

# Ags Open Conference Baseball Season Today

It will be strong pitching against power hitting today on Clark Field in Austin where the Aggie baseball team opens the conference race with the Texas Longhorns.

Farmer southpaw Joe Hardgrove is slated to get the call to take the mound against the defending SWC champions.

The Longhorns, sporting a season record of four wins and no losses in two non-conference games with Baylor and two with Minnesota, have been consistently hitting the long ball. They pounded out six homers, six doubles and 13 singles in the second game with the Baylor Bears.

With a pre-conference record of two wins and one loss, the Aggies will be looking for a way to cool off Texas batters who have punched out 50 hits in four games. The Cadets counter this total with 22 bases hits in three games.

### Glove Work Good

Aggie fielding has been good thus far and does not seem to pose a major problem, but they must improve at the plate if they have their sights set on the conference title.

Their hurling is very good, with Melvin Work, Jerry Nelson, Lou

Little and Hardgrove as definite starters and Ed Hennig due to come through after a late start because of spring grid drills.

Don Heft is holding down the shortstop position at present, and has played flawless ball in the first three games. He also leads Aggie hitters with three hits in seven official trips to the plate.

Bobby Farmer is again holding down center field, and sophomore Leslie Byrd and Eric Miller are the left and right fielders.

Team Captain Bill Munnerlyn holds down the first sack, Charles Leissner is stationed at second and Jerry Lastelick gets the call at third.

### Williams Deadly

Top receiver for the Aggies at present is sophomore Jimmy Williams, who has thrown out 13 runners in three games and has given up only one stolen base.

### Fish Baseballers Meet Shorthorns

Freshman Baseball Coach Guy Wallace will send his charges against the Texas Shorthorns on Kyle Field this afternoon, with the Fish trying for their second win of the season.

The Aggie Fish sport a one-one won-lost record, with the win over Wharton Junior College, 13-1, and a defeat by state high school champions, John Reagan of Houston, 12-6.

# Field Events May Win Texas Relays

(Editor's Note: An article on the Aggie chances in the sprints and distance relays will appear in tomorrow's Battalion.)

Aggie field men, which have been the strongest arm on the Cadet track team this season, may be the determining factor as the Farmers try for their third straight Texas Relay crown, this weekend in Austin.

The A&M field men will be led by team captain, Bobby Ragsdale and weight star Darrow Hooper. Hooper holds the Texas Relay shot put record of 54 feet seven and three quarters inches, which he put last year. Ragsdale made his best broadjump mark of the season in last year's relays with a jump of 24 feet two and a half inches.

Walt Davis will not be back and the Aggies will be weak in the high jump. Texas Relays high jump champ from last year, Charles Holding, of East Texas State will be favored in that event. Marvin Swink, Cadets high jumper has jump six feet this year, but still might place, as the caliber of high jumpers, with the exceptions of Holding has decreased.

Oklahoma's Price will be favored in the broadjump over Ragsdale.

### Mayeaux Favored

Pete Mayeaux will lead the Cadet javelin throwers. Mayeaux has won the javelin event in all three meets which he has thrown in this year. Wes Ritchey of TCU, who placed third in the javelin at the Relays last year is the only one returning this year of the four men who won. Mayeaux has beaten Ritchey this year at the Border Olympics in Laredo and will be favored.

Hooper is favored in the shot and Bobby Gross, sophomore shot putter has been second to Hooper every meet this season. Last year Aggie weight man Dan Pratt was second to Hooper in the relays. All three Cadets are favored to place with University of Houston's Nick Spillios, expected to furnish the strongest opposition for second or third place.

### Marks May Upset

Gerald Peery of Oklahoma A&M won the pole vault event at last year's Texas Relays with a vault of 13 feet six inches. Malcolm Marks of the Aggies hit this mark last weekend in a tri-meet with LSU and Rice in Baton Rouge. Peery as defending champ will probably be favored, but Marks (See RELAYS, Page 5)

### Tigers Win Opener Against Huntsville

Consolidated's Tigers opened their baseball season Tuesday with an 8-6 win over Huntsville in a practice game.

Joe Motheral started for the Tigers and gave up three hits and five runs in four innings. Pinky Cooner finished the game, allowing one hit and one run.

### Squadron 7 Leads Intramural Race

"Sq. 7 with 860 points leads the A&M intramural race," said Barney Welch, director of intramural athletics. Results include contests through Friday, March 21.

A QMC rests in second place with 820 points followed closely by Sq. 14 with 805 points.

Tuesday's Fite Nite results, which have not been tabulated, will possibly alter these standings, Welch pointed out.

### Adamson At National

Swimming and state sportsman Dickie Welch, director of intramural athletics, will represent the Aggies at the National Swimming Meet in St. Louis, Mo., this weekend.

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