

Saturday 'Busy Day' For Ag Athletes

Mustang Swimmers Splash By Cadet Tankers, 60-26

By ROBERT WEEKLEY
The Aggie swimmers broke even in two dual meets this weekend, losing to a strong SMU team 60-26 and humiliating Texas Tech 74-11 in Downs Natatorium.

The Fish squeezed past the Colts 43-41 and ran roughshod over the Tech freshmen 52-34.

The Mustangs broke five records to the Farmers one, capturing all

but two of the events. The lone Aggie wins were posted by Jerry Mount in the 100-yard freestyle and sophomore Dieter Ufer in the 200-yard breaststroke. Ufer knocked five-tenths off the old pool record in his event.

The other new records were established in the 400-yard medley relay, the 220-yard freestyle, the 200-yard butterfly, the 440-yard

freestyle and the freestyle relay. Three of the new pool marks posted, topped existing SWC records, but only times recorded in the annual conference meet are allowed to be placed in the record books. The conference records broken were in the medley relay, 200-yard butterfly and the freestyle relay.

Mustang victories were recorded by Ronnie Smith, All-American diver and AAU champion; Dick Barry, Dick Rantzow, Dan Woodward, John Barton. Barry bested A&M's All-American swimmer Tet-suo Okamoto in the 220-yard freestyle and the 440-yard freestyle, his specialty.

John Harrington set the pace for

the Aggies win over the Colts with two record-breaking performances in the 100-yard backstroke and the individual medley events.

Revenge belonged to the Cadets in their Saturday meeting with the Red Raiders as they walked off with top honors in nine of the ten events held. The lone loss was in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Recording wins for A&M were Okamoto in the 220-yard freestyle; Don Draper in the 50-yard freestyle; Dubby Godfrey in diving; Orlando Cossani in the 200-yard butterfly; Ray Cook in the 100-yard freestyle; Jerry Mount in the 200-yard backstroke and Dave Woodward in the 440-yard freestyle.



Turning For Home

Orlando Cossani, Aggie tanker from Argentina, makes the final turn and heads for the finish line in the 200-yard butterfly stroke event last Saturday in P. L. Downs Natatorium. Cossani placed second, which was all A&M could do, as the Ponies of SMU eased by Art Adamson's Cadets, 60-26.

Cadets Meet Foe On Five Fronts

Even though this period of the year is known as the "slack season," due to the galaxy of days between football and baseball seasons, the Texas Aggies will be anything but "slack" this Saturday.

The first day of March will find Cadet athletes competing on four fronts, with various bits of freshman activity on the side.

Cagers Visit Dallas

With the conference basketball race ensnarled, Coach Bob Rogers' dangerous Cadets roam to Dallas to do battle with the Southern Methodists, who haven't lost a game on their home court since 1954.

Last weekend, against testy Texas Tech, the Ponies ripped the Raiders within the safe confines of their new field house, 66-56, while the Ags pasted Arkansas, 66-57.

Baseball Begins

Coach Beau Bell's baseball squad welcomes the blustery month of March by opening their season against the University of Houston on Kyle Field Saturday afternoon at 2.

The Cougars present one of the best hitting attacks in the Missouri Valley Conference, and should give ample test to the strong Cadet pitching staff.

First Triangular Duel

Over in Austin, the University of Texas plays host to the University of Houston and the Aggies in the first triangular meet of the year for all three schools.

The meet, which will produce both varsity and freshman competition, will mark the debut of Coach Ray Putnam, former cross country coach who succeeded Col. "Andy" Anderson as head track mentor.

The University of Texas will field one of the outstanding track teams in the nation to test the once-powerful Cadets, while distance-minded Cougars hope for a slight share of the honors on the Forty Acres.

Swimmers Host 'Sips

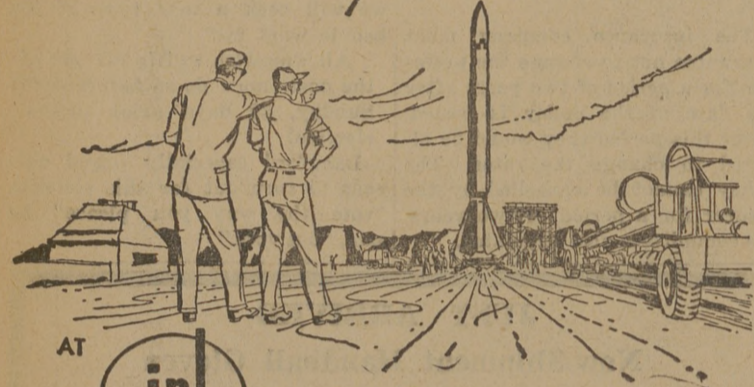
On the waterfront, a grudge duel will be held in Downs Natatorium Saturday afternoon at 4 when the highly-touted Aggies meet the Texas Longhorns in a swimming match.

The Cadets, still smarting over their recent loss to Southern Methodist, hope to make it their second straight win after defeating Texas Tech 74-11 last Saturday.

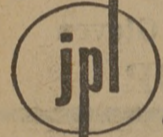
On the freshman scene, the Fish swimmers tackle Lamar High School of Houston, one of the finest high school swimming squads in the state.

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