

Strong Ag Swim Team Is Host In SWC Meet Today

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A&M's swim team hits the water here tonight in the Southwest conference meet with probably the best chance in 10 years to cop the crown according to coach Art Adamson.

"If we do a terrific job in the backstroke, breaststroke and the sprints, we could win," said Adamson.

About 70 crack swimmers and divers from SMU, Texas, Rice and A&M assault the records in one of the most balanced meets in conference history. SMU, Texas and A&M all have strong contenders and any of the three could take the title. Rice, the only other team in the meet, is not a contender.

SMU is defending champion and eased to victory in the recent SWC relays at Dallas by two points over second place A&M, while the Aggies finished two above Texas.

Since then the Cadets have topped both SMU and Texas in dual meets. A&M throttled favored Texas in Austin 44-40 and crushed SMU in Dallas 52-32. Texas downed SMU in Austin last week 51-33.

If past performances indicate anything the Aggies could write two new records. A&M's speedy 300-yard medley relay trio of Norman Ufer, John Speich and Richard Weick is unbeaten this season, and has consistently bettered the existing SWC record of 3:05.3.

In the 200-yard individual medley Weick has splashed past all rivals, and negotiated the distance here earlier this year in 2:17.5, one second under the conference record.

The conference meet has two more events than the dual meet, an extra diving event and the 1,500 meter marathon. Texas is stronger in both, and is expected to pick up additional points here.

Only event on tap today is the finals of the 1,500-meter freestyle starting at 7:30. Texas' Charlton Hadden is heavily favored to win the event.

Preliminaries in the 50-yard freestyle begin Friday morning at 10. Friday at 2:20 begins the semi-finals of the 50-yard freestyle, and preliminaries in the 200-yard backstroke, 220-yard freestyle, 200-yard standard breaststroke, one-meter diving and 400-yard freestyle relay. Finals in these events begin at

Ag Tracksters Test Strength At Border Meet

Twenty of A&M's flu and injury ridden tracksters attempt to regain the Border Olympic's title at Laredo Saturday against nine of the best teams in the Southwest.

Texas won the team crown last year after the Aggies had held it for five straight seasons.

"Texas looks like the team to beat again," said coach Frank G. Anderson, "but we aren't conceding anything."

Entered in the University division with A&M and Texas are Rice, SMU, TCU, Baylor, Arkansas, Oklahoma A&M, U of H and Texas Tech.

With Bobby Jack Gross possibly out for the season as a result of a knee ailment, the Aggies will count on Tom Bonorden and Herman Johnson in the shot and discus.

The squad will leave for Laredo Friday morning. Preliminaries begin Saturday morning with the finals that night.

8:30 p.m. Friday. Saturday at 2:30 preliminaries start in the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard butterfly breaststroke, 100-yard freestyle, 440-yard free-

style, 200-yard individual medley, three-meter diving and 300-yard A&M, Phil Vaiden of SMU and Robert Bell and Dave Fennekohl, Texas in the sprints; in the back-

stroke, Ufer, Richard Snelling, S

MU and Bo Baker of Texas. Weick, terrific three-way battle between Dave Corley of SMU and Reese the Mustangs, Longhorns and Aggies. Texas edged both SMU and A&M by 4-5 inches in the dual meets. The freestyle relay promises a

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