship of its league.

Norm Koch, senior who will make the trip mainly as a base coach, is a veteran of park league ball in Minneapolis and outstate, and a cool man in tough spots. Coach Siebert figures to use Koch exclusively in relief.

## Up From the Cradle...

### Maltz Climbs To Success With Ags

By F. E. SIMMEN, JR. Sports Feature Editor

Climbing out of the cradle into a baseball first sacker's uniform was an early ambition of A&M first-bagger Herschel Maltz. "That ambition just about came true," commented Herschel.

Born and reared in Houston, Maltz says he has played on at least ten different organized ball clubs since he first started playing in '42 with the Limecola nine in the Houston City League.

Maltz, a member of the T Association since '46, was also football manager for two years under the Homer Norton regime.

Now Takes Business A new business major, Maltz had quite a few experiences in his three years in the engineering department. "When I first came down here," said Maltz, "everybody was some kind of an engineer, so I decided to become one, too."

"The surprise came," Maltz further commented, "while I was sitting in seminar class last semester." It seems that after three



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won the state junior baseball championship in '46. Maltz was picked on the first team all-state team that same year along with teammate Frank "Pancho" Womack.

Womack, now a pitcher and outfielder for the Longhorns and a capable cage guard, and Maltz played ball together before, during, and after high school. "We played together on the old South End Comets nine and kept on up until we went off to college," said Maltz.

Womack was chosen on the All-NCAA tournament team in the national tourney held last year in Columbus, Ohio. The Longhorns won the national championship at the meet.

Limecola Batboy "I really started out when I was ten years old," said Maltz, describing his experience as part time player and bat boy for the old Limecola nine in the Bayou City.

Although spending six weeks in summer camp, Maltz managed to serve a seven week jail term with the Elkhon Pirates, a Maryland semipro team in the Susquanna River Valley League.

Returning to Texas the latter part of the summer, Maltz signed to play with the Conroe Wildcats. Again it was a first base assignment and a batting average over the .300 mark.

Maltz holds down the vice-presidential office in the Houston A&M Club. He is a member of the Business Society and the vice-president of the Aggie Hill Club.

Tribute to Dad Maltz was grateful that his father coached and helped him along with his baseball career in every way possible. "When I was first born my Dad put a first baseman's mitt in my hands, and I've had one ever since, he explained.

"Still today, I don't think I've ever played a game that's satisfied him," the Houstonian added. We are going to make a bet though. If Hersch keeps on playing his usual brand of ball he will not only satisfy his Dad, but a whole lot of Aggies as well.

With the average horse doing away with 30 pounds of hay a day, thoroughbred owners spent \$7,686,900 for the hay consumed by the 21,616 horses in training during 1949.

## Aggies Down Buckeyes In Eighth Frame Rally

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the eighth was cleanup man Wally Moon. Moon banged a single into center field, followed by three more singles by Shug McPherson, John DeWitt, and Herhall Maltz accounting for the three markers.

Tank Comes Through Although much praise goes to Pat Hubert, starting hurler in the contest, the winning pitcher Bob Tankersley turned the trick in the two remaining innings.

Tankersley, Thomas Jefferson product, faced only six men in his last two innings. This was his second relief job of the young season and also his second win.

Box Score					
Ohio State (9)					
	AB	R	H	O	A
Montebello, 3b	4	3	2	0	0
Gutzwiller, lf	4	3	2	0	0
Parill, 2b	5	1	2	1	4
Gebhart, cf	5	0	1	2	0
Williams, p	0	0	0	0	0
Foster, p	0	0	0	0	0
Gobie, rf	3	1	1	1	0
Moran, 1b	4	1	1	0	0
Main, c	4	1	1	0	0
Wills, ss	2	0	0	0	1
Hess, p	2	0	0	0	1
Hein, rf	2	1	1	0	0
Totals	37	9	12	24	0
Texas A&M (11)					
	AB	R	H	O	A
Ecrette, ss	3	0	0	0	2
Lackey, ss	2	0	1	0	3
Savarino, 2b	5	2	2	3	5

## Training Camp Briefs

Denver, March, 23—(AP)—Doak Walker's honeymoon was interrupted here Wednesday by what he called a "little tumble."

The tumble was an accident in which the private plane carrying the famed Southern Methodist All-America football star and his bride ground-looped on landing.

The plane whirled around, broke off a wheel, went off a runway at Stapleton Field, and came to rest across a small embankment. The propeller was bent and the tail damaged.

No One Hurt "Nobody was scratched or even shaken up," Walker told newsmen. "We didn't give it much of a second thought."

With Walker and bride of four days, the former Norma Peterson of Dallas, were H. N. (Rusty) Russell, new coach of SMU; Mrs. Russell, and W. H. Davidson and his wife of Dallas.

Davidson is president of the Petroleum Reservoir Company of Dallas.

The company plane, a twin engine ship, was piloted by Bob Cole. Co-pilot was Dick Duhe. Both are company employes.

\$10,000 Damage Caused The group, only four hours out of Dallas, was landing here to refuel. Witnesses estimated the plane was landing at about 85 miles an hour. Davidson estimated damage at about \$10,000.



Herschel Maltz

years and two weeks in the ME department, Maltz, while listening to the head of his department talking on the advantages of his career, suddenly decided "he had enough. "That's the date I signed up for business," said Maltz.

Maltz expects to enter the paper business with his father upon graduation in '51. His father, vice president of the Houston Paper Company, has been in that profession for quite some time.

Enthusiastic About Sports The 20-year-old company commander of B Athletics likes most any kind of sports. "Play 'em all," explains Herschel, "but you can guess what my favorite is."

A regular first sacker last season, Maltz is holding down the initial bag again this season and doing a fine job of it. Probably his best showing of the young season came Monday when he bagged four hits in four times at the plate. His San Jacinto Post 52 Bears

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