

Aggie Cinder Men Face USC, Texas, SMU in Dallas Friday

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The Southwest Conference tangles with the world's best Friday night as A&M, Texas and SMU host the mighty University of Southern California Trojans in a quadrangular track meet at 8 p.m. in Dallas.

USC, national cinder champions for the past decade, have won both previous Dallas meets between the four and will be heavily favored tomorrow night.

"Southern Cal will win, as usual," said Aggie head track coach Frank (Colonel Andy) Anderson. "Texas will finish behind them and we'll be third. I can't see SMU scoring many points, but they might beat us in the mile relay."

The Trojans captured the first meet scoring 73½ points. Texas was second with 50, A&M followed with 34½ and SMU trailed with 16. Last year the California bunch ran off with the title and scored 83½ points to the Longhorn's 50, the Aggies' 24½ and the Ponies' 15½.

A&M is taking 22 thinyclads to face the USC bunch. Making the trip are: Ed Blake, mile; Ed Bussa, 440 and mile relay; Bill Cocks, two-mile; Ken Hall, 100 and 440 relay; Bob McKnight, 440, 440 relay and mile relay; Sam Nave, hurdles; Johnny Roberts, 440, 440 relay and mile relay; Emmett Smallwood, 100, 440 relay and 220-low hurdles; Harry Whitmore, mile; and Carl Wilmsen, two-mile.

Tom Bonorden, shot put and discus; Bobby Carter, high jump;

James Clark, pole vault; Fritzie Connally, high jump; Harry Cox, shot put and discus; Dale Elmore, broad jump and javelin; Bobby Jack Gross, shot and discus; Oran Helvey, javelin; Jim Jackson, pole vault; Joe Schiraldi, javelin and high jump; Winton Thomas, pole vault.

Southern Cal holds a monopoly on the meet records with 11 while Texas shows title to four and SMU claims one.

The Mustang foursome of Adelbert Bartek, Rex Dunlap, David Weaver and Don Morton raced to a record 3:13 mile relay in 1955.

Texas' Dean Smith flashed to a wind-blown 9.3 to set the century record in 1954 and his teammate, Charlie Thomas swept to a 20.5 meet mark in the 220-yard dash the same year.

Another Longhorn, Dick Foerster, strided to a 1:51.7 880-yard run in 1955 to set the meet standard and the Texas 440 quartet of Dean Smith, Alvin Frieden, Jerry Prewit and Bobby Whilden

swept to a record 40.5 in the same year.

USC's Mike Larrabee set the existing 440-yard dash mark of 47.8 in 1955 as did his teammate, Marty Montgomery, with a 4:15.3 mile.

Fernando Ledesman ran a 9:26 two-mile last year to set that record and Southern Cal's Will Wright holds the 14.4 120-yard high hurdles standard which he set in 1954.

John Morgan bounced over the 220-yard low hurdles in 23.1 in 1954 to set that mark and Ernie Shelton jumped 6-9¼ that year to set the high jump record that still holds.

Jon Arnett, Trojan All-American gridiron star, leaped to the 24-3 broad jump mark last year while Bob Voiles was throwing the javelin 205-10 for that standard.

Walt Levack and Ron Morris, both of USC, hold the pole vault record of 13-6 which they set in 1955. Des Koch sailed the discus 170 feet in 1954 and Ray Martin pushed the shot put out to 54-5¼ last year for the weight records.

"Like Father, Like Son"

Wrestling Runs In Griffith Clan

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"It runs in the family," said Jim Griffith, coach of Texas A. & M.'s wrestling team. "My father has been coaching wrestling for as long as I can remember and my brother was coach at Georgia Tech for three years."

Jim Griffith has been around wrestling nearly all of his life. His father, who is a great coach at Oklahoma A. & M., the largest wrestling school in this section of the country, was probably the main reason for Griffith's becoming interested in wrestling.

"My brother and I used to scuffle around just for the fun of it and Dad was always showing us the tricks of the trade," Griffith said.

He first started organized wrestling in junior high and in high school he placed third in the state meet in both his junior and senior years.

While attending college Griffith decided he wanted to be a coach, so in 1950, after graduating from Oklahoma A. & M., he took a job as wrestling and assistant football coach at a small high school in Kansas. After a period of about four months he accepted the position of wrestling coach and Physical Education instructor at Texas A. & M. College. Although wrestling never has been popular in the Southwest Conference, Griffith came with "vim and vigor" to build up wrestling in the Southwest and to establish A. & M. as a school not only to be noted for football, basketball and other sports, but also for its wrestling teams.

"It will take a long time to establish wrestling, because wrestling is not a sport that can be taught

to a boy in just four years," he said. "There are about 400 holds and counterholds that have to be mastered."

The A. & M. team this year entered two dual meets and three tournaments. They won both dual meets and also won first place in the Houston Invitation Tournament and in the Southwest Collegiate Tournament but failed to place in the NCAA tournament, mostly due to inexperience. Griffith believes wrestling must start in the Texas high schools so the boys will want wrestling teams in the various conference schools that they attend.

"It is a mistake to believe that high school boys would injure themselves in wrestling," he said. "It is the cleanest sport today because the rules are so strict that any hold that would injure your opponent is out. There would be fewer injuries in wrestling than in other high school sports."

Coach Griffith believes that wrestling is to be rated with the best of sports. He encourages it because it is an excellent exercise for coordination of the body, it is one of the best physical developers, and it tends to give the small boy a better chance than do most other sports because he is matched against opponents of his own size.

College View-B Smashes Mitchell in Softball, 23-1

College View-B buried Mitchell Hall 23-1 yesterday in the second go-round of Civilian softball. James Bannister paced the one-sided tilt by making the diamond circuit four times. Carl Raba was outstanding for Mitchell.

College View-A fell under yesterday's smoothness of operation and lost to Hart 6-4 in another civilian game. Again the College View ace was catcher Ty Hungerford with two scores. Jack La Faver led the winners.

Dick Sorrells led A-Engineers over C-Field Artillery 2-0 in upperclassman volleyball. Chuck Carter and Jon Hagler played fine ball for the artillerymen. Dan Winship and James Boyer paced D-FA over C-AAA 2-0.

Tony Bolner, Gerry Brink, Dale Offield, and Jerry Pitts decided on Sqd. 11 over Sqd. 5 2-1 in another volleyball game. Don Ranly and David Brothers pushed A-Composite over C-Armor 2-1. Tom Wagner and Don Burton paced C-Armor.

Cadet Golfers To Meet Rice Here Saturday

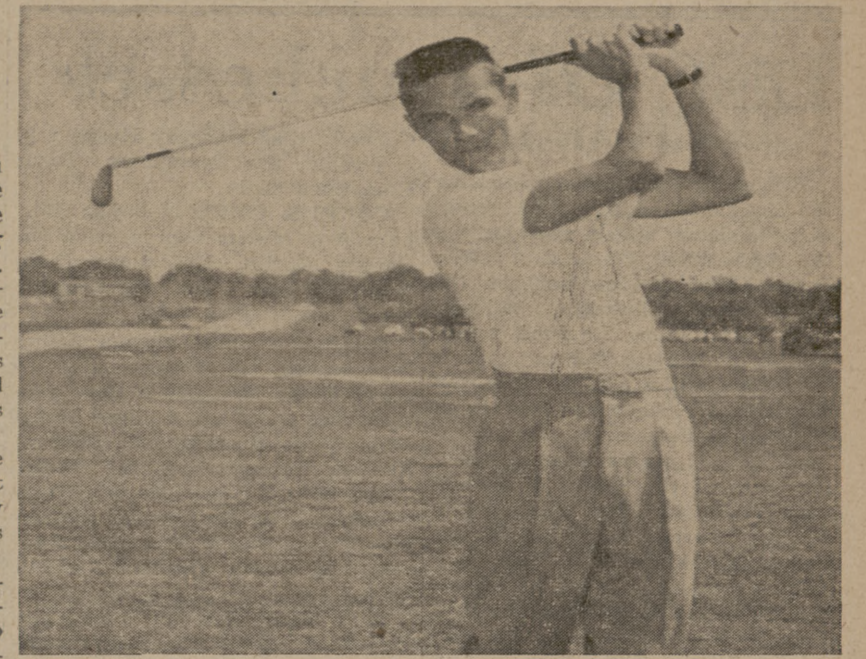
A&M's golf team takes on Rice Saturday on the Aggie golf course in the final home appearance of the fast fading Southwest Conference season.

Coach Joe Fagan's Cadets jumped into second place in the league standings this week after crushing wins over Baylor and Texas Christian. The Aggies dumped Baylor, 5-1, and trounced TCU's highly-regarded linksmen, 6-0.

Southern Methodist leads the conference with 14½ wins against 3½ losses, but the Aggies are only 2½ points behind with 18 victories and 8 defeats.

Paced most of the year by a five-some of Jerry Durbin, Bobby Nichols, Dave Vandervoort, Marcelino Moreno and Gary Fletcher, the Cadets appear destined for their finest season. Last year A&M wound up the season in second place, barely behind champion SMU.

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OUTSTANDING GOLFER—Jerry Durbin has been consistently good this year in helping the Aggies to a second place position in the SWC golf race. Durbin is a junior from Dallas.

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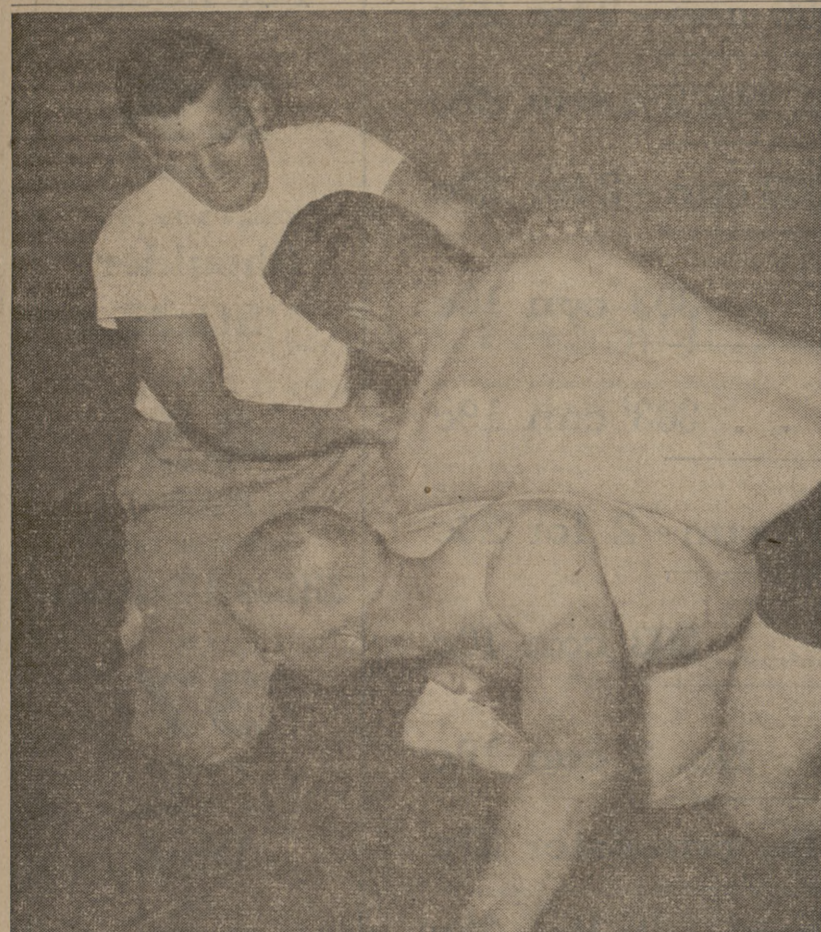
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WRESTLING COACH Jim Griffith shows John Watson (top) and Hiram French (bottom) an offensive wrestling hold.

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