

Fish Netmen Gain Semis Before Loss

A&M's first-year men Eugene Letso, Donald Farmer, and Tommy West made good showings last week at the annual River Oaks Tennis Tournament played in Houston.

Letso waded through stiff junior singles opposition to reach the semi-finals before bowing out. Letso and Farmer (both are from Galveston), as a doubles combination, also gained the semi-finals before losing.

Letso, the number one freshman who usually runs prominent members of the varsity to three sets, was beaten by Hamilton Richardson, last year's national boys champ.

After enjoying a 40-15 point advantages many times, Letso finally lost to the classy Baton Rouge product, 4-6, 1-6, in a closer match than the score indicates.

Easy-going Donald Farmer, number two ranking Fish, was edged by Dick Sutton of Beaumont, 6-4, 5-7, 4-6. The match—a hotly contested affair—was a tough loss for Farmer. He had Sutton against the ropes three times, holding three match points.

The duo of Letso and Farmer defeated Baylor's Bill Talford and Rice's Wayne Robertson, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a quarterfinals event.

The Aggies were turned back in the semifinals by the machine-like play of Richardson and Bobby Sierra, noted Florida player. The score was 2-6, 4-6.

In the second set, Farmer and Letso piled up a four game lead before the number one seeded duo started its stretch drive.

Tommy West, who is showing remarkable improvement, dropped a close one in the second round after defeating Karl Kayroth Jr., 6-8, 7-3, 6-1, in the first round.

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'MURAL NEWS

This season, an attempt will be made to pick the best competitors in the different intramural events. Their choice will be made on a record basis, thereby, giving the higher classified athlete a slight advantage.

These top men will receive no individual honor except for the fact that they will be known as the best in their respective fields. All sports will be included with the exception of football, which was left out because of the difficulty in picking out a single player from the 1,020 that participated.

Winners will be announced in later 'Mural News columns.

Open tennis and golf continued to be played this weekend in spite of the rains that drenched both courts and courts. With eliminations continuing at the same rate as they have in the past, both tournaments should be completed in the earliest part of May, Dak Proctor of the intramural office announced today.

Participants in the above sports should keep posted with the office on schedules of matches, Proctor added.

Entries for the spring semester sports have been sent out and should be received by the individual outfits by tomorrow, Intramural Director Barney Welch announced today. Athletic officers not receiving entry blanks before tomorrow should check by the office, Welch concluded.

The diving prelims and finals will be held in the natatorium, April 25 at 7:30, with the swimming preliminaries coming off the following night, and the finals the next evening. If any athletic officer, Welch said, wishes to make any revisions in his diving or swimming teams he should check with the officials before the meet.

Open badminton, open weightlifting, and track entries are due May 1. Instructions have been sent to all outfits and athletic officers should check with Dak Proctor if application forms have not been received.



Dodgers, Boston Picked For 1950 World Series

New York, April 18—(AP)—If the nation's baseball experts are right, the Brooklyn Dodgers will play the Boston Red Sox in the 1950 World Series.

An Associated Press poll of 114 reporters in the 11 major league cities tabbed the Dodgers and Red Sox overwhelming favorites today to win the championship of their leagues.

They picked the same two teams to win last season.

More than 75 per cent of the experts—exactly 87 votes—picked the Dodgers to win the National League pennant while 77 named the Red Sox to cop the American League flag.

Five clubs in each league received first place backing. Although Detroit in the American and Boston in the national were runner-up in first place ballots, each placed only third in the point-rating.

Detroit Over Yankees

Detroit got 18 first place votes to only 14 for New York, but the defending champion Yankees drew enough seconds and thirds to nose out the Tigers for second place, 740 points to 723. The Red Sox, naturally, drew the most points, 860.

Ten first place votes weren't enough for the Braves to beat out the St. Louis Cardinals for second place in the National League. The Redbirds, despite only nine first place ballots, accumulated 707 points to 683 for Billy Southworth's men. The Dodgers led all the clubs with 876.

Phils Fourth

The Philadelphia Phils drew six first place votes to gain fourth place on the strength of 626 points. The New York Giants re-

ceived two No. 1 rankings which helped them grab the fifth spot with 483. Pittsburgh (344), Cincinnati (213) and Chicago (172) finished in that order. None of the last three teams got better than a fifth place vote.

Cleveland with four votes, and Philadelphia with one, are the only other American League clubs to receive first place recognition.

The Indians beat out the A's for fourth place, 600 points to 463.

Sixth place went to the Chicago White Sox with 340 points. The St. Louis Browns nosed out Washington for seventh place, 198 points to 158.

Truman Pitches 1st Ball, Today

Washington, April 18—(AP)—President Truman throws out the first ball to open the 1950 major league season today. If history repeats, it could be a corking good game.

Not one of the 30,000 fans will be under the impression that either Washington or Philadelphia is a likely candidate for the world series.

But these same two teams met in last year's opening, and Mr. Truman was treated to a honey of a game; good pitching, timely hitting, and a two-run rally that won for the Senators in the ninth, 3-2.

This fits in with opening game history.

When the president has been around, the games have been better than fair.

That's true all the way back to the first game in which a president threw out the first ball.

That was in 1910, and William Howard Taft was on the presidential firing line. The incomparable Walter Johnson hurled a one-hitter at the Athletics to win, 3-0.

Bucky Harris, beginning his third term as Washington manager, will start Pitcher Ray Scarborough. It was Scarborough, who beat the A's last year, on a seven-hitter.

Old Connie Mack, beginning his 50th consecutive year as manager of the Athletics, has called on what looks like a sure thing. Carl Scheib is his starting choice.

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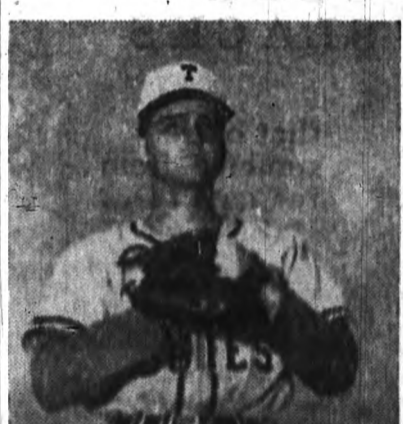
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Hubert, Cadet hurler aiming for his second letter, shows that needed and very determined look before a windup. He may be called upon today to start in the Cadet's tilt against the SMU Ponies.

Cadet Golfers Meet U of H Today, There

Just returned from a trip in to the Arkansas hills, A&M's galaxy of golfers are in Houston this afternoon for a return match with the University of Houston linksmen.

The U of H Cougars were victorious in the first meeting of the two teams, 5-1, on the Bryan Country Club course and the Cadets are out to avenge this defeat today.

The Cougars boast of the Texas left handed champion in the person of Ed Kingsberry along with Bob Minor, Bob Seman, and Bill Skinner.

A&M will field the four man team of Gene Darby, who defeated Kingsberry for the only Aggie triumph in the first match, aided by Monte Currie, J. C. Fletcher, and Otto Guerrero.

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TCU Game Called; SMU Today-Maybe

With yesterday's game against the TCU Horned Frogs postponed, the Texas Aggie baseballers moved on to Dallas, in search ofrier weather, and with the intention of taking to the diamond against the SMU Mustangs.

At the present moment the Cadets are tied with Baylor for second place in the conference, while the Ponies hold the cellar title with three conference losses. The some team has won two games and lost one.

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Fish - Shorthorns

Box Score	AB	R	H	PO	A
A&M Fish (5)	4	1	1	2	0
MacDonald, cf	1	1	1	2	0
Munnery, 1b	3	2	2	11	0
Lastelick, 2b	2	1	2	4	0
Russell, rf	4	0	0	1	0
Farma, lf	3	0	1	0	0
Kreiger, if (8th)	0	0	0	0	0
Bragg, 3b	3	0	1	2	0
Heft, c	2	0	0	1	0
Niland, c (7th)	2	0	0	1	0
Dishman, ss	3	0	0	2	0
Brinkley, p	1	0	1	1	5
Totals	27	5	7	27	13

Big Leaguers Begin Diamond Jubilee Season

New York, April 18—(AP)—Big league baseball opens its diamond jubilee season today.

Crowds totaling 260,000 are expected at the inaugurations, with the largest gathering of 60,000 turning out for the Cleveland-Detroit contest at Cleveland.

President Truman will throw out the first ball at Washington, where the Nationals open against the Philadelphia athletics led by venerable Connie Mack.

Seven games are scheduled in daylight. The eighth, a novelty number, matches the St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates under the lights at St. Louis.

By vote of the nation's sports-writers the Brooklyn Dodgers are top-honey favorites to repeat for the championship of the National League; the Boston Red Sox to succeed the New York Yankees for the American League crown.

The game's two highest-salaried stars, Ted Williams of the Red Sox (125,000) and Joe Dimaggio of the Yankees (100,000) will display their wares in the opener at Boston's Fenway Park.

It will mark only the sixth time since he joined the Yankees in 1936 that Dimaggio has conquered illness and injury to appear in his team's first game. He has looked great this spring.

Prospects are for a bumper crop of debates between umpires and managers as the season progresses because of the new one-second balk rule.

The rule requires the pitcher to pause a full second before delivering when men are on base. It has proved a terrific headache to the flingers in spring games.

Mustangs Inactive

Although the Mustangs remained inactive last week, they should be in top shape for today and tomorrow's games. The Ponies lost to the Steers, 3-8, in Austin two weeks ago, but in losing still out-hit the Austinites, 10 to 8. Murray Wall hurled for the Longhorns, and he also pitched against the Cadets on Kyle Field last week, giving up only five hits.

Hence, on paper the Mustangs seem strong enough to down the Aggies, and unless the Aggies' coach—Marty Karow—can find the right pitcher for today's game, the Ponies may gain their first SWC win.

Cadet Hurlers: Rested

With the rest that the Cadet hurlers have had, any of the numerous hurling hopefuls might be expected to start today. George Brown, Pat Hubert, and Sam Blanton seem to be the top three at the moment, and one of the above may receive the necessary nod from Karow.

Blanton Taylor, another Farmer hurler, seemed to be in the spotlight last week when he relieved Bruce Morisse in the fifth inning of the Bryan Sports-A&M game, and finished the tilt giving up only two hits.

A&M's heavy hitters—Wally Moon, Shug McPherson, John DeWitt, and Hank Candelari—may prove to be the big difference.

T Club Notice

Aggieland 1950 pictures of "T" Association members are being made at the Aggieland Studios, Gene Schrickel, president of the group has announced.

Schrickel added that pictures would be made from now through April 22, but urged members not to wait until the last minute to go to the studio.

The "T" Association presy explained that several white sweaters and maroon ties were being kept at the North Gate photographic studio for use in making the pictures.



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