

Hooper, Simpson Favored at Laredo

Laredo, March 9—(AP)—The Border Olympics opened today with 981 athletes from 67 schools moving through preliminaries.

The university division, in which A&M will be favored to repeat with the championship, starts action Saturday.

Headed by Darrow Hooper, giant shot-putter; Jack Simpson, who has soared over 14 feet in the pole vault, and a crack mile relay team, the Aggies are expected to beat out a rebuilt Texas team, minus Charley Parker, the great sprinter of four years.

Parker last year did 100 yards in 9.4 and 220 in 20.0 as top man of the meet but the Aggies won anyway.

The Junior College Division, which has 10 entries, moves into preliminaries tomorrow at 8 a. m. The high school class has preliminaries starting at 1 p. m.

There are 37 high schools entered. They include Ball (Galveston), Brownsville, Edinburg, Falfurrias, Harlingen, Laredo, McAllen, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, San Benito, Weslaco and Amarillo. Odessa is the defending champion. There are 500 entries in the high school class.

Paul Faulkner of Abilene Christian, holder of the college division pole vault record of 12 feet 11 inches, is back.

Cool, clear weather is forecast.

New Records in Balance

Hooper appears likely to crack the shot put mark of the olympics. The record is 46 feet 11 1/2 inches and the Aggie sophomore already has done 49 feet 10 1/2 inches this year. Simpson, too, could set a record. The vault mark is 14 feet 1 1/8 inches.

Only one out-of-Texas team is in the olympics this time, that being Louisiana State, Oklahoma A&M, which always has competed here, won't be on hand this time due to "financial reasons."

Four More SWC Teams

The university division will have Baylor, Southern Methodist, Louisiana State, Rice and Texas Christian.

The college class has drawn 123 schools. These are North Texas State, defending champion; Abilene Christian, East Texas State, Howard Payne, McMurry, Southwest Texas State, Sul Ross State, Texas A&I, Texas Western, Trinity University, University of Houston, Texas Lutheran and Stephen F. Austin.

Champ's Injury Changes Plans For Joe Louis

Detroit, March 9—(AP)—An injured left ear yesterday sidelined Ezzard Charles for two months, dashing Joe Louis' hopes for a crack at the heavyweight champion this April.

The 29-year-old titleholder's ear was puffed up in his successful 15-round defense against 37-year old Jersey Joe Walcott last night. His personal physician ordered Ezzard to stay out of action for at least two months.

Charles, who was almost toppled from his throne in the fourth round by a crashing right to the jaw, had the swelling drained down from the ear at a hospital early this morning.

Co-manager Tom Tannas said "The champ is okay but he'll have to give the ear a chance to heal before he does anything else. However Charles is willing to meet anybody the International Boxing Club offers. And that includes Louis, as soon as Ez is ready."

Louis, who received a thunderous ovation from the 13,852 fans (\$75,502 gross gate) at Olympia Stadium, left shortly after the unanimous decision was announced. He didn't receive the disappointing news until today.

It came as a great shock to the Brown Bomber. Louis has had four fights, has trimmed down to 207 pounds, and he feels he is ready right now. He doesn't want to waste any time. His 37th birthday comes up this May.

Conference Cage Material in 1953

Waco, Tex., March 9—(AP)—Lometa Odum of Dimmitt erased a scoring record set only hours earlier last night when she scored 47 points to lead Dimmitt to a 69-29 victory over Aledo in the first round of the high school girls basketball league state tournament.

Ruth Cannon of Cotton Center had scored 44 points earlier in the day to break the record of 40 set last year by the Dimmitt ace.

Cotton Center defeated Penelope, 62-44.



Leroy Miksch

... is seldom noticed by the public in this sort of attire, but it's a different story altogether when this hustling Aggie forward paces the cage court in competition clothes. A sub for the earlier part of the season, Miksch replaced Martin in Austin and has turned in outstanding performances at his post in the last three games. He is a likely starter for tonight's game.

Aggies Ride Home Court Edge Against TU In DeWare at 8

The cage teams of A & M and the University of Texas meet here tonight in the first of possibly three games to determine which team will represent the Southwest Conference in the NCAA playoffs in Kansas City.

Outcome of the game is as much in doubt as has been the setting of day and hour for the first game to be played. Officials of the two schools have finally picked Friday night at 8 as the time for the crucial event. The two teams get together in Gregory Gymnasium Monday night and again Tuesday night, if necessary.

Athletic officials at A&M advised fans from out of town that there is little chance to get a seat for the game. A&M has more season ticket holders than can possibly crowd into the 3,500-capacity DeWare Field House.

"Even-Stephen"

The tilt will be the "rubber" game since each team won its game on the home court. A&M defeated the Longhorns here 32-29, and then Texas was victor there 42-40.

Both teams and coaches are well oriented in what will probably happen in the important game. The Aggies will play their deliberate ball, using Jewell McDowell and Raymond Walker to set up plays and center Walter Davis and forwards John DeWitt and Leroy Miksch to press in for buckets. The Longhorns will probably utilize their pressing defense, coupled with a wide open offense on the Cadets.

The Horned Frogs first used pressure tactics successfully on the Aggies when the two teams met for their second game in Fort Worth. Texas then imitated the Frogs to defeat A&M in Austin and throw Texas, TCU and A&M in a three-way tie for the championship.

But the Aggies' loss to Texas helped the Cadets in one respect: A new starter was developed in

sophomore Miksch. A demon on grabbing rebounds, Miksch has averaged eight points per game since he pushed Marvin Martin out of the starting five.

Last Time to Appear

DeWitt, Martin and substitute center Glenn Williams will be appearing before home folk for the last time Friday. DeWitt made 144 points in 21 seasonal games while teammate Martin collected 122 points in 24 games. Martin has led the Aggies in free throw percentages, nitting 34 of 54 attempts.

A Waco boy and two-year letterman in baseball and basketball, DeWitt has been called the "most underrated player in the SWC" by several sports writers. He has been a consistent all-around player in every conference game.

Longhorn Lineup

Williams, the other graduating player, has played in nine games this year. He has been a steady performer, particularly on defense.

Starters for the Longhorns will probably be James Dowies and Joe Ed Falk, forwards; Don Klein, center; and George Sealing and Frank Womack, guards.

—Beat Texas—

A&M Soccer Team Defeats Dallasites

Though hampered by strong South wind which made control of the ball difficult, A&M's International Club Soccer team still rallied to defeat the Mulhauser Brewing Company of Dallas 1-0 last Sunday afternoon.

Joaquin Ortiz from Mexico, played a sparkling game as goal keeper and guarded his teammates lone score by turning repeatedly rough charges by the Mulhauser ten.

Early in the second half, as the wind shifted behind him, Mexico—Aggie, Guillermo Cardenas kicked the ball through the uprights.

The members of the team are Guillermo Cardenas, Joaquin Ortiz, Alfredo Pino and Tomas Martinez of Mexico; Armando and Mario Hidalgo of Costa Rica; Mario Sol, El Salvador; Carlos Molina, Nicaragua; William Cunningham and J. Felt, Brazil; C. Arizmendiz, A. Lampert and Virgilio Tovar of Venezuela; J. Barragan, Peru, B. Otero, Bolivia, and G. C. Artecona of Paraguay.



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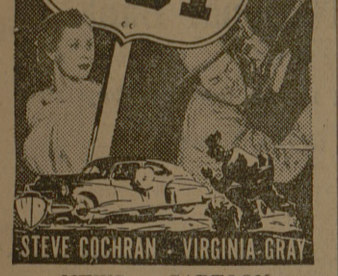
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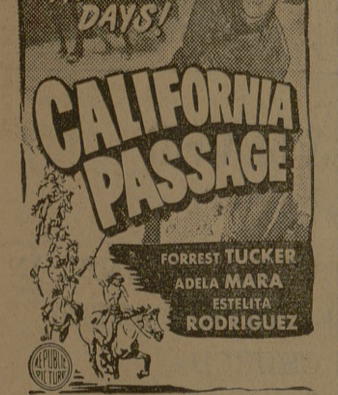
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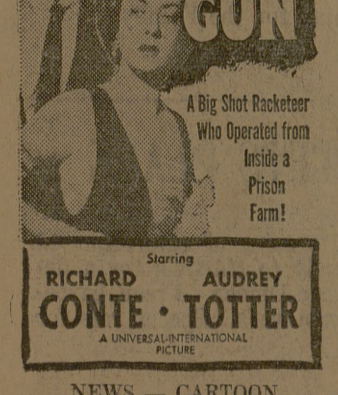
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Gloves Fly When 14 Boxers Gain Berth in 'Mural' Finals

By JOE B. BLANCHETTE
Batt Sports Staff

Fourteen men battled their way into the finals of the Intramural Boxing Tournament last night in DeWare Field House. The finals will be held Tuesday night if there is no third game between Texas and A&M in the playoffs for the District 6 NCAA representative.

Harold Williams of C Vets blasted Steel of C FA with rights and lefts to the head to gain the finals of the 177 pound class. The first round was comparatively slow with both men feeling each other out, but the second and third cantos found Williams finding the range on his opponent and driving home his blows to gain the win.

Randell of Company 2 will be Williams' opponent in the finals. Randell leveled off on Guy Warren of C Armored in the first round and never relaxed his aggressiveness to nail the defensive cavalryman with the loss.

hardest uppercuts seen in the tournament in the first round to gain the finals of the heavyweight class. Strong made a fight of it in the second and third stanzas but was never able to build up enough points to gain the nod over the experienced Vet.

Guidry's opponent in the finals will be Harper of Mitchell who drew a bye to fight in the finals. Quentin Milhollen of C Infantry hit Eby with everything in the books to gain the finals of the 137 pound class. Eby representing Company 5 didn't lay a glove on Milhollen in the first round and scored with only four blows in the remaining two rounds.

Picazo of A Vets will battle Milhollen in the finals after winning over Fuller of Puryear.

Kirk had a rougher time in defeating Anderson of the Fish Band. The first round appeared to belong to Anderson but the stout airman came back to capture the remaining two engagements.

Wilson of Company 4 outlasted Fulton of the same company to move into the finals of the 157 pound class. Wilson weathered a bad first round to gain the win.

Fowler Wins

Fowler of Company 3 stopped Childers of K AF to meet Wilson in the finals. Fowler was never behind as he nailed Childers with some of the hardest punches seen in the tourney.

In a match which set a blistering pace Joe Jackson of D Vets stopped B. D. Manning of Company 2 to gain the right to meet Charles Lucas of Company 3 in the finals of the 147 pound class.

From the first round to the last both Manning and Jackson were standing toe to toe and slugging it out.

Lucas defeated McDuffie of Milner in another toe to toe match.

In the finals of the 130 pound class Calhoun of Squadron 8 will engage Howard of A AF.

Howard gained the finals by defeating Kupfer of Company 4 and Calhoun bested C Vets' Castillon.

Guidry Downs Strong

J. D. Guidry of A Vets pounded Strong of A AF with some of the

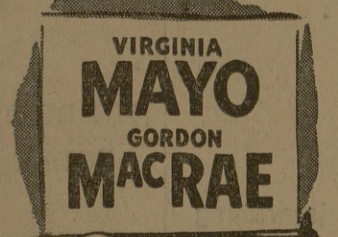
Akridge Meets Kirk

Roy Akridge of Company 11 will meet Bob Kirk of A AF in the finals of 167 pound class.

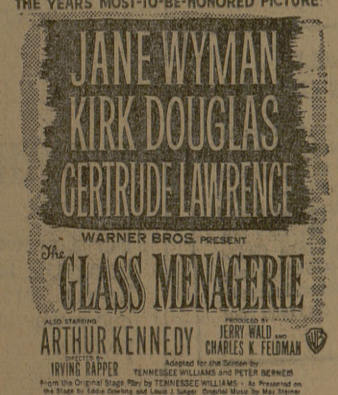
Akridge gained the finals by wallowing Mathews of Company 8 in their three round battle. Akridge scored with left jabs and hooks to seal the win.

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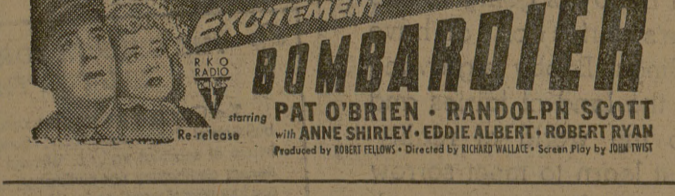


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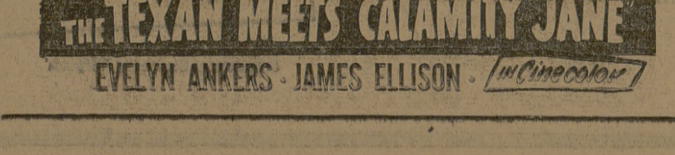
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