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Tracksters Meet Rice, UT Tonight in Austin

By BARRY HART

A&M, Texas and Rice get together tomorrow night in Austin for the annual Little Southwest Conference track meet with the talented Longhorns expected to win without drawing a deep breath.

Paced by a quartet of phenomenal sprinters and a wealth of depth and balance, the nation's second-best cinder team will probably race to victory as easily tomorrow as they will a week hence in the "battle" for the SWC title on the same track.

The Steers of Coach Clyde Littlefield have won this meet and the conference crown three years in a row, and, unless a large number of their young athletes suddenly quit, should outscore both the Aggies and the Owls.

While A&M and Rice have fought each other to a standstill in dual and triangular meets this season, the Longhorns have out-gunned everything in sight except the University of Southern California Trojans, perennial NCAA champs. Texas took second behind the powerful coast team in a meet last month in Dallas.

Renowned for years around the nation for their splendid sprinters, the Longhorns turned out a foursome in 1957 that has rewritten the books. Holder of the world record in the 440-yard relay, the quartet of Wally Wilson, Eddie Southern, Hollis Gainey and Captain Bobby Whilden turned in a

fantastic 39.9 two weeks ago at the Kansas Relays, another new mark.

The same foursome get together for the 880-yard relay and have run a 1:25.2. Last week the four tied both Penn Relays records (41.1 and 1:25.4) on a slow track.

Southern, of course, is the Dallas Sunset High School star who took second in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. The Texas sophomore tours the high hurdles, the 440 and the mile relay besides his duties on the sprint and 880-yard relay teams. Southern holds the SWC freshman high hurdles record, 14.1, set last year.

The Aggies and Rice will pick up the pieces and try to salvage what they can after the Steers are through. A&M's points will come through the efforts of the SWC's finest pole vaulter, Winton Thomas; shot and discus man Herman Johnson, sprinter-broadjumper-hurdler Emmett Smallwood; broad-jumper Dale Elmore; vaulter James Clark; quartermilers Ed Bussa, Andy Erisman and Robert McKnight; and distance man Paul Harrington.

A&M and Texas hold five meet records each, but all of the Aggies' marks were set back when the Cadets were top dogs in league track and field.

Jim Carrell New Batt Sports Editor

Jim Carrell takes over today as BATTALION Sports Editor with perhaps the best background of any previous man in the job.

A graduate of Baytown's Robert E. Lee High School in 1950, Carrell worked three years on the Baytown SUN, two of those years as a sports writer under Dan Shults, now with the Houston CHRONICLE. He had started as advertising copy boy, then moved up to layouts and proofreading.

The new editor attended Lee Col-

lege while working for the SUN, majoring first in pharmacy, then switching to chemical engineering. He was elected president of his sophomore class at Lee and served as state Senior Councillor for the Order of DeMolay in 1952.

Carrell entered A&M in the fall of 1953, majoring in chemical engineering, and worked with Sports Publicity Director Jones W. Ramsey for a year. He quit school and was drafted into the U. S. Army in August, 1954.

The only non-journalism major on the BATT staff, Carrell served 18 months with the 59th Field Artillery Battalion in Pirmasens, Germany, and was discharged last July.

The 23-year-old junior re-entered A&M in the fall of 1956 and assumed his old job with the Sports Publicity Office. He joined the sports staff as assistant sports editor in February of this year. He won the Sports Story of the Month award given by the A&M Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, for the months of March and April.



NEW SPORTS EDITOR JIM CARRELL

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TEXAS TRACK LEADERS—Captain Bobby Whilden and Coach Clyde Littlefield lead the nation's second-best track team against the Aggies and Rice tonight in Austin. Whilden holds the SWC century mark and shares the 220 record with Charlie Thomas.

Aggies Meet Texas In Crucial SWC Golf Match

The A&M golfers engage the University of Texas in a crucial Southwest Conference dual meet at 2 p. m. today on the Aggie course.

The A&M golfers need a decisive win over the Longhorns to keep within striking distance of Baylor, the current leader. The Aggies, whose schedule places them behind the other schools in matches played, boast a record of 11-7 to trail Baylor's 21½-8½ and Texas' 17-7.

Bobby Nichols, Marcelino Moreno, Gary Fletcher and Binky Mitchella comprise the golfing team for the Aggies with Nichols-

Moreno and Fletcher - Mitchella making up the doubles teams.

The Aggies in their second SWC dual meet with Baylor easily defeated the Bears 4½ to 1½ but fell by the same margin to Rice. Baylor meets Rice in another important meet Friday in Houston and the Owls are tough on the home course.

Monday A&M whipped TCU 5-1 in Ft. Worth and has only one match left on the road and that with Arkansas in Fayetteville next Monday. Saturday the Aggies try SMU on the home course.

Baylor earlier defeated Texas, 5½ to ½.

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