



Time for Golf

Golfing is proving to be a source of pastime for the fairer sex. Two classes totaling 25 damsels, one of local ladies and the other of wives from Bryan Air Force Base, have recently been formed and are being instructed by Joe Fagan, manager of A&M's new golf course.

The classes meet twice each week—once for group instruction, and once for individual help. One of the pupils Mrs. Eugene Harding, who has been shooting top-notch golf, will probably compete in several ladies' tournaments in the near future.

Since its opening in December of 1950, the new golf course has seen 19,700 rounds of golf, and there is a 20 per cent increase in play this year over that of last year.

Several matches have been tentatively planned for the Freshman Team with other SWC Freshman teams.



Assistant Baseball Coach Guy Wallace, former All-SWC shortstop, shows infielders Charley Las-telick and Roscoe Hunt a fundamental in picking up a slow hop, during an afternoon practice session.

Three Varsity Sports Meet Foes This Week

A&M's trackteam, undefeated in its last 14 games, takes a rest this weekend from collegiate competition while three other varsity sports take on foes here both Friday and Saturday.

Cadet baseballers will begin a two game series with the University of Minnesota, the initial game being Friday. The Aggies having lost their first seven games, will be trying for their first victory after having finished last season as the fifth team in the nation.

Coach Joe Fagan places his golfers against the Rice Owls to open the Southwest Conference golf round-robin Friday afternoon. In tennis, the Cadets will meet Abilene Christian College Saturday afternoon on the A&M Clay courts. Two freshman teams will also

see action Saturday. The baseball team clashed with the Wharton J. C. Pioneers in Wharton Saturday while the track freshman play host to the Texas Shorthorns.

Baseball Weak

At the present time, baseball seems to be the one Aggie spring sport far below expectations. Weak play in the infield and outfield seem to have been the Cadets' soft spots.

Although the pitching has not proved as strong as last year's, it does show definite signs of improvement in the coming future. Melvin Work and Ernest Johnson seem to hold the Cadets Southwest Conference crown chances in their hands. Should the big bats of Yale Lary, Joe Ecrette, and Charley Russell start connecting, the Aggies would again be in the running.

Coach Beau Bell is continuing to shift his players, hoping to find the right ones for their suited positions. Catcher Al Ogletree, another of the top hitters, has been shifted to first base with Martin Hamilton taking over at the home plate.

Bill Munnerlyn, top Aggie first baseman of last year's team, may, however, again be in the starting line-up should not the needed result be gained. Last spring, he garnered 135 put outs and four assists, while committing but two errors.

Infield Positions

Continuing steadily at second base is Joe Ecrette, but the shortstop slot has been one hard to fill.

AG Softballers To Play Allen Here Tomorrow

A&M's softball team opens its 1952 season here tomorrow night on the lighted softball field, meeting the Allen Academy Ramblers. Starting time for the game is 8 p.m.

Ralph Beard will start for the Cadets on the mound.

Included in the probable starting line-up for the Aggies are Catcher Ralph Bledsoe, First Base Billy Campbell, Second Base Bill Morris, and Third Base Dick Lentzen. Playing the shortstop position will be Henry Askew.

Patrolling the outfield for the Cadets include Left Fielder George Martin, Centerfielder Buddy Denton, and Right Fielder Bob Brown.

A&M's Top Pitcher

Work Almost Went to Texas

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Melvin Work, star pitcher for the Cadets, almost became a member of the TU baseball squad.

Graduating at mid-term from Woodrow Wilson High of Dallas in 1951, Work planned to leave for Austin, but a Dallas Aggie-ex talked to him the night before his departure.

The next morning Work took his train, but for College Station, instead of Austin. This was a big injection into the Aggie Baseball out-look, and quite a thorn in the side of University coaches.

Dallas Boy

This Dallas pitching star started his mound duties at the age of 15, when he began hurling for his high school. In the three years he lettered in high school, Mel's record showed the following: sophomore year—one win and two losses; junior year—six wins and four losses, and senior year five wins and three losses.

Work batted .270 in high school and his record of 100 strike-outs during his junior still stands as a city record. Mel had 86 fanning instances to his credit as a senior.

8-2 Record

During his College career, Mel's record includes four wins and one loss as a freshman pitcher, and he batted a fine .375. So far this year, Mel has looked like the replacement for Pat Hubert's spot on the Aggie nine. In his first encounter with the Brook Medics, Work pitched six hitless innings, while in the second encounter, the Comets got to him for two hits and five runs in four frames.

Last year's game with the Texas Shorthorns was one of Work's outstanding games, as he pitched five hit ball and personally accounted for knocking in four of the eight Aggie runs. The night before this game, Work was hospitalized with an infected knee.

Work's activities in amateur and semi-pro ball has had a wide and experiencing scope. Mel played

four years in the amateur loops around Dallas, and has twice played in the Amateur World's Championship Series.

In the summer of '50, Work went to Battle Creek, Mich., with Karlen Bros. of Dallas to play for the World's Amateur Championship. Karlen had won the Eastern Division and was to play Watertown, Tex.

This time he played with the Texaco Dealer's of Dallas at Watertown, S. D. Mel again won the opening game for his team, 0-5, over the team that had won the championship the year before. The Texaco Dealer's went to the quarter-finals that year.



Melvin Work

Semi-Pro Ball

Last year, the Dallas pitcher played his first year of semi-pro ball for the Weimer Truckers. He doesn't have any idea as to his baseball plan for this coming summer.

Mel's favorite pitch is his fast ball, and changes up with curves and changes of pace, along with a drop. He of course favors a right handed hitter.

As his most rememberable game, Mel recalled when he defeated New York City in the semi-final of the World's Amateur Tournament, 1-0, the final score brought home in the ninth inning. He added that the game was played in 32 (See WORK, Page 4)

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220-yard freestyle: Adamsom, A&M; Wilson, Texas; Timming, Texas; Farrell, SMU; 2:29.8.
200-yard breaststroke: Gale, SMU; Comstock, A&M; Hoyt, Texas; Bollen, SMU; 2:39.5.
One meter diving: Browning, Texas; Broadnaux, Texas; Cameron, A&M; Wiley, Texas; 52.2 points.
400-yard freestyle relay: A&M (Ellis, Adamsom, Parnell, Sargent) Texas; SMU; 5:46.
100-yard backstroke: McMillon, SMU; Shirley, Texas; Wilson, SMU; Beddoes, SMU; 5:0.
100-yard breaststroke: Kilgore, SMU; Hoyt, Texas; Comstock, A&M; Ragland, Texas; 1:40.3.
100-yard freestyle: Wilson, Texas; Tolar, Texas; Farrell, SMU; Ellis, A&M; 53.9.
440-yard freestyle: Yriart, Texas; McMillon, SMU; Amerine, SMU; Humphreys, Texas; 5:14.3.
200-yard individual medley: Adamsom, A&M; Bollen, SMU; Kilgore, SMU; Wilson, Texas; 2:20.2.
Diving: Browning, Texas; Broadnaux, Texas; Wiley, Texas; Slocum, SMU; 58.6 points.
300-yard medley relay: Texas (Shirley, Ragland, Maganillo); A&M; SMU; 3:11.8.

Shell Egg Graders Meet Begins Tuesday

The Poultry Husbandry department of A&M College is sponsoring a shell egg graders short course, March 25-27.

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