

**Blanton Taylor**

Taylor, one of the top line of outstanding Hondo baseball products, is currently toiling on the mound for the Aggies. However, he also has been quite capable at the plate, being a long ball hitter. His last victorious outing was in the 4-3 A&M win over Sam Houston.

## Locke Declines US Open Golf Tourney Invite

New York, May 4 (AP)—Apparently Bobby Locke, the South African who not too long ago was permitted to leave the PGA doghouse, will not compete in the U. S. Open Golf Tournament this year, which will be good news for other contenders.

Jug McSpaden, in charge of the promotion of the Palm Beach tournament has received a letter from Locke declining an invitation to take part in that event, much to his regret.

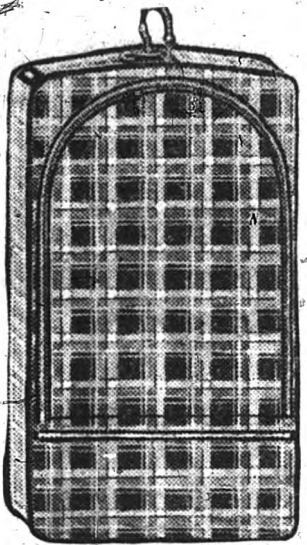
The regret can be appreciated, inasmuch as the ruddy-cheeked knickered sharpshooter would be the defending champion and would stand a pretty fair chance of repeating and picking up a nice bundle of cash, for which he has a natural affinity.

### Flying Improbable

The Palm Beach tournament will be held at the Wykagyl Club at New Rochelle, N. Y., June 13-18, and inasmuch as the National Open will be held June 8-10 at the Merion Club near Philadelphia it is highly improbable Locke would fly away from England for that event and then return before the Palm Beach affair.

The United States Golf Association has heard nothing from Locke, and unless he makes the first move it probably will hear nothing from him.

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# Aggies, Texas In Track Meet

By RAY HOLBROOK

Fresh from the Kansas and Drake Relays, the Aggie track and field team returns to Southwest Conference competition this week-end when they engage Texas in a dual meet at Austin tomorrow.

Undeatable in all team meets this year, the Cadets are shooting for a fourth straight SWC championship at the conference meet next week. Though scoring but one first place at each the Kansas and Drake events, the maroon and white stars showed up well nevertheless.

### Strong Overall

A&M's power lies in its overall strength, rather than on the shoulders of three or four stars. There are outstanding men here on Aggie's track team, though. Two of those—George Kadera in the discus and Paul Leming in the low hurdles—were the respective winners at Kansas and Drake.

Tomorrow's meet will be a neck and neck affair, with the team which gets the breaks coming out as the winner. This could very easily be the home team—Texas. Should either team win by more than a point or two, that team will undoubtedly be tabbed as favorites to take the conference crown the following weekend.

### Who'll Win?

So—let's look at how this week's meet may turn out. We predict a winner by not more than six points, but we're not saying just who—yet.

The Steers seem to have the 100, 200, and the 440-yard relay sewed up with Charley Parker and Perry Samuels leading the way. But there's a chance of Bob Hall sneaking by Samuels in the 100 and a better chance of Jack Bond or Dave Yiengst taking a 200-yard dash second place, which could mean the margin of victory.

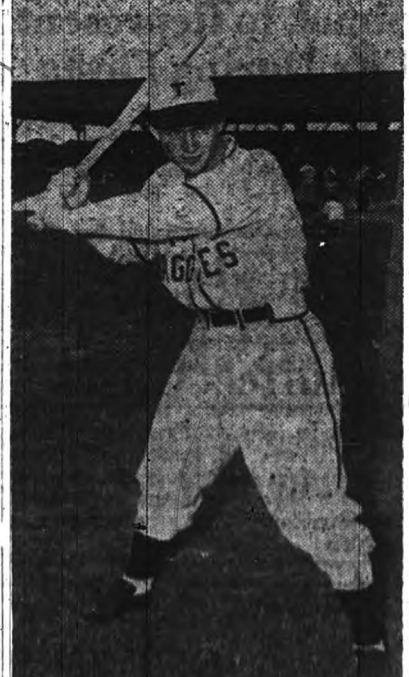
The 1949 Southern Methodist-Notre Dame was in the category of an upset although Southern Methodist lost 27-20. SMU had been picked to lose by six handicappers. Yet the Methodists, spearheaded by Kyle Rote fought the Irish from goal post to goal post and came mighty close to winning the game.

The SMU-TCU game was won by Southern Methodist 20-14 on a sensational 55-yard pass from Bob Finley to Bobby Wilson. Other "most thrilling" nominations:

The 1947 Texas Christian-Southern Methodist 19-19 tie; the 1946 Cotton Bowl game in which Texas beat Missouri 40-27 with Bobby Layne passing for or scoring all the Texas points; the 1934 Rice victory over Texas, 21-9, in the fading minutes to clinch the Southwest Conference championship.

## Stranahan Loses In Amateur Play

Dallas, May 4 (AP)—Frank (Frankie Boy) Stranahan, the Toledo, O., muscle man, was kicked out of the Western Amateur Golf Tournament without ceremony yesterday as the field moved through the first round of match play. James Vickers, University of Oklahoma student from Wichita, Kans., battled the defending champion through 19 bitter holes to triumph.



**Hollis Baker**

Baker may see action again in the two-game series between the Aggie baseballers and Rice Owls, slated for the Kyle Field diamond tomorrow and Saturday. The hard-hitting left fielder started one of the games in the TCU series last week.

With a still versatile group of quarter-milers around, the Aggies should sweep the 440, with Don Mitchell and Bernard Place leading. By adding Don Carden and Cecil Ingelhart, the Cadets should have a sure five points in the mile relay.

### Two-Mile Improbable

Texas' fine showing in the two-mile relay at Kansas indicates they can take the first two places in the half-time event. Led by Don Sparks and Lowell Hawkins, they have a fine 880 crew. Our own boys, Alex Ortiz and Robert Allen, have an uphill battle before them.

Led by J. D. Hampton and Julian Herring, the Cadets are attacked in the mile and two-mile. Bobby Whisenant, Orange two-miler, is due for second in that event, however.

Paul Leming is the classiest of the high hurblers, with TU's Persons second, in front of Billy Bless.

### Hall Ready

Bob Hall should regain his winning low hurdle form this week for A&M, and if Leming—or perhaps Bless—can beat Persons, this could be another big deciding factor. Leming is most dependable and should come through after last week's great performance at Drake.

Big George Kadera seems to have the shot and discus events wrapped up for the Cadets, but Bill Neiburn and Randall Clay might be close seconds for the Steers in that order.

If Ed Hooker can top Clay in the Discus, Texas hopes will be slimmer yet.

### Texas for Javelin

Javelin competition will be for second, with Ray Marek far out in front for the Texans. Jack Simpson may be good for second, but we'll have to give 'em a sweep in that event at the present.

With Simpson soaring 13' 6" or better in the pole vault consistently, this fight also seems to be for second place between Aggie Don Graves and Bob Walters from Austin. Graves and Walters tangled again in the high jump with the addition of Buddy Davis, the Aggies' 8' performer.

Orange and Whites seem to own the broad jump, one of the Aggies' weakest events. Texas boast two able performers in Meeks and Johnson. J. P. Weber and Glenn Lippman will attempt to displace them.

So—add it up and try to figure the outcome. It'll be close. As for a pick, we'll say Texas, 62-60.

## Junior Tourney Opens Tomorrow

A boys and girls tennis meet opens the State Junior College track, field, golf, and tennis championship tourney here tomorrow.

Tennis matches begin at 8 p. m. tomorrow, lasting through noon Saturday.

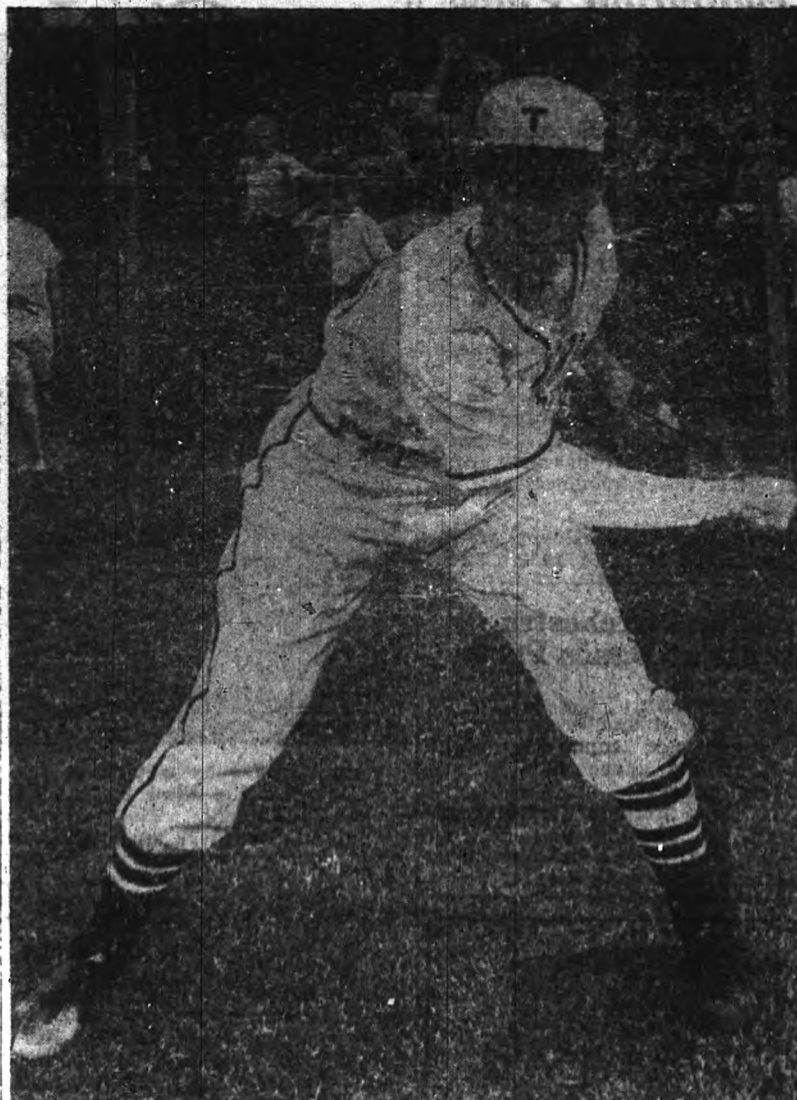
Boys' golf begins just a little later, at 10:30, with all matches scheduled for the Bryan Country Club links. Golf will also be concluded Saturday.

Track and field preliminaries begin at 3:30 Friday afternoon, with the finals set for 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

Over 200 athletes representing 15 junior colleges will participate in the meet. Earlier entries included Hillsboro, Weatherford, Decatur, Navarro of Corsicana, Allen Academy, Texarkana, San Antonio, and Cisco junior colleges.

## 61 Students Enroll In Scout Short Course

Sixty-one students showed their interest in scouting last night by enrolling for the scouting short course being offered for A&M students and anyone else interested in scout work.



**George Brown**

Brown, right-hander of the Aggie pitching staff, did relief work in the last game of last Saturday's victorious double-header with the TCU Horned Frogs. The Aggies broke a tie late in the game to gain a 6-4 win. Brown received credit for the victory. He may see action in one of the two Rice tilts scheduled for tomorrow and Saturday.

## Cadet Net Squads Schedule 3 Games

By R. G. DeBERRY

Aggie tennis players will be swinging their rackets regularly this week end, as the varsity meets SMU tomorrow in Dallas and TCU Saturday in Fort Worth, while the freshmen squad tangles with the Texas University Shorthorns today in Austin.

At present, the netmen are in fourth place, only one match behind third-ranked SMU. Rice and Texas are in a very tight race for the top spot, with the Austin school holding a slight edge.

The clash with the Mustangs takes place at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Dallas Country Club. Saturday, the TCU match gets underway at 2 p. m. on the Texas courts.

Aggie netters making the trip are R. G. DeBerry, Bob Duncan, Royce Tate, Dick Hardin, and Allen Aaronson.

The freshman, who have won two straight games, take the court against the strong Shorthorns at 2 p. m. on the Texas courts.

Feature match of the day will be the No. 1 singles clash, with Aggie Eugene Letsos challenging Steer Bill Harris. Letsos will be seeking revenge from a thrilling three-set loss to Harris last year in the finals of the state high school meet.

Other freshmen journeying to Austin are Don Farmer, Tommy West, and Harold Gann.

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# Owls Challenge Ag Baseballers

By HAROLD GANN

A&M's baseball team plays host to the Rice nine here in a two game series Friday and Saturday. Game time for the Friday tussle is set for 3 p. m.

In Southwest Conference games involving the opposing clubs Monday, the Aggies were tripped by SMU, 1-8, and the Owls were downed by TCU, 1-7.

A&M is one and a half games off the pace of Texas, 1949 NCAA champion. Rice is next to the bottom, having won two and lost eight.

### Rice Lost First

During the Easter recess, the Cadets defeated the Houstonians, 12-9, after coming from behind in the final frame. Sid Goodloe, a short right-hander, was credited with the victory. The A&M rally was featured by pinch-hitter Al Ogletree's homer.

Pat Hubert is pacing the pitchers with three victories to his credit. Hubert won the opener against Baylor, 4-3, defeated SMU, 7-6, in the middle tilt of a three-game series.

### Brown, Blanton Win

Other victories have been turned in by George Brown and Sam Blanton. Blanton's victory came in the TCU opener, 10-7. His liability sheet shows deficits to Texas, 2-12, and SMU, 1-8.

Brown hung up the final TCU tilt, 6-4, after replacing Blanton "Hondo" Taylor, with the score knotted at 4-4.

John DeWitt, Yale Lary, and Wally Moon lead the sluggers. DeWitt has three circuit clouts, Moon and Lary two each.

Any one of the three has a good chance of surpassing the Cadet great, Stan Hollmig, who holds the conference crown with nine four-baggers.

A&M has one regular in the 100 class, three in the 200 class, a couple in the 300 division, and two hitting over 400, according to official statistics.

### Wallace Leads

All-conference Guy Wallace is pacing the batsmen with a fat 450, having taken 22 trips to the plate and making 10 hits. Jim Calvert is next with a hefty 450. Moon leads the 300 class with a .357. Shug McPherson, at bat 26 times with eight hits, is clipping the ball at a 308 pace. John DeWitt is next with 282. Hollis Baker has a 250 and Lary currently holds a 237.

Hank Cappellari has been up 31 times, collecting five hits for a .161 percentage. Joe Savarino has been at bat 12 times, getting one single for a .083. Joe Ercotte is looking for his first SWC hit, having taken nine trips to the plate.

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