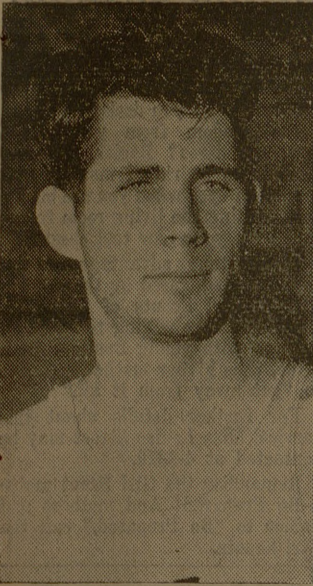


Mr. 440



Don "Jose" Mitchell

... leading Aggie quarter-miler and mile relay anchorman has been making the four curves for A&M for the past three years. Mitchell looks almost like a cinch to take the 440 crown. His best time this year has been 48.6 (He really is "burr-headed.")

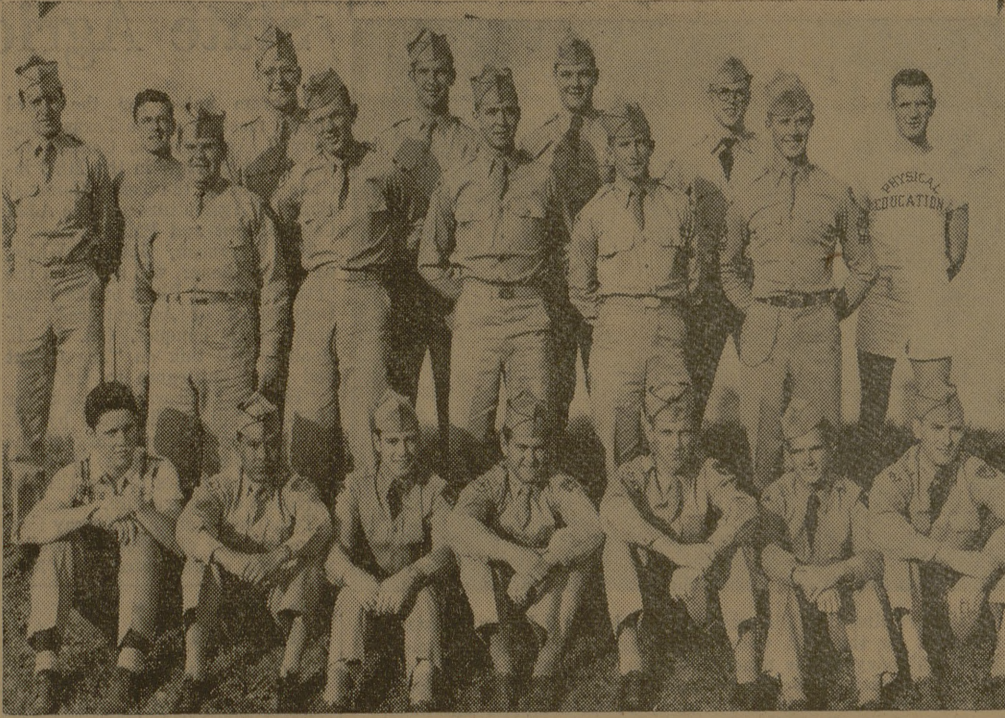
Mitchell Leads Way for Aggie Quarter-Milers

Don Mitchell, senior letterman from Deer Park, is the Aggies top 440 man on this year's undefeated track team. The little burr-headed speedster is also the anchor man on the Cadets' undefeated mile relay and apparently is the best quarter-miler in the SWC, having won four firsts in that event this year. After his third varsity letter, "Jose", as he was nicknamed two years ago, is the only quarter-miler to have been on the Aggie mile relay for three years. He ran first leg on the '49 team which set a new conference record of 3:14.9 and took an individual third with a 48.2 in 440 in that meet.

Last year the A&M relay team was not as strong, but Mitchell anchored the quartet to many wins and runner-up spots, finishing third but once.

"Jose's" best 440 time this year is 48.6 which he turned in at Houston in the Rice-Texas-A&M meet. With no other SWC 440 man having broken 49.0 seconds this year, Mitchell will be odds on favorite to take the SWC 440 crown by season's end, as well as a first in this Saturday's tri-meet on Kyle Field between Rice, Texas and A&M.

A&M's Gorgeous Georges



The A&M Wrestling Team Club

... which will send eight members to battle Texas in DeWare Field House Saturday night. Members are: (from left to right) third row—Pete Manos, W. W. Bradford, Bill Zeidlick, H. D. Maxwell, W. F. Brisco, Leon Scott, President,

James W. Griffith, Coach. The second row consists of Joe Slack, L. D. Hulan, B. S. Potet, L. O. Shipley and W. M. Pierce. Front row: J. H. Jones, Rudy Rivers, George Laing, T. V. Dwyer, C. W. Penn and R. L. Belten.

Recreational Clubs Meet Here Saturday

By BARNEY WELCH
Intramural Director

The Second Annual Southwest Conference Recreational Club Meet will be held Saturday, April 14th in DeWare Field House at 3 p.m.

This meet will consist of gymnastics, weight lifting, soccer, wrestling and handball. Bowling and table tennis will be held in the MSC.

Invitations were sent to all SWC schools, plus Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth YMCA's, Dallas Athletic Club, Sam Houston State Teachers College, North Texas State Teachers College and Louisiana State University.

Texas University will probably be the only school to enter in all events.

Last year A&M and Texas staged a similar meet in which Texas won the wrestling and gymnastic tests while A&M took weight lifting and tied in handball.

Members of these various teams are boys who want to go a little further in their particular sport. They get competition in all sports through the intramural programs, but some wish to compete with outsiders and are willing to do extra work in order to excel.

Means A Lot

To members of these clubs, a meet such as will be held Saturday will compare to a varsity meet with other SWC schools.

They work out regularly as do the varsity athletes, although they get no remuneration in ways of scholarships or other financial aids.

Many of these boys were outstanding athletes in their respective high schools and some as varsity material, but for various reasons chose not to try for varsity teams.

The club members pay their own way to compete in other localities, except that the Intramural Department helps to defray expenses. But on the whole, the boys pay their own way.

The Gymnastics Club sells soda water at Fite Nite in order to raise money. Then they take the money and journey to various places to put on shows.

Three weeks ago the Gymnastics Club went to Temple to give an exhibition for the veterans at McClosky Hospital. Last year they went to various high schools and put on programs which turned out to be very good advertising for A&M.

The Handball Club went to Houston two weeks ago to compete with Rice and won two out of three matches.

One of the larger clubs is the A&M Softball Club which also plays away from A&M. This team plays through the summer and is usually one of the stronger softball teams in this area. At present there are approximately 50 boys out for the team. (See CLUBS OPEN, Page 4)

Golf Prelims In Bryan-CS Tourney Held

Time is running out for golfers who wish to compete in the Bryan-College Station City Golf Tournament.

Qualifying rounds, which must be played before an entry is taken, will not be held any later than Sunday. These qualifying starts are being held the rest of the week at the Bryan Country Club.

No. 1 Seeded DeBerry Tennis Team Leader

By ED HOLDER
Battalion Sports Staff

"DeBerry's anticipation and alertness is as good as can be found in any player," said W. M. Dowell, coach of the A&M Tennis Team.

Last year, although playing against veteran competition in the Southwest Conference, R. G. DeBerry held down the Number one seat on the squad. He showed his tennis talent perhaps when he defeated Julian Oates of TU. Oates

was considered by many to be tops in the SWC.

In Friday's match with Ken Crawford of SMU, conference champion of '45 and '50 and slated to cop the title again this year, DeBerry lost a well-played set, 6-3 and 6-1.

A junior from Odessa majoring in journalism, DeBerry has carried the load of the number one seat for two years now, and has met some of the top men in the state during this time. (See NETTER, Page 4)

Ecrette Gives A&M Power at the Plate

By FRED WALKER
Battalion Sports Battalion

"What's on second?" Without going into a long Abbot-Gostello routine, we can tell you that the biggest five-foot-ten-inches-of-baseball player you ever laid eyes on is down at second—"Little Joe" Ecrette.

The one-hundred fifty pound wonder from San Antonio is coming into his own this year as a leading hitter, and further more, as a long-ball knocker.

Last year "Little Joe" ended up with the none too impressive batting average of .235, but his .300 fielding percentage made up for what he lacked at the plate.

It's a different story this year for the right-handed junior. In 10 pre-season (conference) games, Ecrette has taken 33 official trips to the plate. Eleven times he has reached base by slapping the horsehide down someone's throat to give him a batting average of .303.

Keep It Up

Batting above the magical three-hundred isn't exactly old stuff for Ecrette and you can bet your life he plans to stay there. At the beginning of the season, Coach Beau Bell had him batting in the No. 7 slot, but when conference time rolled around Ecrette had moved up to the No. 2 position.

"Little Joe's" batting eye doesn't confine itself to the plate. In the field, the speedy second-sacker has

committed but five errors in 14 games to keep that fielding average well above .300.

Ecrette's conference batting average is a blustering .313 in four games while a double and two triples added considerably to RBI and runs-scored columns. For the season, the Aggies sparkplug has rapped in eight runs and scampered across with seven of his own.

10-Karat

As a double play man Ecrette is worth his weight in gold. During the game against FCU alone earlier this week, the flashy key-stoner figured in three DP's. Twice he played the part of a middle man, once he was responsible for getting it started.

With "Little Joe" Ecrette batting second on the A&M baseball team and scurrying around in the direction of second base, the Aggies can rest assured that there is one position that is mightily filled.

'Little Joe'



Joe Ecrette

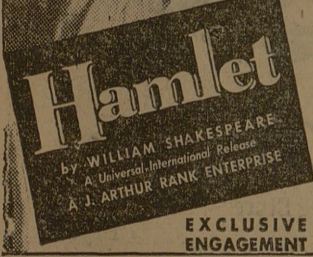
... is one of the Aggie leading batters this summer. His clutch hitting has been next to extraordinary and his fielding is looking better all the time. "Little Joe", a letterman from last year's nine, has rocked off 25 total bases this season.



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A Better Netter



R. G. DeBerry

... Journalism major from Odessa, and letterman from last year's squad, is once more holding down the number one tennis seat for A&M this season. Although he lost his singles match against SMU (A&M's first conference match), it is practically ascertained that DeBerry will once again be on the winning the next time out.



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Foil Team Qualifys For State Finals

The Cadet foil team won the College Bracket of an AFLA competition in Houston Saturday and in doing so, qualified for the State finals.

The deciding match pitted the Aggies against Rice and the Cadets came through with an impressive 5-2 win.

Aggie ace John Gottlob, got A&M off to a good start by beating Leopold French 5-1. Joe Mayes followed on the victory road by out-punting Jack Slattery of Rice.

The Owls first cracked the win column when Horace Platt beat Bob Jones. Mayes beat French but Rice came back as Slattery slipped past Jones 5-3. That was the high water mark for Rice as Gottlob beat Platt, and Jones signed 30 to the fray by taking French.

Gottlob was the Cadet spark plug during the meet, which saw five teams entered, as he won eight bouts and dropped only two. Mayes won five and Jones three. Also entered in the meet was the Aggie second squad which was sparked by Tom Munnerlyn and Willie Matthijetz. The second team came in fourth.

This makes the third straight year that the Aggie foil team has qualified for state finals, and in the two years previous they won the Collegiate bracket at the State meet, beating Texas Tech five to two in 1949, and Tarleton five to three last year.

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