

SPORTS DAY

Thinly Clads to Have Time Trials; Shaping Up Strong

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Another feature on tomorrow's annual Sports Day agenda will be the squad time trials at 2:30 p. m. when the Aggie thinly clad runners, jumpers, and pole vaulters will take part in a track and field meet.

Despite freezes and rains, Col. Frank Anderson's power laden track squad have been slowly but steadily preparing for their first taste of real competition—the Border Olympics in Laredo, March 10.

Good Indication

With at least two competitive Saturdays behind them, the majority of the boys are ready for the final time trials, and the Sports Day throng should have a good indication of the team's chances for the coming season.

Led by such outstanding stars as team captain Jack Simpson, Julian Herring, Paul Leming, Don Graves, Don Mitchell, Bill Bless, John Garmany, and a host of others including Darrow Hooper, who unofficially broke the Southwest Conference shotput record as a freshman the Aggies have ample potential and may round into the greatest track team in A&M's history.

Hampered By Weather

This year's track squad has been considerably hampered by bad weather conditions and may be a bit slow coming around but this, according to Coach Ray Putnam, may be an advantage as boys who start a little late may finish fast, as did the Texas Longhorns last year in wrenching the Conference title away from the Aggies.

With the most balanced squad since the great '48 team, the Cadets apparently have but one event with no capable performers, that being the javelin, and someone may yet emerge to help the cause there before the season is gone.

On the brighter side of the ledger, the Aggies have at least seven events where a defending champion or a definite threat for a first place is available. These events and the men to watch in them this Saturday are as follows:

Simpson looks like a good bet for the pole vault king this year if he can beat teammate Graves. Graves was the surprise SWC winner in this event last year at 13' 6" and has cleared better than that this year. Simpson vaulted 14' recently in competition. The SWC record is 13' 11".

Herring is back to defend his mile crown which he took from teammate J. D. Hampton last year. However, Herring's best competi-

tion is likely to be right at home in Germany. Leming still is apparently the best high hurdler in the conference, a crown which he wore last year as a sophomore.

Hall Gone

Although defending champion and Conference record holder, Bob Hall will be missed in the low hurdles. Bless should take over as conference king in this event, as he was runner up to Hall last year. Bless will receive ample help as well as competition from Leming and Bobby Ragsdale.

Mitchell Returns

Back for his last year and a last crack at the elusive SWC 440 championship, will be Mitchell, the Ags top 440 contender. Mitchell stands a good chance for many firsts this year with the graduation of SWC record holder Tom Cox of Rice.

Pushing Mitchell to his limit will be Berlie Place and perhaps James Baker, although it is doubtful that Baker will get his legs ready to hold the team.

Rounding out the 440 crew to make up the mile relay are Justin McCarty and Bob Mays. These boys should field one of the best Aggie mile relays since the '48 team. They placed second behind OU in the Sugar Bowl track meet recently in New Orleans.

Hooper—Shot Put

Soph Darrow Hooper holds the unusual distinction of being tabbed a favorite before he ever competes in a varsity meet. However, that is exactly how it is in the

shot put. As a freshman Hooper exceeded the existing SWC record of 50' 2 1/4" and should be far away the best in the conference, should he get even close to that mark.

An excellent discus thrower also, Hooper, must, however, improve over last year's efforts before he can be ruled as a favorite in this event. Filling four year discus champion George Kadera's shoes will take another year perhaps.

Cager Davis

Though not as strong as the aforementioned events, Graves and Buddy Davis should fare well in the high jump with the absence of SWC record holder Bob Waltus of Texas.

Aggie broadjumpers Bill Henry and the all around Soph performer Ragsdale may turn in some valuable points after going pointless a season ago.

Stalter Undefeated

A&M's perennial void in the 100 and 200 yard events is partially filled this year by Soph Bill Stalter from Dallas. Stalter was undefeated as a freshman last year and will be in the thick of both races with the graduation of TU sprinters Charley Parker and Perry Samuels.

Alex Ortig, Clifford, Robert Allen, and Ed Wilmsen make up the 880 crew and should come around with lots of points later in the season. Cross country lettermen Jim McMahon, Charlie Gabriel, Marshal Layarine, and Charles Hudgins will handle the two-mile chores with perhaps Layarine the third miler.

Mile Competitors



Julian Herring

John Garmany

... will be vying for top honors among the Southwest Conference thinly clad stars in the mile run event. Herring, a senior, copped the mile crown in the 1950 campaign from teammate J. D. Hampton, and ironically enough, this year finds his strongest competition for retaining the crown in another teammate, Garmany.

'Beau' and His Brother, Too

Diamond Coach's Name Has Meant Success Many Times

A&M's baseball team is currently in training under Coach R. C. "Beau" Bell, a man whose last name has spelled conference championships for the Aggies on two occasions.

Beau hit the home run which won the first conference championship for the Aggies in 1931. His brother, "Woody", got the run which beat Texas in 1937 and gave A&M its third title.

Prior to 1931, the Aggie baseball team had been perennial runner-up to its arch-rival, the University of Texas when it came to winning baseball championships in the Southwest Conference. The Aggies just never seemed to beat the Longhorns when the chips were down.

In 1931, "Beau" was the captain and centerfielder of the Aggie baseball team. This team was the strongest that the Aggies had ever had and the one that Aggie rooters were hoping would break the 20-year jinx that the Longhorns held over them.

The two teams rolled over all comers in their other conference games up to the crucial series in their other conference games up to the crucial series that would decide the pennant. They were tied for the conference lead, and this game was the last of the season and the one upon which the title rested. The strong Texas team jumped on the Aggies in the first inning of the game for four runs. The Aggies, not to be disheartened,



Coach Bell

fought back and tied the score in the third inning.

With the score knotted and two men on base in the fourth inning, "Beau" came to bat with two men on base and two out. On the first pitch, Bell stepped into the ball and sent it sailing over the centerfielder's head for the winning runs of the ball game. This one blow brought A&M its first baseball title in history and broke the Texas jinx. The final score: A&M 8, Texas U. 6.

Come 1937 the same situation was again at hand—the Aggies and Longhorns tied for the lead, playing the final game of the season to decide the championship. In leftfield was Captain W. M. "Woody" Bell for the Ags.

The game that year was of the harum-scarum variety. Texas scored in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to hold what seemed a margin of victory. However the Aggies weren't to be outthought. In their half of the eighth inning they cut loose with a four-run rally that knotted the count.

It was pretty dramatic situation. First man up for the Aggies in the last half of the ninth inning was Woody Bell. He got his feet set, and the first ball that was pitched got taken for a 400 ft. jaunt over the right field fence. There was the ball game and the third championship for the Aggies in 27 years. The final score of the game was 5-4 in favor of the Aggies.

So it is that these two brothers were the deciding factors in winning two of the five championships in baseball that A&M has won in the 46 years that the conference has been organized.

"Beau" went on to play professional baseball with St. Louis, Detroit and Cleveland of the American League and was a star. Upon graduation "Woody" signed up to play "big league" ball with St. Louis also, but gave it up to join the armed services as a second lieutenant in World War II.

After a stint in pro ball after war service, "Woody" spent two years as an appliance dealer. Just this past week, he returned to active duty with the Air Forces as a major. He is to be stationed at San Antonio.

Ag Tankmen Swim Against Time in Intra-Squad Meet

By CHUCK NEIGHBORS
Batt Sports Staff

Adding to the full list of spectator sporting events that are to take place tomorrow on the campus is an intra-squad meet featuring Coach Art Adamson's Aggie tankmen.

Previously scheduled for 1:30 p. m., the starting time for the Sports Day contest has been pushed up to 2 p. m.

With time as the only competitor, the Aggie tank mentor expects his charges to give a creditable showing in the midseason warmup. Adamson is well pleased with the showing the Cadets have made thus far in the 1951 swimming cam-

paign, with two wins and two losses marked on the record books in season competition.

Coach Adamson has had better than average material to work with considering the times turned in by free-style artists Ralph Ellis, Tommy Butler, John Parnell and Van Adamson.

The younger Adamson has added to his list of pool records with a time of 2:18.1 at SMU in the 220 yd. freestyle event.

For the 440 yd. relay team, Coach Adamson can depend on football star Jimmy Flowers and also Don Blundell and Adamson.

Bill Sargent sparks the backstroke squad, with Blundell running him a close second. A&M's big gun

in the breaststroke is Tommy Comstock.

Paul Shafer is getting more experienced in diving as the year wears on and is one of Coach Emil Mamiliga's hopes for next year's team.

The Ag tankmen will wind up their activities for the season early in April when Van Adamson and possibly a relay team will go to the AAU meet in Columbus, Ohio. Races will be held in the pool of Ohio State's cup-winning teams. A previously scheduled meet with Rice last weekend was cancelled because Rice doesn't have a swimming team this season.

March 22-24 the swimmers will (See SWIM MEET, Page 6)

Fish Yardstick

Name	Pos.	fg	fta	ft	pf	tp
Montgomery, f	11	5	3	18	25	
Darling, f	5	11	7	20	17	
Addison, f	49	76	29	44	127	
McCoy, f	20	12	10	29	50	
Davis, f	9	0	0	5	18	
Martin, c	15	37	14	32	44	
Williams, g	6	8	2	11	14	
Baker, g	0	5	3	4	3	
Dwyer, g	50	44	30	32	120	
Swartzell, g	0	0	0	2	0	
Murray, f	1	0	0	10	2	
Gallemore, f	21	10	6	16	48	
Harris, c	0	3	0	3	0	
Others	4	5	1	4	9	
Totals	281	216	115	229	487	

Fish	Opponent	Score
51	Lon Morris JC	95
41	Wharton JC	38
35	Rice Owlets	33
27	Baylor Cubs	47
47	Allen Academy	47
44	Wharton JC	57
40	Baylor Cubs	49
47	Lon Morris JC	69
40	Allen Academy	59
30	Texas Shorthorns	49
42	Rice Owlets	53
40	Texas Shorthorns	51
487		547

Bowling Team Members To Be Named Monday

The A&M Bowling team will meet TU March 10 at 2:30 p. m. in the MSC Bowling Alleys. All prospective members of the Aggie Keglers will meet Monday at 7 p. m. in room 8A of the MSC.

Team members will be announced at that time. All men not on the team will become part of a bowling league to be formed later in the Spring. Bowling will follow the meeting.



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