

Ag Weightmen Face Tough Test at Texas Relays

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VERLON IS A LETTERMAN IN BOTH TRACK AND CROSS-COUNTRY



In shooting for its fifth straight shot put championship at the Texas Relays at Austin Friday and Saturday, A&M's strong team of weightmen face its stiffest test of the season.

The Aggies go up against a powerful Kansas field team without the services of the Relays' defending shot put champion, Bobby Gross.

Sophomore Herman Johnson, currently leading Aggie shot putters with three firsts in four meets, could make up for the loss of Gross if he continues to

achieve his past heaves. Johnson's only loss came in the Pan-American games warm-ups, and that was to Parry O'Brien, world champ.

Kansas' Bill Neider, holder of the Big Seven indoor record and one of the nation's leading collegiate shot putters, tossed 53-10 1/2 to cop the conference crown last year.

Another leading weight man for the Jayhaws is Dick Knowles, who hits around 50 feet in the shot and has thrown over 145 in the discus.

Johnson shoved the shot 52-1 in a triangular meet with Rice and LSU, and 52 feet in the Pan-American games warm ups. Tom Bonorden hit 51-11 1/2 in the triangular with Rice and LSU.

Another sophomore, Lee Newman, teams with Johnson in the discus to give the Aggies top strength there. Newman got off a 142-10 toss in the Border Olympics to win first place honors.

Oklahoma's Robert Van Dee defends his discus title after halting A&M's supremacy last

year for the first time in six years.

Coach Frank Anderson takes 30 tracksters to the 28th production of the Relays. Fifteen journey to Austin Friday with Anderson, while the remaining half joins the team Saturday.

"Kansas looks definitely strong this season," said Anderson, "but if I were picking a team to win I'd take Oklahoma A&M. As they proved in the Border Olympics, they're a well balanced team."

Another bright spot in A&M's

conference future has been the high jumping of sophomore Fritzie Connally, who is undefeated against Southwest conference jumpers this season.

Connally has eased over the 6-4 mark this year, and ranks a definite contender for the Texas Relays' title. He suffered a sprained ankle last week, but will jump Saturday.

"The loss of Gross is going to hurt us as it has in all our meets so far, but we should come in somewhere around fourth," Anderson said.

Aggies Beat TCU 10-9

Frog Rally Fails In Ninth Inning

A&M scored its runs in bunches yesterday, then put down a wild TCU rally in the ninth inning to squeak past the Frogs 10-9 and virtually eliminate the title favorites from the Southwest conference baseball chase.

Righthander Jerry Nelson staggered the route for the Aggies, striking out seven and walking five. An infield blowup of three errors in the ninth vitally helped TCU to put across five runs and place the tying run at second and the go-ahead tally at first.

Then Nelson, who at one stretch struck out four straight batters, got pinch hitter Mackie Newton on a pop to center-fielder John Stockton. Newton had started the wild frame in the same fashion.

The victory gives the Cadets a 2-0 conference mark and a 7-2 season record, tops in both classes. Nelson now has a 2-2 ledger. Only five of the TCU runs were earned, six of A&M's.

A&M scored twice in the second to lead 2-1, then took a 5-3 lead in the fourth after TCU pulled ahead 3-2. The Cadets scored three more in the sixth for an 8-4 cushion and built it to 10-4 in the eighth.

Their outburst in the sixth shelled starter Bob McDaniel, who lost a 5-1 decision to Texas Saturday. The final two tallies came at the expense of Tommy Hill.

All-conference TCU outfielder Les Mattinson, who entered the game with a .167 average after hitting .407 in 1954, slugged a double and a 335-foot homer in three at-bats. Third baseman Joe Schero led the Aggies' eight hit attack with three singles. He was the only Cadet with more than one hit.

A&M had played errorless ball until the ninth. With one out, shortstop Dick Bleckner, who had made a diving gloved hand stab of Jim Mayfield's liner in the fifth, let Dick O'Neal's grounder go through him.

Al Paschal doubled and Charles Quick got a triple on a bounder over Joe Boring who rolled to the fence, scoring two runs. Mayfield's grounder was bobbled by Schero, scoring Quick.

Mattinson doubled to left center, sending Mayfield home with the fourth run. Bob White, TCU's leading hitter at .379, sent up an infield fly, but Schero collided with Boring who was settling under the ball, and it fell to earth.

Larry Roseborough forced White at second, then pinch hitter Charles Spencer singled to score Mattinson and put Roseborough at second. Newton popped out to end the game.

The Aggies' two vital eighth inning runs resulted from a walk to Fred Ablon, Schero's single, Les Byrd's sacrifice, a walk to Stockton, Jimmy Williams being hit by a pitched ball and an error on Boring's grounder.

A&M's three sixth inning runs came from Bleckner being hit by the pitcher, Nelson's sacrifice, Ablon's double, a single by Schero, a two base error by Mattinson on Byrd's sacrifice fly and Stockton's sacrifice fly.

Ag Netmen Lose 6-0

A&M's varsity tennis team won only one set here yesterday as it lost 6-0 to the University of Houston.

It was the second loss in six starts for the Aggies, who open conference competition tomorrow with the University of Texas in Austin. TCU comes here Saturday for the third match of the week.

Cadet Don Dixon beat Rob Middleton 6-2 in the first set of their singles match, but lost the next two, 2-6, 6-8. Jack Bessellieu extended Houston's Johnny Lawhon to 8-10 after losing the first set, 1-6.

In other singles, John Been downed Gene Kinard, A&M, 6-3, 6-4; and Ronnie Sawyer defeated Bob Kerr, 6-3, 6-0.

Been and Middleton teamed to defeat Kerr and Bessellieu, 7-5, 6-4, in a tough doubles match. Sawyer and Lawhon beat Kinard and Dixon, 6-3, 6-0, in the other doubles.

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The Tigers will enter men in eight events—the 100 yard dash, 220, 440 relay, broad jump, mile relay, low hurdles, mile and 880.

Bobby Joe Wade, Bill Hall, Bobby Witcher and Don Tax will form the 440 relay. Hall, Henry Phillips, Billy Mixon and Dick Hickman will run the mile relay.

Other entries are Wade, 100 and broad jump; Hall, low hurdles; Witcher, 220; Phillips, Mixon and Winfred Pardue, 440; Tax, broad jump; J. B. Carroll, mile; Hickman and Jack McNeely, 880; Ben Davis and Larry Leighton, low hurdles.

A&M Rifle Team To Meet Citadel

After winning a sectional match of the National Rifle association here last week, the Aggie rifle team meets The Citadel here Saturday morning.

The varsity match begins at 9, the freshman at 11.

Aggie C. E. Bombadier fired the high individual score of 287 out of a possible 300 points in the NRA match as A&M outpointed Arlington State, St. Mary's and Baylor.

TRACK NEEDS PROMOTION
PITTSBURGH—The University of Pittsburgh's veteran track coach Carl Olson believes the people of this city could be made to like track and field, wrestling, gymnastics and other such sports.

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Squadron 17 won over A anti-aircraft artillery, 2-0, in freshmen volleyball.

In upperclassmen golf, A transportation corps sank A engineers, 2-0.

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BOSTON—(AP)—There are times when some women much prefer using a broom to a vacuum cleaner.

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