

Ag Turning Night Into Day? Well, Moon Is Hot As Sun

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(Sports Editor's Note: Fortunately for us, after The Battalion sports staff selected Wally Moon Star of the Week for March 20-25, we found that our sports feature editor had prepared a feature on the Bay, Arkansas, star. So we're doubling up and combining a regular feature with our "star" story.)

His name is Moon. But this season he's been hotter than that other planetary body—the sun. Wallace Wade Moon, capable Aggie center-fielder, is at present leading his teammates in five statistical departments and tied for a first in two others.

After earning his second cage letter, the 180-pounder quickly shifted over to the diamond sport and has since been walking off with almost all the individual honors.

The young diamond ace has collected nine singles, two doubles,

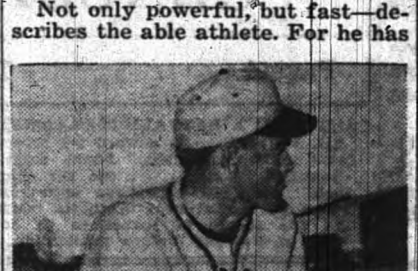
one triple and five home runs. He leads in the three-bagger department, in the home run bracket, and is tied with Shug McPherson for the most hits leadership, each having 17.

The slugging batsman ranks first in the runs scored department and also in the RBI column. His total runs amount to 18 while the runs batted in total reaches 17.

Opposing Pitchers Scared?

The powerful cleanup specialist also leads all his teammates at drawing walks. So far this season he has collected nine first bag gifts.

Not only powerful, but fast—describes the able athlete. For he has



Wally Moon

Osark slugger threatens to step into spiked shoes of league's top home run hitter.

stolen five bases to rank in the number one position tied with cage and diamond teammate John DeWitt.

Moon attended high school at Bay, Ark., until he came to A&M. Having no basketball and little baseball facilities at home, Wally shot for a home-made hoop and played the diamond game on a vacant lot with the neighborhood kids.

Went to Finals

While Moon was competing on Bay High School's quiet, his group advanced to the state meet in Little Rock where they lost out to the home courters in a thrilling contest.

His first season in organized baseball Moon clubbed the old ap-

ple at a .343 rate. That year his Jonesboro American Legion team won the district crown.

Although coming to A&M primarily to compete in America's most popular pastime, Moon has been just as big a help as far as the hardwood game is concerned. Since entering Aggieland as a freshman in '47, Moon has worked up to the starting lineup in every sport he participated in.

He held down a starting cage berth most of last season and in a majority of this year's contests. Moon also held down regular center field duties for A&M's second place baseballers. He led the conference in doubles and batted cleanup, averaging .296.

Moon, still contending that he played ball since the time he was able to walk, manages to stay in "shape" all year round. "Have been doing it a long time," commented Moon. "Wouldn't know what it was like not to be competing in some sport," he continued.

As yet, no Texas lassie has caught the eye of A&M's home run king. "I've seen quite a few I like," said Wally, "but it's a long way from being a serious matter."

"That's kind of a hard one," said Wally when asked to compare the women in Texas with the female variety in the Razorback state. "No more comments," he added.

When degree time comes in June of '51, Wally will stick a parchment with the words Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education printed on it in his hip pocket and head back to the Ozarks—probably to develop other native Arkansians into hard hitting, sure fielding baseballers.



Dave Curtis of E Air Force ducks the right cross thrown by Dwight Kemper of A Ordnance in the final round of the 129-pound championship fight which was held Monday night in the DeWare Field House, climaxing sixteen consecutive days of intramural boxing.

Fish Baseball Nine Set For Blinn Game Today

By FRANK MANITZAS

Coach Perron Shoemaker's Fish nine will be hitting for its third win in as many starts this afternoon on the Kyle Field diamond against the Blinn Junior College of Brenham. And hitting is exactly what the freshman team has been doing, clouting 25 hits in its two games this season, while its pitchers have given up only five hits.

The Aggie hurler for today's game will be either Clifford Ohr or Bill Stirling since Coach Shoemaker is saving Jack Brinkley for

the Baylor-Cub game which will be played here Saturday afternoon. Behind the plate for the Cadet nine will be Don Heft, who caught for the Aggies in their first two games and was one of the regular starters on the freshmen basketball team. Tommy Neland may see service behind the plate if anything goes wrong.

This season's Fish nine will have to go a long way to surpass the previous team's record of nine wins and three losses. Bob Tankersley, Sam Blanton, Al Ogletree, and Joe Erette from last year's squad are regulars on this year's varsity nine.

Biff Munnerlyn, Cadet first baseman, together with Charley Russell, right fielder, set the pace in the hitting department as each player collected three hits.

Its second game of the season saw the Aggie freshman dropping Wharton Junior College, 14-2, as Brinkley again hurled from the mound, although this time, he went all the way.

The eighteen hits collected seems to summarize the situation created by the freshman nine as they knocked three of the Pioneer's pitchers from the box. Munnerlyn and Russell again were the big guns in the hitters column, each collecting four hits.

Russell also clouted a four bagger as did teammate Jerry Lastiech.

Loafers' Lap . . .

Sounds Like Even Trade For Relays

(From the Dallas News)

If there is any easy way to win a mile relay race, this may be it.

Mike Mercado, East Texas State's star track man who anchored the college's winning relay team at a meet in Denton Saturday, says it was completely unhearsaid.

Leading the race by some eight yards, Mercado heard the second-position runner, a North Texas State man, call out for him to slow up.

"Are you going to slow up, too?" Mercado yelled back and the answer came back, "Yes."

Running into a stiff wind and realizing that no records could be broken, Mercado eased up; the man behind him did likewise. At the last turn the North Texas runner called, "Now hit it," and both speeded up for the home stretch with Mercado winning by the same eight yards.

Battalion Note: Wonder what the North Texas runner thought when he heard about this? Or better yet, wonder what the North Texas COACH thought when he read it!

Richmond W. Landon, who won the 1920 Olympic high jump event at Antwerp, has been reappointed handicapper for 1950 for the New York Athletic Club.

AP News Briefs . . .

Texas Nudges Frogs, 5-4; Baylor Nips SMU, 11-10

Austin, Tex., March 30—(AP)—The University of Texas Longhorns, defending Southwest and NCAA baseball champions, had to rally in the late innings here yesterday to salvage a game from supposedly weak TCU, 5-4.

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Texas — 001 012 01x—5 8 3
Graves and Looney; Wall, Ehrler and Benson.

Baylor . . . 002 001 305—11 12 4
SMU . . . 002 400 025—10 18 4
Robinson, Copeland, Fitzpatrick, Hough and Pearson; Beadie, Weber, Canuteson and Edwards.

New York, March 30—(AP)—The National Association of Basketball Coaches voted today to give the boot to the controversial two-minute rule.

By a 63-21 vote the college agreed to recommend a return to the 40-minute game under which the rules would be the same throughout the contest.

Now it is up to the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada which has the final say on the regulations.

This supreme body started deliberating Wednesday night and by the end of the week a final decision will be made.

It is a good bet that the coaches' recommendations will be put into the book.

Houston Speakers

Houston students wishing to speak at their high school during the Easter Holidays should contact their chapter presidents, Gerald Monks, Houston Club president, said this morning.

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Razenor Addresses FFA

George Razenor, radio farm director from Station KTRH in Houston, spoke at the Collegiate Chapter of Future Farmers of America Monday evening at 7:30.

The subject of his talk was "Agriculture Needs More Publicity."

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