

Can 10-Year Record Be Broken?

Aggies Boast Depth In Running Events

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Though not as strong in the individual running events as in the field A&M tracksters will be favorites to cop at least three of these and pile up a hoard of seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths in the SWC track meet Friday and Saturday on Kyle.

Stalter, has a good chance to win the 100 and 220 and thus be the first Aggie to win these events in over 10 years.

Stalter ran a 9.8 hundred last Friday to best Texas' top sprinter, Floyd Rogers. Another ace Steer sprinter, Ralph Person, who has run a 9.7 this year, would probably have been the top choice had he not sustained a leg injury at the Kansas Relays.

However, it looks now like Statler and Rogers will be favorites with Carl Mayes, last year's 3rd place winner, figuring also.

A sleeper in the 100 will be Cadet James Baker who is primarily a fine quarter-miler. He took third in Austin last Friday and with luck on his start could easily best all competitors.

Statler is even more strongly a favorite in the 220. He has beaten all

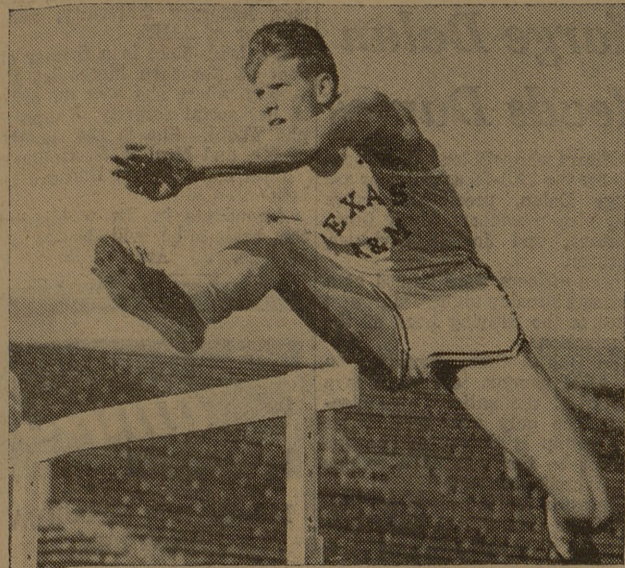
Texas and Rice sprinters consistently and turned in a 21.0 last Friday for one of the best times in the nation.

James Kellett of TCU and Bobby Carroll of Baylor have registered 21.2 to be regarded strong contenders and Mayes must again be figured in the race. He placed second to Texas' Charley Parker in last year's SWC meet, but has been slow rounding into shape this year.



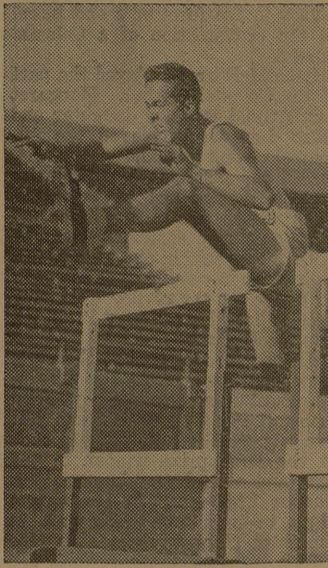
Jack Simpson

... Aggie track captain, will be seeking to break 14' in the SWC Track Meet.



Paul Leming and Billy Bless

... will be seeking to take the high and low hurdles respectively this weekend in the SWC Track Meet.



... Track Meet. Both men could win, and at least Bless will be favored.

Even more likely to win the 220 than any other race he enters, is our converted quarter-miler dark horse, Baker, who finished right behind Statler at Austin.

An all-Aggie event for many years, the 440 again should return to Aggie land. Don Mitchell, senior letterman, has run 48.6 for the best time in the Conference and will easily be the top favorite Saturday. However, Norman Price of Arkansas, who placed second to Rice's Tom Cox, record holder at 46.9 last Fall, will give Mitchell trouble and should make it quite a race.

Three More

Three more Aggies, Bob Mays, Fuston McCarty and Bernie Place appear to have the edge on other competitors and should finish in that order ahead of Texas' Bob Eschenberg.

The Rice Owls apparently have a strangle hold on the 880 again this year with defending champion and record holder (1:53.) Otha Byrd as the man to beat. Bill Graf of Rice seems to be most likely to turn the trick as the two seem to have the race to themselves.

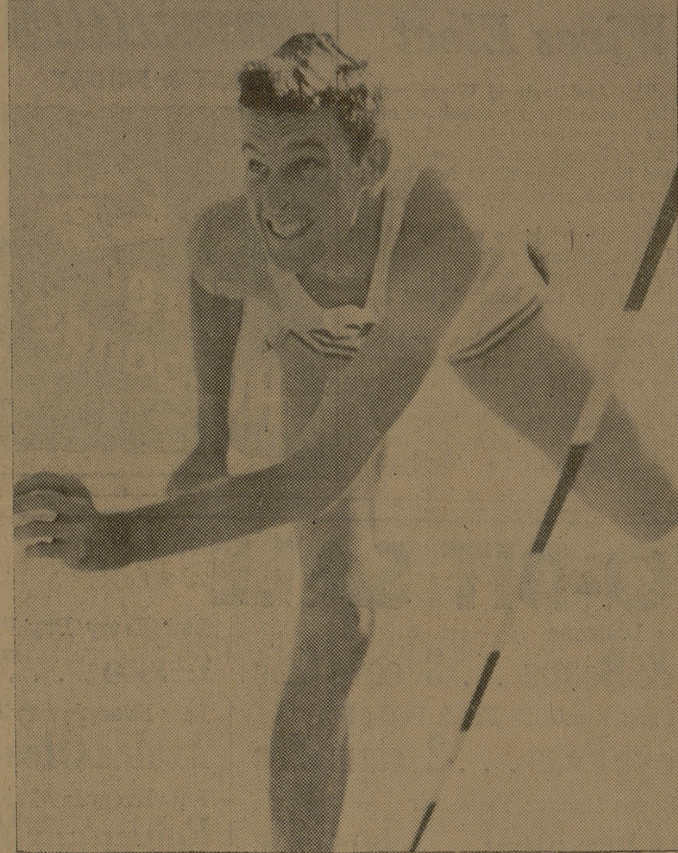
Another Cadet soph star, Ed Wilmsen, who holds early season wins over Byrd and Graf, should take third with teammate J. A. Terry close behind. Ag Robert Allen and Razorback Oliver Gatchell will fight it out for a place.

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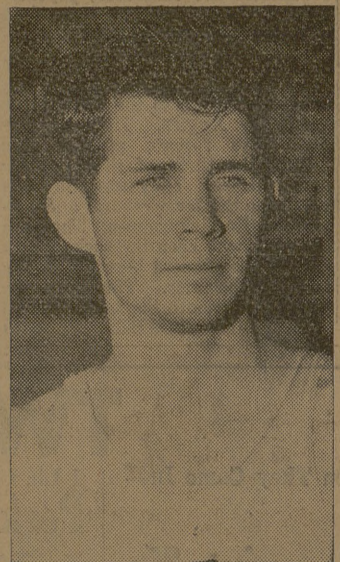
Darrow Hooper

... is almost a cinch to break the SWC shot record of 50' 2 1/4". Hooper is also favored in the discus.



Buddy Davis

... exhibits his unusual high jump form as he easily clears a "short" 6' 6". At the Texas Relays this year, the junior letterman set a new record at that meet with a leap of 6' 9", the second best—by 3/4"—in the nation, to date, this season.



Don Mitchell

... is A&M's hope in the 440 this weekend at the SWC track meet. His time of 48.6 this year has been the best in the SWC. He will be the favorite in this event.

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