

# SPORT SKETCH

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## Varsity, Fish to Austin

# Aggie Cinder Men Tangle With Texas, Rice Tonight

Kicking off the mammoth Texas Interscholastic League track and field meet, the Aggie track team battles Texas and Rice tonight in the final triangular meet before the Southwest Conference get to-

gether in Fayetteville, May 11-12. The Aggies will be out to even things up on this year's "big three" meets. The Longhorns sprinted their way to victory in the first affair with Rice second and A&M third. The Cadets have beaten the Owls twice already this season, but as yet haven't placed ahead of the Texas thunderers.

"We hope to beat Rice Thursday," said head track coach Frank Anderson. "We can if we turn in the performances we're capable of doing."

As usual, the Steers rely on their terrific array of speedsters and middle distance men. The Texas foursome of George Schneider, Jerry Prewitt, Bobby Whilden and

Frank Daugherty hold the world record in the 440-yard relay, 40.1, which they set earlier this season.

A&M TURNED in their finest sprint relay in history last Friday night in Dallas, finishing second behind Texas in 41.9. The Aggie crew of Emmett Smallwood, Bob McKnight, Johnny Roberts and Ken Hall placed a step behind the Longhorn team, who turned in a 41.6.

The Aggies will be favored in the field events, hoping their weight men can offset the Texas sprinters. Tom Bonorden, Bobby Jack Gross and Herman Johnson could sweep the first three places in the shot, while Gross and Bonorden (See CINDER MEN, Page 4)

## Friday Night, Saturday

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# Ags Host Rice This Weekend

## Aggie Golfers Finish Second In SWC Chase

A&M's fine golf team came within reach of the Southwest Conference title this week, but once again it was powerful SMU who walked away with the crown.

The Aggies, who finished second behind the Mustangs last year, put on a determined drive in the final stages of the conference race only to see their hopes dashed with SMU's crushing 6-0 victory over Rice Monday.

A&M lost to the University of Texas, 4-2, at Austin Tuesday, but the match meant little as SMU had already clinched the championship. SMU had 31 1/2 wins and 4 1/2 losses against conference competition, while the Cadets finished second with 26 wins and 10 defeats. Texas was third with a 23 1/2-12 1/2 record.

Members of Coach Joe Fagan's crew, four of whom will compete in the SWC tournament at Fayetteville, Ark. May 11-12, include Jerry Durbin, Bobby Nichols, Marcelino Moreno, David Vandervoort, Gary Fletcher, Dick Chapman, Jim Christopher, Stuart Nuckols, and Harry Stietler.

Vandervoort, a 21-year-old Dairy Manufacturing major from Dallas, is the only senior on the team.

### GOLF STANDINGS

| Team               | W      | L      |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Southern Methodist | 31 1/2 | 4 1/2  |
| Texas A&M          | 26     | 10     |
| Texas              | 23 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Baylor             | 12     | 18     |
| Rice               | 10 1/2 | 25 1/2 |
| Texas Christian    | 5 1/2  | 25     |
| Arkansas           | 5      | 25     |

The Boston Red Sox were only three games off the American League lead last Sept. 8.

While TCU and SMU are making a two-team race out of the Southwest Conference derby, A&M tries to hit the .500 mark this weekend with three games against the Rice Owls.

The Aggies open the series with a game Friday night in Bryan's Travis Park at 8. Saturday afternoon the same two clubs square off again on Kyle Field in a doubleheader that begins at 1:30.

All three games will be important from the standpoint of A&M and Rice, as both are currently tied for fifth and sixth in SWC standings. The Cadets and Owls stand 5 1/2 games out of first place with identical 3-6 won-lost records. A meeting between the two teams was postponed earlier in the season because of bad weather.

The Owls were surprisingly potent against cellar dwelling Texas last weekend, spanking the

Longhorns 4-2 and 7-3 at Houston. A&M, on the other hand, absorbed two defeats at the hands of second place SMU, 1-4 and 5-4, in a series at Dallas.

Centerfielder John Stockton's explosive bat continues to be an important asset to the Aggie nine. Against SMU last Saturday he knocked in all four A&M runs with two doubles to pace the Cadets at the plate.

Pitcher Toby Newton, who was unable to start against the Ponies last Friday because of illness, should be able to take his turn on the mound this weekend and will no doubt bolster the Cadets' already fine corps of moundmen.

## C Infantry Outlasts Sqd. 10 in Playoffs

By JOE BOYD

C-Infantry copped a semi-final berth last night in a nine-inning pitcher's duel with Squadron 10. Bill Boyd, speedy infantry second baseman, placed a short single over the Sqd. 10 third sacker and cleared a path for George Johnson's tie-breaking score to edge the airmen, 2-1.

Infantry pitcher Norman Morrison struck out thirteen men allowing no hits until the seventh inning when the airman center fielder Bob Brown caught on for a double. Brown climaxed the inning with a complete circuit to tie up the contest.

Ray Bowen allowed only five hits for Squadron 10 and struck out seventeen infantry softballers with his deceptive mound strategy. Jake Lyon was the first to solve Bowen's style with a single in the second and converted the opportunity into an early infantry lead when short stop Don Farek caught on with a

double.

The infantry nine displayed superb fielding and as a whole the entire team exhibited a confident cagey batting form, adapting well to Bowen's fine hurling. They should give someone trouble in further playoffs.

A-Ordnance edged Squadron 17 in a freshman playoff game 13-12 with second baseman Anton Stacha and center fielder Jimmy Best heading the slugging list.

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| Team            | W | L |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Texas Christian | 9 | 1 |
| S M U           | 7 | 3 |
| Baylor          | 6 | 4 |
| Texas A&M       | 3 | 6 |
| Rice            | 3 | 6 |
| Texas           | 2 | 8 |

### SEASON STANDINGS

| Team            | W  | L  |
|-----------------|----|----|
| S M U           | 15 | 4  |
| Texas Christian | 14 | 5  |
| Baylor          | 9  | 10 |
| Rice            | 8  | 9  |
| Texas A&M       | 8  | 10 |
| Texas           | 4  | 13 |

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS  
Rice 6, Sam Houston 1; TCU 16-9, Baylor 13-5; Rice 4-7, Texas 2-3; SMU 4-5, Texas A&M 1-4.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE  
Thursday—SMU at TCU, Baylor at Texas.  
Friday—Rice at Texas A&M (night at Bryan), Baylor at Texas, TCU at SMU.  
Saturday—Rice at Texas A&M (2).

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