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Bill Powers, the Naval Academy's rip-snorting halfback, dropped in to see us yesterday and talk over old times. We also got to see the sizzling speed demon in action.

The 165 pound scabback from Bryan will be one of the top threats in Coach Eddie Erdelatz's line-up this coming season. Erdelatz is the new coach for Navy and reports from the East claim that the Blue & Gold will be definitely on the upswing.

Even Army, who dropped the Middies 38-0 last fall, predicts that their toughest game to come will be with the boys in blue. Bill agrees. He said that he expects Navy to have one of their better seasons in the fall and is the year to beat the Black Knights of the Hudson.

During Homer Norton's reign, Bill entered A&M after having left an exceptionally fine record at Stephen F. Austin High School in Bryan.

Bill entered Aggie land with the intention of playing football, although others seemed to have different ideas as he waited almost a week before receiving a uniform. He finished the first year on the B squad, but played very little.

Next fall he entered the Academy and since then has been going strong. The only thing which may prevent him from gaining his fourth letter next year is his ankle which was broken last year and is not in the best of shape.

But if he does play, watch out Army.

**SWC Football Predictions**

Football is in the air, and among other things, predictions are being made. For the first time in the last so many years, A&M has been picked from the cellar and put in sixth place. This is the way Curtis Bishop stacked the deck. He places Texas University first, SMU, second, with TCU, Rice, Arkansas, A&M, and Baylor following in that order. We hate to say it, but he is all wet.

Texas will probably finish first, but the way that the others are picked makes quite a mess. We can't see a team like SMU that finished in fifth place last year in the SWC and having defeated only two teams in conference play, being shoved into second place.

Notre Dame to Repeat. Returning to Bill Powers, who played against the Green and Gold and was beaten, 40-0, he says that the Irish are truly the mightiest machine on the gridiron and nothing could have stopped them last year even if it had wanted to.

SMU didn't. The score was 27-20, and we don't care how close it came to the Ponies winning, the fact remains that the Irish won and will probably do so throughout the coming season, unless the law of averages catches up with Leahy.

No drop SMU down a bit, and move up Arkansas, A&M, TCU, and Baylor. Not that we think that the Mustangs will finish in last place, but they will be a couple of spaces from second place.

The Aggies, who last year as a very young team won only one game and tied one, should have improved enough and gained enough weight in the line to finish higher than sixth place. A&M, by the way, tied SMU 27-27 in one of the better games in the SWC last year.

Arkansas is being underrated by the experts and will have everyone screaming "darkhorse" before the middle of the season. TCU, who still has Dutch Meyer in the drive-

Checking deeper into Bishop's article which is in the football annual, may which hits the stands every year about this time, we see that he places the Mustangs in the second spot and as the team which may best the power laden Longhorns from the top position mainly because of the showing made by slasher staro Kyle Rote in the Notre Dame-SMU clash last Dec. 3.

Coach Leahy never said it, but we are more than convinced that although the Mustangs were playing way over their heads, the Irish were only hitting a mediocre stride. Remember the game. Drop back to the past and see how long it took the invaders from South Bend to score when they needed it. When over a fountner was necessary, the Irish got it.

er's seat will cook someone's goose in the coming grid season. They also victories the Mustangs last year and dropped the Longhorns by a single point.

George Sauer, who coached at Kansas and Navy before taking over the reins at Baylor, is noted for his ability to inspire young pupils, and we think that, that will be shown before the year is out.

Together with Rice, the Bears will get hot in the latter part of the season and pull at least two upsets and throw the SWC in the most mixed up mess that it has seen in a long time.

**Loupot's Aggies, Merchants to Play**  
Loupot's newly organized Aggie softball team will meet the College Station Merchants tomorrow night at 8 p.m. on the lighted softball field.

Bill Plagens is scheduled to start on the mound for the Aggies while the opposing hurler is unknown. During the first summer season Loupot's won six games while losing five.



Winners in the opening portion of the summer intramural softball tournament was the Texas Geologists who finished the season a one game ahead of Dorm 14. Smiling triumphantly, front row left to right, are John O'Donohoe, Ray Beard, Bob Winkler, N. E. Weberneck, V. N. Kring, and Ted Lacooff. Back row includes Bill Kohn, Richard Whitaker, J. K. Liles, Bob Ross, Jack Howard, and W. A. Ratcliff.

# Dorms 15 & 16, Geology Win In 'Mural Softball

Dorms 15 and 16 together with Texas Geology scored wins in intramural softball competition yesterday. TCVV, Dorm 16, and the Geologists continue to remain undefeated and lead the eight team league.

In one of the afternoon games yesterday Dorm 15 garnered its second win of the season, defeating Dorm 17, 9-4, with winning twirler John Thomas setting down the losers with four hits and seven walks.

Jack Medlin paced the winners with three hits in four trips to the plate and scored two of the winners runs. The winners hit losing hurler Red Heidemann for six biggies and were allowed five bases on balls.

Settling down to business in the second inning, Dorm 15 scored two runs when E. G. Taylor and Bill Brockhart crossed the plate with the help of three errors and a walk. In the third frame the winners scored again. This time Medlin, Pete Stravonnes, and Taylor contributed to the victory, scoring on three hits and an error.

After having retired the sides in order the first three innings, Thomas walked two men, and one, Charles Pence, scored on a fielders choice. Centerfielder Don Baetue

of 16 also scored in the other portion of the fourth on a hit by Medlin. Three runs were scored by the losers in the following two innings as R. A. Goswell, M. C. Turner, and L. E. Stewart came home. Thomas retired the side consecutively in the last frame after walking one and allowing a hit.

The winners finished off the game with a three run party in the final inning. Texas Geo. 5, Dorm 14-4

Winning and playing extra innings is rapidly becoming a habit with the defending champions for the first semester softball tournament, Texas Geology, as they demonstrated yesterday in downing Dorm 14, 5-4, after 10 innings of play.

Base hits by McGhee and Dean scored Cooley of the Texans in the final frame to break the tie which was set in the sixth.

Both pitchers, TU's Cooley and 14's Carroll gave up a large number of hits with Cooley allowing the most, 11, and Carroll giving up 10.

Dorm 14 jumped into the lead with a single run in the opening inning when three hits scored centerfielder Couch for the marker. The third frame also brought a run to Dorm 14 when shortstop Benson reached first on a single and scored on a flyout.

After having held the Texans scoreless for five innings and leading 3-0 after his teammates garnered another run in the fifth with Gibson scoring again, Carroll allowed three walks in a row, then a single, and two more walks before retiring a man. Outfielders Jones, Roseman, and Wessley scored the runs.

This tied up the ball game although each team again scored, in the sixth as Couch homered for 14 and Sadler scored for the Texans before the Geologists broke the tie in the extra innings to win.

Dorm 15 won its first game of the second session yesterday and Milner lost its first game as the former defeated the latter, 14-6, after six innings of play.

Twelve hits off the bats of the winners as compared to the three by the Tigers was the deciding factor in the game. H. Pitts was the winning twirler while John Vaughan registered his first loss of the tournament.

Dorm 15 jumped to the lead and stayed there throughout the game as they scored 11 runs in the first three innings. Shortfielder Jack Alexander had three hits in three trips to lead the hitters and also scored three times for the victors.

Catcher Joe Bennett scored twice for Milner although he had only one hit in two official trips to the plate.

Softball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
TCVV	3	0	1.000
Texas Geo.	3	0	1.000
Dorm 16	2	0	1.000
Milner	2	1	.667
Dorm 15	1	2	.334
Dorm 14	1	2	.334
Walton	0	3	.000
Dorm 17	0	3	.000

Today's Schedule: Day games—Milner vs. TCVV and Texas Geology vs. Dorm 17. Night game—Dorm 14 vs. Walton

## Battalion SPORTS

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### CS Merchants Drop Martin Maulers

The College Station Merchants dumped Martin's Maulers 10-6 Saturday night on the Aggie diamond.

H. L. Winder scattered nine hits and gave up eight bases-on-balls while going the route for the victors. Fullerton started for the Martin-men and promptly got into trouble yielding three runs on three hits, three passes, and a hit batsmen.

Raynes came on in the fifth and held the Merchants to two runs on two hits and an error. "Red" Cashion paced the Merchants at the plate with three hits in three times at bat. G. W. Neely did equally well for the losers.

### CS Legion Nine to Play Bryan YMCA

Coach Otter Chafin's College Station American Legion Junior team will workout this afternoon in preparation for a game with a team from the Bryan YMCA's baseball league. The game between the two teams will begin tomorrow at 4 p.m. on the Kyle Field diamond.

Probable starters for the Legion nine will include Bobby Carter on first, David Bannan on second, Byron Anderson on the hot corner, Fred Anderson in the shortstop slot, Jerry Leighton patrolling centerfield with Ken Jackson and Finney Comer in the left and right pastures, respectively.

The catchers for the game will be George Johnston and David Nageros while the starting hurler will be either Joe Metheral or Pete Hickman. The YMCA's lineup was not available at publication time.

### Phils Lead League After Double Win

Philadelphia, July 26—(AP)—Riech Ashburn's single with two out in the ninth secured Ralph Caballero from second and gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 1-0 decision over the Chicago Cubs in the second game of last night's doubleheader after they had won the opener 7-0 behind the three-hit pitching of Bubba Church.

The twin victory, before a crowd of 32,726, placed the Phillies once again in undisputed possession of first place in the National League.

In contrast to the first game, in which the Phils ran rampant over Chicago's John Kippstoss, the second contest was a pitching duel between Robin Roberts and Bob Rush.

**Senators 7, White Sox 4**  
Chicago, July 26—(AP)—Pitcher Joe Haynes allowed the Chicago White Sox only three hits in a seven inning relief stint and the Washington Senators came from behind with two two-run spurts to score a 7-4 victory last night.

**Red Sox 7, Tigers 6**  
Detroit, July 26—(AP)—The Boston Red Sox nipped the pace-setting Detroit Tigers, 7 to 6, last night to tighten the American League race as second-place New York lost, too. Eight pitchers saw action in the nip-and-tuck battle with Chuck Stobbs the winner and Hal White the loser.

Detroit (this stayed a game and a half ahead of the Yankees, but

### Record Entry List Expected for AAU

Freeport, Tex. July 26—(AP)—A record entry list is expected here August 25-26 for the annual National A. A. U. Women's track and field championships.

Herbert Hopper, Freeport High School coach and director of the championships, yesterday said entries should far exceed the 130 participants at Odessa last year.

### Schoendienst Breaks Own Field Record

New York, July 26—(AP)—The guy is so smooth and unsuspecting out there that he makes every play seem routine. It doesn't occur to you until later that the ball he fielded had a "hit" label on it.

Standing at the plate, long, and thin, and angular, you think he will do well to dribble the ball back to the pitcher. You are quite surprised when he slashes out a double. An accident, no doubt.

His name is Red Schoendienst, which means beautiful job, and that's exactly what he is turning in as second baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals.

As this was written he had just broken his own record for consecutive chances accepted at second base without an error. He hadn't made a miscue since May 22 in handling the ball 286 times, and when you think of the rugged conditions under which a second baseman operates you begin to appreciate his feat.

Bad hips, diamonds of varying degrees of smoothness, a wet ball in a drizzle, blinding sun on popups, base runners driving in trying to tear the legs from under him, throws from unnatural positions, when hurried and off balance.

The kid from Germantown, Ill., has taken them all in stride, his sure hands, catlike reflexes, whippy arm and sheer grit carrying him through every trial.

He's got one of these second basemen who, as second man in double plays, makes sure he is safely across the bag and out of reach of flying spikes before making his throw to first. He throws the ball when he gets it, leaping high and twisting his body as he does so.

One of the best pictures of second base action we ever saw showed the redhead astraddle a base runner as if he were playing leap frog. His face was headed for the dirt, the ball was on its way to first.

### Braves 4, Yankees 3

St. Louis, July 26—(AP)—A ninth-inning rally spoiled Stubby Overmire's shutout, but he tightened up to give the St. Louis Browns a 4 to 3 victory over the New York Yankees last night.

**Indians 7, Athletics 6**  
Cleveland, July 26—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians won their eighth straight victory over the Philadelphia Athletics last night, 7 to 6. Bob Feller collected his tenth win of the season, although he had to have help from Bob Lemon in the ninth to halt a two-run rally.

**Braves 7, Pirates 3**  
Boston, July 24—(AP)—The Boston Braves clubbed three rival pitchers for 13 hits while topping the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-2, last night as they launched a 2-2 game home stand. Johnny Sain notched his 13th pitching triumph.

**Cards 5, Dodgers 5**  
Brooklyn, July 24—(AP)—Del Rio's home run with two on in the eighth inning helped the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-5 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers last night.

**Giants 7, Reds 6**  
New York, July 26—(AP)—Bob Usher's miff of Don Mueller's liner with two out in the bottom half of the ninth inning enabled Eddie Stanky to score from second with the run that gave the New York Giants a 7-6 victory over the Cincinnati Reds last night.

**National League**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	58	38	.582
St. Louis	51	37	.580
Boston	48	38	.558
Brooklyn	42	37	.524
New York	42	46	.477
Chicago	39	46	.459
Cincinnati	37	51	.420
Pittsburgh	32	55	.368

**American League**

Team	W	L	Pct.
Detroit	56	32	.636
New York	55	34	.618
Cleveland	55	36	.604
Boston	52	39	.571
Washington	41	46	.471
Chicago	37	55	.402
Philadelphia	32	59	.352
St. Louis	31	58	.348

### Hondo's Clint Hartung

New York, July 25—(AP)—The word has gotten around, from sources close to the New York Giants, that this is Clint Hartung's last stand.

The tall, earnest young "phenom" from Hondo, Tex., either proves himself to be a big league ball player before the present season ends or off to the minors he goes, probably not to return.

It is a sad bit of news to relate, for no player ever has tried harder to live up to an exorbitant advance hallyhoop than has Big Clint since he reported, fresh out of the service, to the Giants in the spring of '47.

Doesn't seem that long, does it, since the Hondo hurlant was being blown up on the sports pages, and in the national magazines as the most amazing athlete to come out of the war?

**Feats Were Fantastic**  
His feats in inter-champ games, it is easy to recall, had been fantastic. When he hadn't blinded opposing batters with his tremendous speed he had rifled home runs into adjacent Pacific waters.

There was no doubt, apparently, that the Giants had bagged the rookie of the decade. The only question was whether Clint would prove more valuable on the hill or as an outfielder, where his prowess with the bat could be exploited fully.

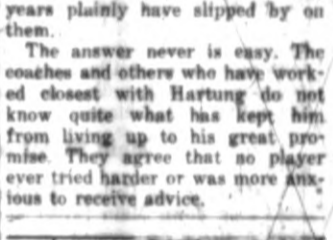
In retrospect, it is easy to see that a lot of this was foolishness. No rookie possibly could have lived up to the superlatives lavished on the lanky, bewildered young man who suddenly found himself catapulted into the big show.

**Not to be a Super Star**  
But this wasn't known then, and it has taken the better part of four seasons to bring Giant officials and the club's followers to the reluctant conclusion that Hartung, approaching 28, is not going to be a super-star, or even a top-flight

### Giants Hint That This Year May Be Last Stand

Even today fans who read the gaudy essays about the miracle boy from Texas in the winter and spring of '47 frequently ask: "What's the matter with that great young rookie of the Giants?" The years plagues have slipped by on them.

The answer never is easy. The coaches and others who have worked closest with Hartung do not know quite what has kept him from living up to his great promise. They agree that no player ever tried harder or was more anxious to receive advice.



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