

Ag Trackmen In Texas Relays

By RAY HOLBROOK

The undefeated Aggie track and field team journeys to Austin today to compete in the 23rd annual Texas Relays. No individual title will be given a champion's title in the event, although several sportswriters over the state may write like there will be.

The meet is strictly a relay carnival, with each event having an individual championship, plus a few special added events to attract outstanding performers and fans.

The Cadets strong team this year would be favored to cop the most points, were they shooting for that, but Col. Frank Anderson and assistant coach Ray Putnam will be trying to win certain events instead.

Mile Relay

A&M's mile relay, composed of Buddy Shaeffer, Don Cardon, Bernard Place, and Don "Jose" Mitchell will be back to defend its title, won last year in 3:17.3. The 1948 Aggie mile relays hold the present record of 3:17.2.

Rice will be favored to take this event tomorrow, however, and if they do, it will mark the end of a five-year reign held by the Maroon and White trackmen, undefeated since 1944 in that event.

Team to watch in the relays will be the Aggie four-mile relay. Consisting of Jib McMahon, John Garmany, Julian Herring, and J. D. Hampton, the foursome stand a good chance of a win and a record.

Four-Milers Tops

Hampton, Herring, and Garmany finished in that order in the mile run in every meet this year and, together with McMahon, a fine two-miler, should have the best four-mile relay team in the nation. Hampton has run a 4:17 mile and Herring had a 4:19 last year.

The Texas Relays record calls for a little under a 4:25 average, which they should surely meet, while it is very possible that the Aggies could average under 4:20 apiece and break the national record in this event.

Strongest opponent in the relays for the four-milers will be Kansas University, last year's winner.

Two-Mile Relay

Making up the two-mile relay will be our off-and-on half-milers, Alex Ortiz, Robert Allen, Clifford Shaeffer, and quartermiler McCarthy. On a good day, these men can average 1:58, which should be good enough for a second or third spot at the Austin meet.

Also entered are the 440 and 880-yard relays, composed of Dave Young, Jack Bond, Bob Hall, and Bill Hens. Paul Leming taken over for Bond in the 880. Though not as strong as last year, the teams should be able to place tomorrow.

Outstanding in the individual events for the Aggies will be Leming (high hurdles), Jack Simpson (pole vault), Buddy Davis and

Don Graves (high jump), and George Kadera, defending discus champion.

Leming will be up against strong competition, the roughest of his short but brilliant career, but is favored to come through for another championship.

Should Simpson clear 14' tomorrow, he could easily make points among the top men at the meet, among who are a gala collection of excellent vaulters, some of whom have jumped 14' 6". Four men tied for first in the pole vault last year at 13' 6", although the height this year should be considerably higher.

Dark Horses

Davis and Graves are dark horses in the high jump. Vern McGrew of Rice, last year's winner at 6' 6", will be favored in this event. Bob Walters, jumping the same at Odessa last week for Texas, should be right along with him. Both Davis and Graves are capable of 6' 7" or 6' 8", and if one or both could clear this mark tomorrow, it would be a different story for the favorites.

Kadera won the discus last year with 154', but should surely surpass that mark this weekend. He has thrown over 164' in four meets and might endanger the record of 172'. Rollin Prather of Kansas State looks like the biggest competition for big George.

Water Poloists Will Meet Army And Navy Team

A&M's water polo team leaves next week for matches with Navy in Annapolis and with Army at West Point.

Coached by Art Adamson, the team, which ended its regular season last fall, will make the trip by train.

Eight or nine boys are now working out in Downs Natatorium, Adamson said, with the team to be chosen from this group.

"The team is not definitely picked yet," Adamson said, "although it will be very much like the lineup last fall."

Probable lineup will be Ralph Ellis, center forward; Bill Saggent, left forward; Gilbert McAnzle, right forward; Bill Karrow, left back; Van Adamson, center back; Paul Fleming, right back; and Tommie Comstock, goalie.

Heretofore, the Aggies have played teams mostly in the mid-west. This trip will mark their first swing through the East and their first matches with these two military teams.

"We know nothing about either Army or Navy, except that they usually have pretty good teams. We expect to give them a good match."



Sam Bass

Bass gives a mighty heave and holds up his weights successfully in last Saturday's first annual meet of the Southwestern Recreational Clubs meet. Texas University copped the most points to take the meet, sponsored by A&M's Intramural Department.

Aggie Freshmen Enter Six Events in Austin

By JIMMY CURTIS

Eight Aggie freshmen will represent A&M in the Junior College-Freshman division of the Texas Relays in Austin today and tomorrow.

2-Minute Rule Is Eliminated By Committee

New York, March 31 — (AP) The National Basketball Committee, final power on the rules of the amateur game, yesterday officially eliminated the controversial two-minute rule from the books.

From now on, amateur basketball games in the U.S. and Canada will be played under the same code for the full 40 minutes.

At the same time, the committee said it will reemphasize the present regulation on intentional fouls and foul referees will be asked to enforce this rule to the hilt.

This law, which has been in the books for several seasons, calls for an additional free throw to be awarded if a foul was intentional or avoidable. It was written in to cut down on excessive fouling in the final minutes of a game but rarely was called.

Because of this failure, the two-minute rule was passed last season.

The two-minute rule proved distasteful to a majority of those concerned with the game, primarily because it virtually wiped out the chance for a team to come from behind in the final 120 seconds.

Under the two-minute rule, a team fouled in the last two minutes got the free throw and then was given possession of the ball.

Now a fouled team either can take the shot or wave it to keep possession. If it takes the free throw and makes it, the other team is given the ball.

Ag Students Plan Inspections Trips

Forty-one agricultural administration majors are planning to make inspection trips to Dallas and Houston during the week prior to the Easter holidays. J. Wheeler Barter, professor of agricultural economics, said today.

R. L. Hunt, professor of agricultural economics, will be in charge of the Dallas group and L. S. Paine, associate professor of agricultural economics, will be in charge of the Houston group.

The Dallas trip will include tours of the Safeway stores, Ford Motor Assembly Plant, Nordis Sports Wear Co., Dallas Public Markets, Dallas Cotton Exchange, Federal Reserve Bank, Neiman Marcus, Sears, and Alfred Refrigerated Warehouses.

Those taking the Houston tour will visit Arrow Mills, Gulf Atlantic Warehouse, Houston Packing Co., Second National Bank, Farmers Co-op Market, Phoenix Dairy, and Converted Rice Co.

Baylor Is First Conference Foe In Waco Game

By CHUCK CABANISS

With a record of seven wins and three losses, A&M's 1950 baseball aspirants will enter the Southwest Conference race tomorrow, meeting undefeated Baylor in Waco.

The Ags will be seeking their first victory in three starts, having dropped the last two to Minnesota's Golden Gophers and Sam Houston's Bearkats, respectively.

Baylor has stacked up a respectable 8-0 season record, with the last three games in conference play. The Rice Owls and SMU's Mustangs have gone down before Bruin onslaughts, with the Houston school getting a bitter taste of defeat twice.

Pitcher Unknown

"I may just toss a coin," Coach Marty Karow said in reply to a query on tomorrow's starting pitcher for the Cadets. All of the Aggie hurlers have proved inconsistent thus far in the season, although George Brown and Sam Blanton seem the most reliable.

The Bears, on the other hand, have a pitching staff quite comparable in strength to Texas University's. Texas, NCAA 1949 champs, have the majority of last year's pitchers again in the lineup.

Adrian Burke, whom Aggie fans remember from last year's football season, is again in the Green and Gold uniform and is one of Baylor's top pitchers. Along with lanky Clyde Robinson, who stopped Rice with only three hits last Saturday, Burke and several others will be depended on heavily for the Bears.

Hard Hitters

Baylor's hurlers will meet some of the hardest-shooting guns of the conference, however, in the Cadet lineup. With such hitters as Wally Moon, who has totaled five home runs this season, and big Bill "Shug" McPherson, now sporting a .567 average in 10 games, the Aggies will try to best Baylor with a fierce offensive game.

Several other A&M players are hitting well, including Hank Candelari, third baseman, with a .316 average. Hollis Baker, sub-outfielder, although he has only been at plate nine times, sports a .556 total.

Baker may be used more than usual in conference play if John DeWitt, usual starting left-fielder, doesn't do better with the bat than his present .222.

The entire team now averages .221 at the plate.

Errors Lose

Errors at decisive times have been the main cause of recent Aggie losses, although the pitching has also been far from the best. Tighter defensive play and fewer distribution of hits must be achieved before the Cadets can get in form for a conference crown.

Texas is generally conceded to be the favorite in SWC play this year, with Baylor and the Ags their strongest competition.

Tomorrow's game will be played

Fish Nine Crushes Blinn Squad, 20-6

In their initial home game of the season, the Fish baseballers yesterday collected a lopsided 20-6 victory over the Blinn Junior College team.

Bill Sterling was starting pitcher for the Cadet freshmen, with Don Heft behind the plate. Sterling stayed in the game for five innings and allowed only one hit and one run, striking out three Blinn batters and walking four. Big guns in the tremendous batting assault for the freshmen were Jerry Lastiech, who collected two homers in the afternoon game, and Wes Parma, who poled another one over the fence. Charlie Russell was the most consistent hitter of the evening, topping his batting with two doubles.

Jim Dishman, Ag shortstop, was the first batter up for the freshmen.

Big First Inning

Dishman was thrown out at first, after which Munnerlyn got a single. Heft walked and Russell hit a hard double to deep left, scoring Munnerlyn. Heft then scored on a long fly, with Russell coming in on an overthrow at third. Munnerlyn hit again, advancing Dishman to second. Russell hit to right field, scoring Munnerlyn before Bill Bragg went

down swinging for the third out. Parma knocked a pitch out of the park, between the center and right fields, making the score at the end of six innings 7-1.

Lastiech Homers

Lastiech's homer highlighted another scoring spree, after which the Aggies led, at the end of the 7th frame, 11-1.

Blinn rallied momentarily in the eighth, scoring five runs off Ag pitcher Clifford Orr. These runs marked the last time a Blinn man reached home plate in the game.

Everyone was hitting in the bottom half of the eighth, when the Aggies boosted their total to 20 runs, and that was where the scoring stopped. A&M Fish 20; Blinn 6.

Baylor's freshman team will come to College Station tomorrow for a bout with the Fish, while Monday will find the Wharton Junior College Pioneers the opponents.

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