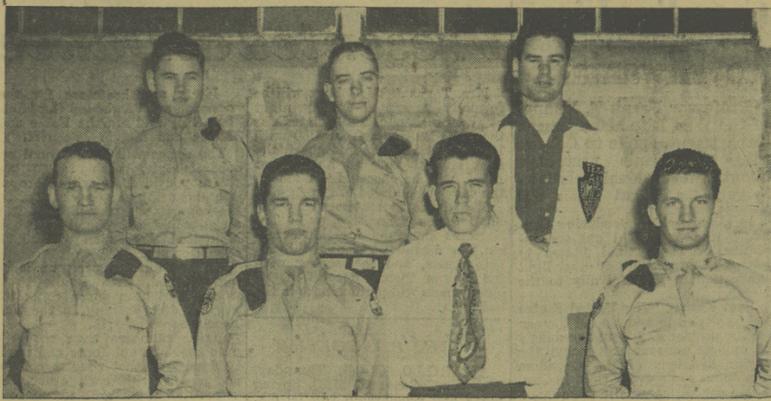


No Gloves of Velvet



The 1951 Boxing Champs

... gained their fame the hard way—taking the hard ones. Bottom row: (left to right) Jack Rowler, Co. 3; Ray Akridge, Co. 11; Harold Williams, College View; J. D. Guidry, A Vet. Top row: Weldon Calhoun, Sqd. 8; Quinton Millhollan, C Inf., Joe Jackson, D Vets.

A Model Team

OU Learns Latest Net Fad From Aggs

The Aggie tennis team came through with what might be called their most impressive victory of the year yesterday, when they

topped the mighty Oklahoma Sooners 4-3.

Oklahoma, who had previously won 13 of 19 Big Seven tennis championships, learned the hard way during the jaunt through the Southwest Conference. Texas had whipped the Sooners last Monday. A&M took three of five singles matches while the No. 1 doubles combination of R. G. DeBerry and Royce Tate waltzed through Sooners Charles Cunningham and Glenn Land 6-2 and 6-3.

DeBerry started things with a 6-0, 6-2 slaughter of Cunningham and Eugene Letsos followed by taking G. Land, 6-3 and 7-5. Tate picked off Don Walraven, 6-3, 7-5. Aggies Dick Hardin and Tommy West fell before OU's Dick Land and Roger Clark, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6 and 6-4, 7-5 respectively before carrying the Sooners to extended efforts.

After DeBerry and Tate had their party, Hardin and Letsos carried D. Land and Walraven three sets, but finally fell 2-6, 8-6 and 6-8.

Pistol Team Fires In National Match

The A&M Pistol Team has completed firing for the 1951 NRA National Intercollegiate Pistol Team Championship.

Team members taking part in the match were B. P. Lowry, C. D. Unrue, J. W. Bontke, Jack R. Vincent, and Ramiro Chavarria.

The A&M Team will be rated with the teams from other colleges in the nation as a result of this match. The team's score was 1270 out of a possible 1500.

A&M Relay Teams Best In Nation? Officials Blunder?

By RAY HOLBROOK
Battalion Sports Staff

When the A&M sprint relay team enters the Drake Relays this weekend they will be gunning for an undisputed claim of the nation's best 440 relay team.

The speedy foursome of Bernie Place, Billy Bless, Bobby Ragsdale, and Bill Stalter have lost but one race this year, that being at Texas Relays where they failed to qualify for the finals due to some bad passing and an unfortunate incident. And too a substitute was running in the number one spot instead of Place.

At that, they ran a 42.8 which would have qualified them for the finals had the officials been on the ball. Before the race the sprinters had been told that the first three teams in each heat would qualify plus the fastest fourth. The Ags finished fourth behind OU, LSU, and Baylor. These three teams placed first, second and fourth in the finals with Texas the only team from the other heat placing in the finals.

Finishing a fast fourth in their heat, the Aggies were sure they had qualified for the finals even with their poor passing and the stupid seeding of the heats. Assistant Coach Ray Putnam had already drawn the lane for the finals when someone brought up the question about whether the A&M team was eligible for the finals.

It seems that the coaches had met the night before and decided that only the first three teams in each heat were to qualify for the finals. So the Aggies, with potentially the best team in the race, were thrown out and OU won the race in the time of 42.0.

One wonders how bad the officiating can get when they would put four top teams in the same heat and leave the other heat so easy that two teams could qualify with slower times than the fourth team in another heat that did not qualify. Would it not be simpler to qualify on times alone?

Last week in Houston the sprint relay team, with Buddy Shaeffer running in Place's position, turned in a 42.0 which was the time with which OU won the Kansas Relays the same weekend. That time of 42.0 is the fastest time in the nation this year in the 440 relay.

OU has done it twice and the Aggies have now tied it. It is only a chance that Shaeffer made the relay faster, since both he and Place run the 100 in almost a dead heat. However, if Shaeffer were available he would run the relay since Place has the mile relay to run also.

But with Shaeffer out of town, Place will run his regular leadoff split.

With the fast competition of the Drake Relays, we are betting on the Aggie sprint relay to come home a winner and better the nations best time to date.

About a 41.5 is what we say the Cadets will turn in.

Another A&M relay team which should win at Drake is the mile relay. It has the undisputed best time in the nation. It, too, has lost but one race this year, that being at the Kansas Relays last weekend when they blew a 10-yd. lead on the last baton pass and finished third.

The team members are Place, Bob Mays, Fuston McCarty, and Don Mitchell. Their best time this year was turned in at Houston and is 3:16.0, the nations best by over a second.

One reason why the team had the unfortunate baton accident might be that the usual order of running was changed slightly before the race.

Rice, Frogs In SWC Wins

Waco, April 25—(AP)—Rice scored four times in the ninth to beat Baylor, 4-3, today.

A walk to Willy Witt and successive singles by Rex Proctor, Bill Golibart and Dave Devine tied the count at 3-3. Then a Baylor error permitted Devine to score the winning run.

Tyree Newton got a single, double, triple and a walk to lead an 11-hit attack on three Rice pitchers. It was the second time this season Rice has beaten Ray Fitzpatrick, Baylor mound ace who has won six.

Larry Isbell of Baylor and Golibart of Rice, battling for all-conference catcher, had identical days with two hits in three trips.

Dallas, April 25—(AP)—Six-hit, shutout ball by Nobby Graves enabled TCU to beat SMU 1-0 yesterday.

Graves bested Lefty Dick Beadle. TCU took advantage of a first inning unearned run.

After a shaky first during which he issued three walks wrapped around an infield error to force in the lone run, Beadle settled to best Graves the rest of the way. But the damage already was done.

Diamond Ballet



Yale Lary

... returned to this year's baseball squad as a veteran letterman and holds down the first base position for the Aggies. The junior from Fort Worth performs on the initial sack for the Aggies in the Southwest Conference game with TCU, his home town, Saturday.

Lary Steady at First, Dangerous At Plate

By ED HOLDER
Battalion Sports Staff

Yale Lary, veteran Aggie first base letterman, has taken over his old position this year and once again proved that a handicap can be turned into an asset if you try hard enough.

Playing the initial sack from the starboard side, which is considered

a disadvantage to any first baseman, Lary has been able to point with pride to high record of put-outs and a low number of errors to erase any doubts of his ability.

When he started conference play against Baylor this year, Lary had built up a fielding average of .990 in non-conference competition. During this Southwest Conference pennant drive, his current average has been .980, very commendable when taking into consideration some of the rough college diamonds.

Lary's conference batting average of .217, is slightly below last year's .263 but coach Beau Bell knows his ability as a long-ball hitter will still make him feared at the plate.

He'll Be Back

As for last year's fielding average, Lary wound up a very successful season with .989.

Lary began his baseball career at A&M last year when he first appeared in the outfield, but because of a great show of versatility, he was shifted to first.

The 20-year-old junior from Fort Worth will be back again next season to add power and steadiness to the Aggie baseball team, and the five-foot eleven 175 pounds of baseball and football timber should add considerably to A&M diamond hopes.

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