

SPORTS SHORTS

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Women are getting into the act everywhere you look. It used to be that few women ever went to college; nowadays the girls are doing everything but . . . going to A&M.

In athletics women participate in almost every kind of sport except football, and they would probably try this if they had a chance.

The world Olympics held this summer, saw women from around the world compete. Although the American girls were alright in diving and fair in ice skating, the track and field events saw them outclassed by their European rivals.

The reason for this was probably the fact that the European nations have athletic programs for their female population. The American woman doesn't compete but once a season if that often.

Need Program to Make a Fair Show

If American girls are going against their foreign rivals they must have an athletic program just like the men.

The best way to administer this program would be through the American colleges and universities.



Gus Becker Take the Southwest Conference for example. The women could compete in all but one of the eight sports in which it crowns a champion. The lone exception would be the gridiron. Otherwise the girls could play basketball, baseball, track, tennis, golf, fencing, and swimming. Possibly a strictly female sport could be substituted for football for the women.

A difficulty might arise from the fact there are no women students enrolled at A&M, but TSCW could represent the Aggies and would help ease the financial burden from the Cadet athletic department. The Tesses would represent A&M well since it is rumored that there are hundreds of PE majors enrolled at that institution.

The possibilities of such a program are great, not only for the women, but for the Southwest and the nation as well.

Women athletic events, if held properly, would certainly draw a crowd which would pay for the expenses involved. The girls would have a chance to develop into athletes well qualified to represent the United States against foreign nations.

Texas would develop great women athletes to match the great male stars it has produced.

Girl Basketball

High schools in Texas have girl basketball teams and the fact there are many women professional cage squads prove that girl basketball will make money.

Women are now playing basketball as well as softball in the north and there is no reason that the southwest girls can't do the same thing.

In the tennis and golf worlds, women have definitely made good. And the SWC, if it had a female athletic program, would provide many future national champions, stealing some of the glory from such states as California and Florida.

A swimming program for the girls would give the state a corner on the Olympic swimming trophies and induce the nations' best women swimmers to come to the state.

A track program would definitely pay dividends as far as Olympic competition is concerned and draw more fans to track meets if they were held in conjunction with regular track events.

It might not hurt the SWC to look into the idea of women athletic programs in the conference as the day will undoubtedly come when such a thing occurs, and the Southwest will have the jump on the rest of the nation.

Hogs Drop Ags 66-46 With 4th Period Rally

Long shots by Walter Kearns in the fourth quarter broke wide open what had been a see-saw battle and gave Arkansas a 66-46 basketball victory over A&M last night.

Kearns, hitting on set and push shots, scored 10 of his 17 points in the final 10 minutes. Orval Elkins added eight in Arkansas' 29-point spree in that period.

Lead Changes Hands

The lead changed hands a dozen times in the first half, with the Aggies ahead 11-10 after one quarter and Arkansas in front 26-23 after two.

The Aggies went ahead again 34-33 late in the third period. The Razorbacks started their move at that point, took over 37-34 by the end of the quarter and then turned the contest into a runaway.

All of Arkansas' scoring was done by its starting five. Floyd Sagely was runner-up to Kearns with 14. High man for the Aggies was Roy Martin, with 10.

Against Rice Saturday night, the Ags changed their tactics from the slow, ball control method to a modified fast break.

The Cadets held their own for three periods using the new brand of ball, but fell behind in the fourth

quarter when they reverted to their accustomed ball control standards, and lost 56-69.

Don Binford and Leroy Miksch were high men for A&M against the Owls each having 13 tallies. Rodney Pirtle, the Aggie dependable ball hawk, took third for A&M with 11.

Rice's scoring was well distributed. Gene Schwinger was tops with 17, Monte Robicheux had 10, Maurice Teague tallied 11, and Don Lance brought in 13.

The game was close fought and the teams traded points for three periods. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 17-17. At half-time, Rice led 32-31.

Rice tied the score at 46-46 as the third quarter ended. Then in the last period, the Owls broke away scoring 23 points to A&M's 10.

Fouls Out

With John Fortenberry, sterling freshman forward, scoring only three points, the Aggie Fish dropped their tenth straight game to Rice's Owlets 57-45.

Fortenberry, who has averaged 13 points per game, has been one of the few bright spots on freshman coach Larry Hays' team this year.

Gene Bredthauer was high man for the Fish with 16 points. Durnberger was top for the Owlets with 27 counters.

Ag Tankers Lose Dual Meet 48-36

Northwestern of Louisiana gathered six first places Saturday to outpoint the Aggie swimmers 48-36.

This was Northwestern's first victory over the Cadets since competition between the two schools began in 1949. Northwestern defeated SMU by the same margin earlier this year.

The Maroon and White collected three top honors on their visit. Dickey Weick of A&M swam away with first place in the 100 yard individual medley with a time of 1:05.2. The 200 yard backstroke was covered in 2:35.8 by Aggie Don Crawford for another first.

A&M's 400 yard free style relay team of Lee Pepping, Jimmy Burns, John Speich, and Wynne Snoots swam the distance in 3:53.9 to take another first place.

Handball Club Will Meet Today

The Handball Club will meet today at 5 p. m. in the gym, according to Jack Frey.

Plans for arranging games with other Southwest Conference schools and setting up a ladder system within the club is to be discussed, said Frey.

Boxers Weigh In

Wrestlers Begin Mural Program

Twenty-five upperclassmen and two freshman matches kick off the intramural wrestling program today. The matches begin at 4 p. m. in the little gym. Only unit athletic officers or their representatives may be present. No spectators will be allowed.

Handball starts today also, with four contests on tap in that sport. A large share of today's mat action will take place in the upperclassman 167 pound class, with 10 matches scheduled in that division.

Six contests are scheduled in the 147 pound class, four in the 157 pound class, and five in the 177 pound class. Both fish matches are in the 157 pound division.

Boxers begin weigh-ins today in the intramural office. Wednesday is the last day for ring prospects to weigh in.

Following is a complete schedule of today's mat card:

Upperclassman

147 pound—Wheeler, A Cml. vs. Rowland, A QMC; Henson, Sq. 5, vs. Blashke, B Inf.; Cook, C FA, vs. McAnally, Cq. 7; Lukens, Sq. 14, vs. Labhart, A Cml.; Craig, B FA, vs. Konig, Sq. 2; Pyle, Sq. 7, vs. Hampton, ASA.

157 pound—Brown, Sq. 15, vs. Stevens, B Inf.; Ollen, Sq. 2, vs. Fisher, Sq. 5; Davis, Sq. 15, vs. Rothe, Sq. 9; Yaggi, Sq. 3, vs. Dodd, Sq. 11.

167 pound—Porter, Maroon Band, vs. Piesmeyer, AAA; Hays, C FA, vs. Dalton, A Inf.; Akard, A Arm, vs. Hole, A FA; Gilliam, Sq. 4, vs. Whitley, A Cml.; Lee, Sq. 13, vs. Hufford, Maroon Band; Barr, Sq. 15, vs. Hunn, Sq. 13; Wright, A QMC, vs. Sullins, Sq. 4; Vondergotz, ASA, vs. Milton, A Cml.; Bradshaw, B Inf., vs. Tate, Sq. 2; Meyers, A TC, vs. Lindig, Sq. 10.

177 pound—Sanders, B FA, vs. Pullen, Sq. 7; Holt, A Eng, vs. Prine, A TC; Braswell, A Ord, vs. Flores, Sq. 11; Benefield, Sq. 11, vs. Canter, B Inf.; Granten, A Inf., vs. Shreve, AAA.

Freshman

157 pound—Roberts, Co. H, vs. Heldenfels, Co. F; Lawrence, Co. H, vs. Swafford, Sq. 21.

Opening handball matches are as follows:
A QMC vs. A TC, A FA vs. Sq. 10, Sq. 3 vs. Sq. 11, and Sq. 4 vs. Sq. 13.

Koffee Kup Holds Lead

Koffee Kup took a firmer grip on first place in the Ladies Lasse League by winning two out of three games from Culpepper Realty Co.

Bryan Tractor and Implement Co. dropped a notch by losing three games to Triangle Drive-In. The College Station State Bank team is still improving and occupies second place by winning two out of three games from Miller's.

Lou McDonald, bowling for College Station Bank had top single game honors with 172. Dot Moore took high series with 451. Triangle Drive-In won team honors with a 669 single game score and 1843 series.

Team Standings

| Team | Won | Lost |
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| Koffee Kup | 28 | 20 |
| College Station | | |
| State Bank | 25 | 23 |
| Bryan Tractor & Impl. Co. | 24 | 24 |
| Triangle Drive-In | 23 | 25 |
| Culpepper's Real. Co. | 23 | 25 |
| Miller's | 21 | 27 |

Baseball Hopefuls Open Bids For 10 Vacant Positions

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The Aggie varsity baseball candidates started workouts yesterday in a wide open battle for starting assignments on a team riddled by the loss of 10 regulars.

"The ground conditions are bad, so all we can do is run, throw, and maybe loosen up a little," Coach Beau Bell said as he took his first look at a large squad of eager, hustling sophomores working out with his four returning lettermen.

Four Lettermen Return

Returning lettermen are Melvin Work, junior pitcher; Bobby Farmer, senior centerfielder; Joe Lastelick, senior third baseman; and Captain Bill Munnerlyn, first sacker.

"We were hit harder by graduation than any other SWC school," Bell said. "But we expect to get a lot of help from soph pitchers, and the soph infielders will be given a chance to nail down a starting spot."

Bell further said if he can find a pair of boys who can come up with the double play, and if the mound talent from last year's outstanding Fish team holds up, the Ags will be right up among the frontrunners.

Lost from last year's team are two catchers—Al Ogletree and Wilford Hamilton; three hurlers—Bob Tankersley, Ernie Johnson and Sidney Goodloe; two outfielders—Yale Lary and David Britt; and three infielders—Joe Eerette, second base; Lester Lackey, shortstop; and Hank Candelari, third base.

Candidates for pitching chores are Work, Clinton Bippert, Jim

Knutson, Lou Little, Charles Smith, Bill Sterling, Tex Vanzura, and the three iron men from the strong Fish squad—Jerry Nelson, Ed Hennig, and Joe Hardgrove.

Battling for the catcher's spot will be Franklin Parker, Jerry Robinett, Norbert Ohlendorf, Alva Shepard, and James Williams.

Bell will be closely watching the infielders to locate two who can come up with the vital double play as Joe Boring, Don Ellis, Don Heft, Roscoe Hunt, Charles Leissner, Claude Northrup, Jim Parrish, Carl Parrish, and Joe Schero, along with Lastelick and Munnerlyn.

Outfielder candidates are Fred Ablon, Hugh Byrd, Alton Fuchs, Clarence Lawrence, Franklin Pollard, Sam Rowland, Charles Russell, David Verbie, Tom Hollmig, and Farmer.

Jim Dishman has been selected as team manager.

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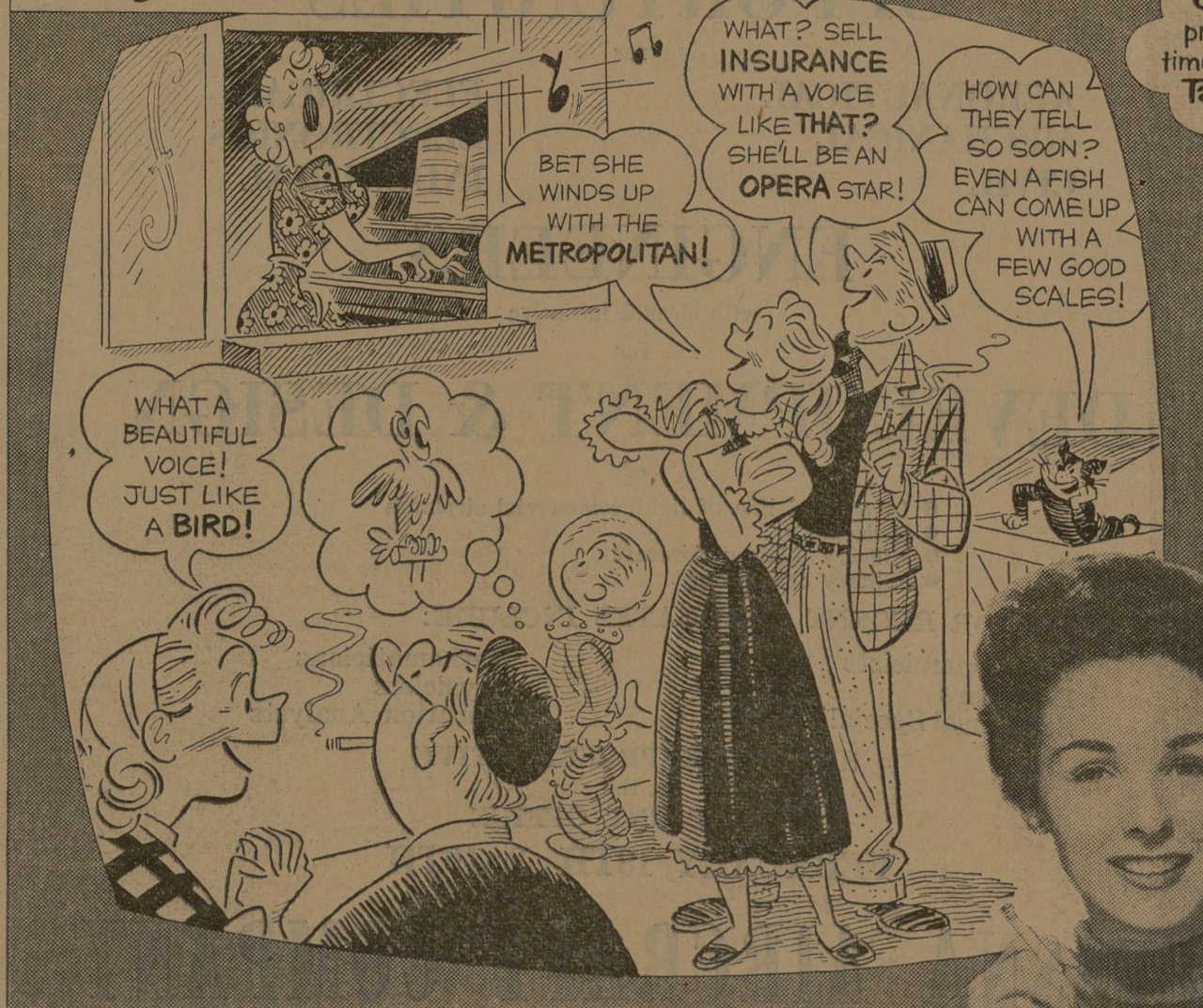


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