

Winning Pigskinners



"A" QMC, Upperclass Football Champs—1951

"A" Quartermaster emerged as the 1951 Intramural Upperclass Football Champion this year. On the bottom row is (left to right) Harvey Helms, Dwight King, J. C. Fletcher, Jimmie Will-

son, Wayne Toepferwein and John Schaffer. Across the top row (left to right) is David Yeager, June Clark, Frank Trahan, John Wagenfehr and Roland Shivers.

Can Our Collegiate Sports Really Be Called 'Sports'?

By FRED WALKER
Battalion Sports Editor

Is there such a thing as a collegiate sport? Sport: "That which diverts and makes mirth; pastime; diversion. 2. A diversion of the field, as hunting, fishing, racing, games, esp. athletic games, etc.; also, any of various similar games of diversions usually played under cover, as bowling, rackets, basketball etc."

Keep your mind on that esp. athletic games, for it is there where the answer lies. To start from scratch, we say NO! At least this isn't the case in the colleges any more. A European once remarked that "Americans don't play for the sport, they play to win."

"Is this bad," you ask yourself? "Shouldn't you want to win if you are active in some sport?" What's the use of playing it in the first place if you don't want to win it?

Those are all very normal, but misleading, answers. A lackadaisical attitude is worse than the present situation. You have to want to win, but you don't have to make the outcome mean the difference between life and death.

Atta' Sport
You, for instance, get in a football game. You lose it. You realize that you have played to your utmost and know that your teammates have done likewise. Does this football game then remain a sport if you run about practically beating your breast, or perhaps, hide in a corner of the locker-room muttering curse words, condemning yourself or repeating the inevitable "IF, IF, IF?"

No, in the first place you wouldn't be doing something like that unless you had a guilty conscience. In the second place, there can be nothing "sporting" in the contest if it renders you so helpless to your emotions.

Now that is one small point, but the big one is this. All of our national so-called "sports" cannot be classed as such any longer. They are businesses, and anyone who has enough guts to admit this will back us up.

One doesn't speak of a football game or a football team as such anymore without quoting points, prices, scholarships and gate receipts.

There is no such thing as "The Sport of Kings." Someone once remarked that "only a king could afford to be in racing." Horse racing is now called "The Sport of Big Business." The same thing applies to college sports, at least football.

A very eminent publicity director in the Southwest Conference told another publicity man quite frankly that he didn't send out releases and publicity on any sport but football for the simple reason that football was the only one that made money for his school. These babies don't die, fade away or even disappear. They always manage to hang around until something like the Madison Square Garden basketball scandals break.

This one is awfully close to home, but here are the very words of one man who is very active in A&M alumni circles.

"If we're going to have A&M in big-time football, then we have to talk big-time prices."

If there wasn't so much pathos in the situation, we would laugh at amazes on the faces of the multitude when sports scandals are broken. How can anyone possibly be surprised about such things when they know what the present situation is.

Day in and day out athletes are exposed to prices and points as quoted by the "solid citizen." And they don't just talk about it, they encourage it. Is it any wonder then that there are scandals? And think of the ones that haven't been and never will be told.

We Like It
Now cut the snarling and cursing. You're sitting there muttering hypocrite and you're right. No, we don't want athletic scholarships stopped. We surely won't walk away from a group that happens to be talking odds, points or prices. BUT WE SURE WON'T BE HYPOCRITICAL ENOUGH TO GO AROUND TALKING ABOUT THE GOOD, CLEAN, ALL-AMERICAN SPORTS.

As long as there remain those who have one eye on the opposing line or pitcher and the other eye on a big-time contract you can't call it a sport.

Just as long as you knock a man down and then feel "good inside" because you helped the poor jerk up, doesn't make you a good sport. And so goes the world of sports, SPORT.

A&M Meets Texas For SWC Baseball Crown

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The Aggie baseball team will either tie the University of Texas for the Southwest Conference crown this week, or end up in second place when the two diamond nines meet on Kyle Field for a final two games series Friday and Saturday.

If the Aggies win both games from the Steers, the conference baseball title will be shared between the two schools and a play-off will be necessitated.

If the Longhorns win one of the two contests, the crown will automatically go home to Austin.

The first time that these two clubs met, the Steers were playing baseball like they invented the game, while A&M wasn't hitting the ball. That might seem like a funny statement to make when you look at the box score and see the Aggies credited with 10 runs and 10 hits, but it is true.

Up until that time, and even a few games after, the Farmers

weren't hitting like they have since the last Baylor series. In their last four games, the Cadets have averaged better than 12½ runs per contest, or a great total of 50. There has also been a total of 56 hits, and an average of 14 a game.

Trail By Two
With a conference record of nine wins and four losses, the Cadets trail the Longhorns by four games. Texas has an eleven-and-two mark.

Texas scored 114 runs and had only 89 tallied against them in conference play while A&M has chalked up 99 and allowed 53 opponents to cross the plate.

Texas won the 1951 initial meeting by a 15-to-10 count as they knocked out as many hits in a game which saw the two top hurlers from each school shelled from the box.

Ace righthander Pat Hubert started for the Aggies and was touched for nine hits and as many runs in four innings. The No. 2

A&M pitcher, Bob Tankersley, was knocked out next as he gave up three runs, but only three hits, in two frames.

Jim Erhler and Jimmy Hand, the Texas one-two punch, were likewise slammed unmercifully about. Erhler gave up four and four in two and two-thirds, and Hand got knocked for two hits and four runs in the same number of innings.

Tankersley was handed the loss for that game, but since then has come on to win two other contests. He and Hubert will in all probability be the two starting hurlers for Beau Bell, as will Erhler and Hand for Texas mentor Bibb Falk.

The same line-ups will be used Friday and Saturday as were used last time. For Texas it will be Ted Tate or Stuart Benson catching, Chile Burrows at first, Irving Waghalter on second, Frank Kana on third, Eddie Burrows at short-stop, Frank Womack in left field, Harry Bengston patrolling center and Guss Hrnir in right.

Erhler Will Start
Erhler is assured of one starting role, but there is a possibility that Milt Deason or Luther Scarborough may take over Hand's chores in the second game.

"The Aggies will have Al Ogletree catching, Hubert and Martin Hamilton receiving Tankersley. Bill Munnerlyn will be at first, Joe Everett at second, Henry "Hank" "Yogi" Candelari will be on third and captain Guy Wallace will take them down at short. In the outfield, it will be Yale Lary in left, John DeWitt in center and Shug McPherson in right. Both games will start at 3 p. m.

Dorish Pitches, Plays 3rd Base

Here's the sports oddity of the season—and yet everything was perfectly legal. Check the Boston-Chicago (American) summary in the Major League Standings.

Chisox manager Paul Richards pulled one out of his hat yesterday when he pulled Harry Dorish in the Bosox ninth. With Ted Williams due to lead off, Richards called in Lefty Bill Pierce and shunted Dorish to third base.

Pierce got Williams to pop up and turned the mound chores back to Dorish, who went on to gain his first victory.

Major League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston	.....000 000 000—0 1 2
Cincinnati	.....000 000 10x—1 2 0
Bickford and St. Claire; Blackwell and Pramesa.	HR—Pramesa, WP—Blackwell (5-2). LP—Bickford (5-2).
Brooklyn	.....010 110 500—8 11 1
Chicago	.....000 040 000—4 6 1
Newcombe, King (5), Branca (7) and Campanella; Rush, Lown (4), McLish (6), Kelly (7), Leonard (9) and Walker, Owen; HR—Hodges 2, Robinson, Snider; WP—King (3-1). LP—McLish (1-2).	
New York	.....000 003 000—3 9 0
Pittsburgh	.....020 230 00x—7 10 0
Spencer, Kennedy (4), Gettel (5), Koslo (6) and Noble; Werle, Law (6) and McColough. HR—Strickland 2, Thomson. WP—Werle (2-0). LP—Spencer (1-1).	
Philadelphia	.....100 000 202—5 9 1
St. Louis	.....000 030 001—4 11 1
Meyer, Roberts (9) and Seminick; Poholsky and Garagiola. HR—H e m u s, Slaughter, Seminick; WP—Meyer (2-1). LP—Poholsky (2-3).	

Today's Pitchers
Brooklyn at Chicago.—Erskine (1-3) vs. Minner (1-2).
New York at Pittsburgh (Night).—Hearn (2-2) vs. Muir (0-2).
Boston at Cincinnati (Night).—Sain (1-4) vs. Raffensberger (1-3) or Wehmeier (1-2).
Philadelphia at St. Louis (Night).—Church (2-2) vs. Staley (4-3).

Standings
New York17 8 .680
Chicago13 9 .591 2½
Detroit13 9 .591 2½
Washington13 10 .565 3
Cleveland12 10 .545 3½
Boston12 11 .522 4
Philadelphia7 18 .280 10
St. Louis7 19 .269 10½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Boston400 101 001 00—7 11 1
Judson, Dorish (8), Pierce (9), Dorish (9) and Masi; Nixon, Masterson (8), Masterson (9), Kinder (9) and Batts. HR—Robinson, Williams, Fox. WP—Dorish (1-1). LP—Scarborough (1-1).	
St. Louis	.....015 130 001—11 10 0
Philadelphia	.....200 230 001—8 12 2
Starr, Garver (5) and Lollar; Shantz, Wyse (4), Kucab (6), Zoladak (7) and Tipton, Murray. HR—Zermal 2, Lenhardt. WP—Garver (5-2). LP—Shantz (1-3).	
Detroit	.....022 303 020—12 14 1
Washington	.....200 002 000—4 9 2
Newhouse and Ginsberg; Consuegra, Ross (4), Brown (6), Haynes (8) and Grasso. HR—Mele, Souchock. WP—Newhouse (3-2). LP—Consuegra (3-1).	

Only Games Scheduled
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Included among the honorees will be members of the basketball, baseball, track, tennis, golf, fencing, swimming, rifle and pistol teams.

Tickets, which will provide admission for one person and one athlete, are two dollars each, and may be secured from Lipscomb Pharmacy, Cotton Price, G. A. Manning, Bub Mousner, Chief Rivers, Ed Garner, Brownrigg Dewey, W. S. D. Clothiers, Conway & Co., Bullock & Sims, Joe Falk, Oscar Crain, W. G. Brezeale and P. L. Downs, Jr.

Members of the local club and public may buy tickets until next Monday when sales close.

Saddle - Sirloiners Schedule Barbecue

The Saddle and Sirloin Club will hold its annual spring barbecue Thursday afternoon at 5:30 in Hensel Park.

One of the more active activities scheduled for the afternoon is a football game to be played by the graduating seniors and the profes-

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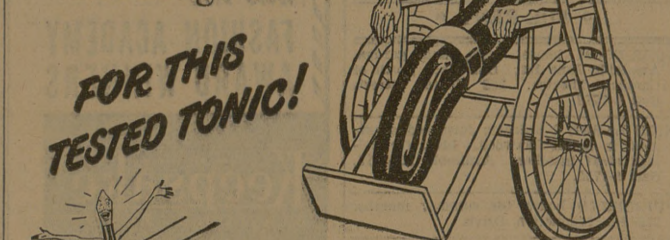
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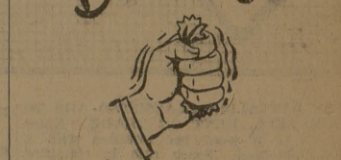
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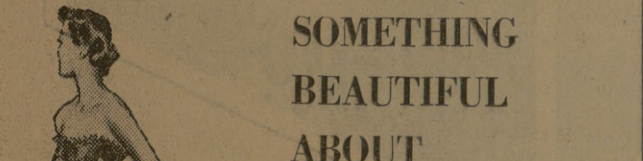
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