

All-Americans

Hooper, Hubert Davis and Smith Top A&M Sports

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This has been a banner year for A&M in the sports field. Aggie teams have produced All-Americans in two of four major sports—track and baseball—and most all the United States will recognize another in a third sport—football.
Over the weekend, Pat Hubert was named to the American Association of College Baseball Coaches All-America team and Darrow Hooper and Buddy Davis were picked for top honors on the National Collegiate Athletic Association's all-America team.
Of course, the third is "Rambled" Robert Smith, who last Fall was picked on several highly-rated all-America teams, among them the Chicago Tribune team which is picked from a tabulation of players who played against the candidates. Smith, on this team, was practically a unanimous choice from all opposing players.
This has been the first time in recent years that A&M has been so honored in baseball. One of the oddities of this choice is that an all-American coached an all-American, for in 1931, Coach R. C. "Bean" Bell was picked to the top ranking in the United States.

Little League All-Stars Trip Austin Nine 1-0

Bryan-College Station Little League All-Stars edged out a 1 to 0 victory over the Austin All-Stars in a tight hurling duel at Sports Park Saturday night.
In a preliminary game the College Station minor league All-Stars defeated the Bryan minor league All-Stars. College Station made three hits and committed three errors while Johnny Crain the winning pitcher. Bryan got four hits and made two bobbles, hurling chores were shared by John Herrera and Ken Patranella.
Heads-up fielding on both sides characterized the main event game. Joe Campise going the distance for Bryan-College Station got credit for the win. He allowed only two hits while striking out six Austin batters and walking two.
Austin started Gary Ross and he allowed no runs off one hit in two and two-thirds innings and struck out two and walked five.
King Francis relieved Ross with two out and the bases loaded on three straight walks. Francis allowed one run off four hits in one and two-thirds innings to be tagged with the loss. Robert Wingard came on in the fifth to get the last two outs.
Joe Brooks Thompson, Stuart Helvey, Dick Hickerson (2) and Gordon Gregg were the Bryan-College Station hitters.
Austin left six runners on base while the Bryan-College Station line had nine runners stranded on base.

Little League Red Sox Crush Lilly Tigers 19-0

The Southside Food Market Red Sox of College Station slaughtered the Seven-Up Tigers of Bryan 19 to 0 at the Little League Park, yesterday evening.
Bobby Potts, ace Red Sox pitcher who hasn't lost a game this year was credited with the win. Potts was relieved after the third frame by Wayne Thompson. Potts allowed only one hit, struck out one and walked four. Thompson retired the last three Tiger batters in order.
Campise started for Tigers.
Joe Campise started on the mound for the Tigers, but he gave up three hits and seven runs before he was relieved.

Duffers -- Here's Chance to Shine

Have you ever won a tournament of any kind? Are you one of the unfortunate ones who seldom ever breaks 100?
If you are a member of either of these categories, you should be one of the many who will be at the A&M Golf Course tomorrow afternoon at 1 for the Fourth of July Blind Bogey golf tournament.
Joe Fagan, pro-manager of the course, said there would be three prizes in each flight. Prizes will be in the form of merchandise.
Winners of the last blind bogey were Guy Smith with a low net of 62, garnered with a low gross of 80 and an 18 handicap and Byron Joiner who had a 69 after deducting a handicap of 28 from his 18 hole total of 97.
Play for the tournament tomorrow afternoon will begin at 1.

Hubert Only Texan Named All-America

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Pat Hubert, big right hand Aggie hurler was the only Texan honored on the 1951 all-American collegiate baseball team, John H. Kobs, secretary-treasurer of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches, announced recently.
Hubert won 12 games during the regular season, and lost only one. He had an earned run average of 1.92.
Guy Wallace, A&M shortstop and Larry Isbell, Baylor catcher were named to third team berths, while Chili Bigham, TU first baseman was selected for the second team.
Young Earl Averill, Jr., son of the former Cleveland Indian star outfielder and outfielder for Oregon, was named to the first team along with three others from the Far West. The East placed one, the Midwest two and the South three.
The only repeater from last year's team was Van Cleef of Rutgers, an outfielder who batted .348. The third outfielder was Stewart Hein of Ohio State with a slugging average of .304.
Don Barnett of Fresno State was selected to fill the pitcher's spot along with Hubert. Barnett won 11 games during the regular season and lost none. He earned a run average of 2.26 for each nine innings hurled.
Dick Groat, Duke's basketball ace, was named as shortstop. He batted .386. Dick Rakkovits, crack fullback for Illinois, took the third base berth. His batting average was .387.

A&M Choice Of Three All-State Baseballers

Three all-state baseballers from South Park (Beaumont), winners of the Class AA baseball championship, will enter A&M next fall on full four-year scholarships, the Athletic Department announced this morning.
The three players are Jerry Nelson, husky right handed pitcher who sported a 9-0 record for all competition last Spring, Ray Mitchell, third baseman who batted .462 in District 11AA and Catcher Don Verbie, another slugger of note with a .400 hit record.
Mitchell slammed one of the longest home runs of the year out of Stuart Stadium, home of the Beaumont Roughnecks, in bi-district play against the Baytown nine last Spring. According to the Beaumont Enterprise, the ball cleared the 365-foot, left field fence with ease and came to rest against a house across the street from the ball park, some 400 feet distant.
Nelson's record for the year included a no-hitter against Port Neches in district play.
South Park compiled one of the best records ever owned by a Texas schoolboy nine, winning 22 and losing but two over the season. The Greenies scored 239 runs and allowed but 41 through bi-district competition.
Chink Manning, South Park coach is a 1937 graduate of A&M.

O. D. Butler Studies For Ph.D. Degree

O. D. Butler, professor of the Animal Husbandry Department, was granted a one year leave of absence from A&M College to attend Michigan State University to work on his Ph.D. in Animal Husbandry.

Sqdn. A Downs B 11-2 to Cop First Tilt of Playoff Series

A Sqn. took the first game in a three game series with B Sqn. to decide freshman intra-mural softball championship 11-2 yesterday.
A Sqn. started the game with lead-off man Flynt getting on base with a one bagger. The next two men, Banta and Vick, chalked up outs with a fly to second and a grounder to B Sqn. batter Laboritz circled the bases on a four base error. The error came when Laboritz blasted the ball deep into center field where A Flyboy Banta bobbled the catch.
Only other score by B Sqn. came in the bottom of the second when Nedbalek got on base with a walk and then scooted home when Bray got on base with an error by Therroit. A Sqn. got five of their runs in the top of the third when Flynt, Banta, Vick, and Jones all crossed the plate. There wasn't an earned run in the bunch as the first three men got on errors and the last two made it on walks.
The fourth and fifth innings saw A Sqn. chalk up their last six runs. Four of the runs came in the fourth and two in the fifth.
Winning pitcher was Bonzell—loser Rainey.
In the only non-military volleyball game scheduled Texas Geologists kept their winning streak intact by downing Dorm 15 2-0. The Rockcrushers were never in any trouble as they took the first game 15-2 and the second 15-5.

Beard Hurls, Bats Ags To 5-3 Win Over M'ville

The Aggie Softballers whipped the Madisonville All-Stars 5-3 in a contest played under the lights last night.
A big fourth inning was the margin of victory for the Aggies as four runs crossed the plate on four hits and one Madisonville bobble.
With one out, Ag Third Baseman Dick Lentzen gained life on an error and was moved to third as Red Stribling laced a single over short stop.
Lantzen scored when Froggie Morris, hurling down the second sack got on via a fielders choice. Mack Howell, Ag catcher then doubled Morris and Stribling home with a solid base blow to left-center.
Howell subsequently scored the fourth run of the frame when Bryan Beard swung at a 1-0 pitch and boomed it to right-center field. Madisonville started the scoring in the second as Bill Campbell let a slow roller get through his legs for an error that gave Melvin Hicks a new lease on life. He went to left field.
The Aggies tied it up in the third as Beard drew a free ticket to first, stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored when Jewell McDowell, Ag short stop blasted out the first hit off B. J. Lloyd, a single to left field. Beard set 11 All-Stars down swinging and walked only one. Lloyd whiffed nine Aggies and allowed only one base on balls.
The Aggies hits were distributed between five men with all of them singles except Howell's double in the fourth which drove in two runs.
For the All-Stars, Frank Tvey with two for three, a single and a double, was the leading hitter. The only other hit Madisonville garnered was by Hicks.
All-Stars 010 010 1-3 3 2
Agies 001 400 x-5 5 5
A lefthanded bowler, recently injured his bowling hand but being a bowling enthusiast he tried his right arm at the game. His first scores with his starboard arm were 233, 187 and 164.

Fish Add Blinn JC To 1951 Schedule
The 1951 schedule for the freshman football team was announced yesterday by athletic director Barlow "Bones" Irvin.
The Fish will play the customary five games. Blinn College has been substituted this season for Allen Academy, the first opponent in 1950.
Here's the schedule:
Oct. 4—Blinn College 7:30 p.m., College Station
Oct. 11—Baylor Cubs 7:30 p.m., College Station
Oct. 18—TCU Wogs 7:30 p.m., College Station
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Hooper, Davis Set New Records

On the track scene, both Hooper and Davis had the honor to set new records this past season. It was Hooper, Hooper, Hooper in both the shot and discus events at almost every meet he attended during the Spring. Hooper had been conditioning himself for this honor since his high school days when he set a national record in the shot put his senior year at North Side in Ft. Worth.
As a freshman, Hooper broke the SWC record almost every time he pushed the 16 pound ball into the ozone. In his first competition against varsity performers, Hooper cracked the mark set by Boyce "Honk" Irwin—50-2 1/4—in 1934 with a heave of 52-9 1/2 and he kept it up through the SWC track and field meet held at A&M in May. Here he set a record of 54-7 1/4 and then added the discus to his string of laurels, hurling the disc 162-8 1/2.

Davis, one of the hardest workers in A&M's athletics, realized a lifelong ambition by being named to the highest honor a track man can receive. It sounds like a Frank Meriwell ending to the old story and that is just what it is. Davis overcame polio as a child and through practice, running and jumping, he strengthened his legs until they had as much bounce and spring as a rubber ball.

Because of the extension of basketball into April, Buddy did not participate in any of the early track meets of the Spring but when he did return, he let the rest of the world know he was on the scene. In Austin at the Texas Relays, Buddy cleared the standard at 6-9 to post the second highest mark of the year and at that time, the highest.

It came within a little more than two inches of topping the world record, held by Les Steers of Oregon State, set before WW II. It also eclipsed the SWC record of 6-8 3/4 held by Wolters of Texas and it, too, was set before the last war. Buddy never did attain the 6-9 mark again last season but he was consistently clearing 6-6 and that was a good enough mark to take practically all the meets in which he was entered. He won the SWC high-jump with that 6-6 mark.

Can't Say Enough About Smith

When the name of Bob Smith comes up in any conversation, it's hard to keep a man who has been following the exploits of this demon of the gridiron from doing anything but talk about Smith.
As a sophomore in 1949, Smith raised a few eyebrows to be raised but it was this past Fall that Smith really got to steamrolling opponents like pins on a bowling alley.
Smith was left off all-America teams that were named while football season was still in progress because of the fact most all-America teams were picked on the strength of pre-season dope and not on actual performance.
Smith had a name for ground gaining prior to the SMU game in Dallas, Nov. 11, 1950 but it was not until that day with a record 201 yards gained rushing in 75 and 73 yard runs as well (See SMITH GOES, Page 4)

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