

Mathias Favorite In 31st Decathlon

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Last night in Tulare, Calif. the 31st National AAU Decathlon Championship got underway with 21 athletes entered in the two day meet. The favorite was, of course, the hometown boy and defending champion, Bob Mathias.



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Mathias won the meet in '48 as well as '49 and both times the runner-up was Irving "Moon" Mondschien of New York, who didn't enter this year. If Mathias wins this year, he will be the third man to have ever won the AAU Decathlon for three times, and the only one to have won it three times successively.

Besides Mondschien, who won the event in '44, '46, and '47 while attending New York University, Harold Osburn of Illinois A. C. won the ten event meet in '23, '25, and '26. Osburn was also Olympic champion in '24 and scored 7,710 points out of the possible 10,000.

Mathias, who is 19, weighs 190 pounds and is 6-foot tall, presumably, is in excellent shape. He won the '48 Olympic title with a score of 7,556 points and will be trying to break the world record set by the Olympic champion of '36, Glenn Morris of Colorado, which is 7,900 points. This is the record after the change in scoring which occurred during 1936.

The decathlon consists of 10 events—100 meters dash, broad jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meters dash, 110 meters high hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin, and 1500-meters run. Bill Albans of North Carolina, who finished third last year with 6,715 points, should furnish Mathias the most competition. A comparative unknown from Santa Barbara, Calif., is Otey Scruggs. He won the Pasadena Invitational meet several weeks ago with a total of 7,102 points and may be the dark horse in the meet. Albans won the NCAA high hurdles two weeks ago, placed third in the low and broad jump, and has been working to improve his efforts in the field events.

Bob Goode Might Have Been Decathlon Champ

Turning to the local picture and trying to throw someone into the decathlon from Texas—the star which can boast as not having an AAU or Olympic decathlon champion—we see no one better fitted than Bob Goode.

While at A&M, Bob was one of the better football players in the conference, and he also held his own in the track and field events. He had one fling at the decathlon; it was in the '48 Kansas Relays which was won by Charles Baker of Arkansas. Mondschien was second, and Bob finished seventh.

Bob could have finished higher, second in the discus.

Jack Simpson Has the Ability

Jack Simpson of the '50 A&M centerfield position for the Weir track team has the needed ability which could lead him to a decathlon championship, if he would work. Jack is fast in the dashes and hurdles, can toss the javelin 180', broad jumps around 22', and has pole vaulted consistently around 13' 6". He is able to high jump 5' 8" and is capable of the 1500 meters in a fair time.

His timing and coordination would help him immensely in the discus and shot.

All in all the decathlon is a sport for one willing and able, and we think that a decathlon champion is a true champion.

Short, short, short, stories: Hollis Baker, who is playing the

Longview Hands Sports Third Straight Defeat

Losing their third straight game this week, the Bryan-College Station Sports were swamped by the hitting attack of the Longview Texans, who ran away with the game last night in Sports Park, 17-2.

Johnny Pine hurled a three hitter in winning the game for the visitors while the local nine employed two pitchers. Jose Fernandez started and was charged with the loss, although

he was replaced in the third by John Joslin, who finished the game for the Sports.

The big stick work of the evening was turned in by Johnny Ghiglietti of the Texans, who collected a homerun, a double, and two singles in five official trips. Catcher Joe Nudson of the Sports led the local hitters with a circuit clout in one trip to the batters box.

Second Inning—The Beginning It all began in the second frame when the Texans, sparked by a triple off the bat of right fielder Jack Jones, scored twice on three hits. Two more were picked up in the third on two walks and two hits, before Fernandez was pulled. But the visitors weren't through as they cloistered Joslin for three singles and a home run, which, added to a three base error, brought home five more markers.

In the fifth frame the home nine registered its first run when Joe Nudson, who had walked, scored on a single and an infield out. Nudson scored the second run with a four bagger with none aboard in the ninth.

The winners added four more runs in the seventh on three singles, a triple and an error, and for the conclusion scored four extra runs in the ninth with two singles, a triple, and two errors.

Baseball Results Major League

Red Sox 22, Athletics 14 Philadelphia, June 30—AP—The Boston Red Sox and Philadelphia Athletics put on one of the wildest displays of baseball in history yesterday as the clubs smashed the American League record for total runs in a nine-inning game. After three hours of play, the Red Sox emerged the winner 22 to 14. There was only one home run—Ted Williams' 34th.

White Sox 7, Tigers 3 Detroit, June 30—AP—The Chicago White Sox gave left-hander Bob Cain some powerful batting support yesterday as he beat the Detroit Tigers, 7 to 3, on a neat nine-hitter.

Indians 4, Browns 1 St. Louis, June 30—AP—The Cleveland Indians coasted to a 4-1 verdict over the St. Louis Browns last night behind the sixth pitching of Steve Gromek. Wildness by pitcher Duane Pillette opened the door for three Cleveland runs in the first inning.

Giants 11, Dodgers 5 Brooklyn, June 30—AP—The New York Giants snapped to life in the last two innings yesterday, scoring seven runs to trounce the Brooklyn Dodgers, 11-5.

Ralph Branca, who had pitched three hitless innings of relief ball, entered the eighth with a 5-4 lead when he suddenly lost his stuff.

Braves 3, Phillies 2 Boston, June 30—AP—The Boston Braves knocked the Philadelphia white kids out of a temporary first place tie with the Brooklyn Dodgers last night as Vern Blierford out-duelled left Ken Heintzelman for a 3-2 decision.

Cubs 6, Cardinals 1 Chicago, June 30—AP—Burl Rauh scattered five hits to hobble the Chicago Cubs to a 6-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday. It was his ninth victory and enabled the Cubs to divide the four-game series with the Redbirds.

Senators 12, Yankees 7 New York, June 30—AP—Washington spotted the New York Yankees a five-run first inning then came on to win a 12-7 slugfest yesterday to take the series, two games to one. A six-run fourth inning highlighted by Irv Noren's three-run homer turned the tide. Sid Hudson, backed by 18 hits, went all the way for his eighth triumph.

Giants 11, Dodgers 5 Brooklyn, June 30—AP—The New York Giants rallied for seven runs in the last two innings yesterday to hand the Brooklyn Dodgers an 11-5 defeat in the final game of their series. New York maulled five Dodger pitchers for 15 hits, including a homer by Eddie Stanky. Jackie Robinson cloaked two home runs and Billy Cox one for Brooklyn.

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Helene Boatner

Ann O'Bannon

Misses O'Bannon and Boatner will form the diving portion of the group of College Station girl swimmers entered in the State Women's Championship Swimming and Diving Meet which is taking place today at the Shamrock Pool in Houston.

Aggie Tennis Coach Heads Program

By HAROLD GANN

Local Recreation Program Includes Tennis Instruction

Tennis is no mystery—it is a science, requiring skill and practice to master. Those are the words of the "Old Master" Bill Tilden, who is considered the greatest racket swinger of all time.

And W. M. Dowell, A&M's tennis coach and one of the physical education teachers, has put Tilden's words into action.

Assisted by Civil Engineering Professor Thomas Terrell and City Recreation Director Orbel Chafin, he runs 75 aspiring youngsters through his self-established tennis mill on the clay courts.

Two classes are conducted daily for beginners. The boys take the courts at four, instruction for the girls commences at five. Players of one-year experience practice every morning beginning at 8:30.

"Start 'em while they're young," is Dowell's motto. "We'll take them as soon as they're able to walk," the veteran tennis coach says.

The tennis training system, geared for mass production, is the only type in the country, according to Dowell. It consists of

two basic divisions: Dividing the players into pairs, having one drop the ball for the other who exercises proper form in hitting the ball across the net, and vice-versa.

After the above is enacted for 30 minutes, the group is divided into three lines behind the baseline. Each takes turn at hitting a ball thrown from a position at the net.

"Develop their strokes and footwork first, then teach them the rules and how to think under fire," is Dowell's golden rule of tennis.

This method is proving successful. After a few days of practice, some are exhibiting remarkable "touch" in the game.

Betsy Kiver, and Warner Dahlberg have natural ability for tennis. Twelve-year-old Craig Thompson strokes the ball with much poise.

Craig has another brother, Kenny, and two sisters, Carole and Louise, who are also showing promise.

Eleven-year-old Martha "Titi" Terrell will develop into a star, according to Dowell.

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CS Enters 13 Girls In State Swim Meet

Thirteen feminine members of the College Station swimming team left early today for Houston where they will participate in the State Women's championship Swimming and Diving Meet which began at 2 p. m. at the Shamrock pool. Mrs. R. B. Hickerson, Mrs. C. O. Spriggs, and Emil Mamaliga accompanied the group.

The swimming program will consist of 100, 200, 400, and 800-meter freestyle; 100-meter breast stroke; 100-meter backstroke; 100-meter medley relay; 150-meter individual medley; 400-meter relay; duet synchronized swimming and team synchronized swimming.

Diving competition will consist of one-meter springboard, three-meter springboard, and ten-meter platform, and five optional dives and five required dives will be performed by each diver.

Making the trip today for the swimming meet are Louise Street, Nancy Hale, Ann O'Bannon, Patsy Bomen, Ann Hickerson, Kay Farnell, Ann Copeland, Dorothy Spriggs, Rita Stittler, Martha Ergle, Helette Boatner, Linda Potts, and Pam Wilson. Misses O'Bannon and Boatner are the divers of the crew.

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