

SPORT SLANT

By BOB WEEKLEY

A&M's battered cagers, tied for fifth place in Southwest Conference play with the Arkansas Razorbacks, rest and try to regroup their forces today and Friday before they face the upcoming Baylor Bears Saturday night in White Coliseum.

Coach Bob Rogers' injured list mounted yesterday with the announcement that lanky Wayne Lawrence, the Ags' tallest cager at 6-7, will not work out the remainder of the week due to a severely bruised instep. The injury is a recurrence of one he suffered last season against Baylor. Whether or not he will start Saturday will not be known until just before game time.

Kelly Chapman, the 6-3 athlete who can normally jump with the best of them, should be fully recovered from a toe injury he suffered in practice last Sunday. The injury was on Chapman's right foot, the one he uses for his main force when he jumps.

The charley horse which has been plaguing Neil Swisher's thigh should be almost gone in time for the Baylor game. The Ags' ace sharpshooter missed practice today so that he could go to Kilgore and visit his wife who gave birth to a 9-pound boy just before the TCU game Tuesday.

Rogers, visibly worried, sent his charges through semi-heavy drill yesterday in an attempt to sharpen his sagging offense and defense before the all-important Bruin game.

Baylor is currently tied for second place in the conference with Texas Tech, both having a 5-2 record, one game behind the leading Horned Frogs.

With the conference race rounding the corner and heading into the final half of play TCU looks like it just about has the championship salted down and ready to go into the bag with their football flag.

The SWC standings:

Team	SWC		Season	
	Won	Lost	Won	Lost
TCU	6	1	13	4
BAYLOR	5	2	9	7
TECH	5	2	12	5
SMU	3	3	9	7
A&M	3	4	12	5
ARK.	3	4	5	11
RICE	1	5	7	9
TEXAS	1	5	3	12

Rice and Texas are definitely out of the SWC picture, while Arkansas and A&M cling to a faint hope of gaining a piece of the crown. Meanwhile, on top of the heap it will be TCU, Baylor and Tech fighting it out to the wire to see who represents the conference in the NCAA playoffs.

500-Mile Race to Feature 33 Cars

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The annual 500-mile auto race, fouled up under a single-file start in the last two years, will go back to a 33-car line-up Memorial Day this year, Anton Hulman Jr., said yesterday. The race start was changed af-

ter the pits were moved behind a retaining wall.

Although second in the Kentucky Derby of 1939 Chaldon was named horse of the year in 1939 and 1940.



The Hollywood Queens

Surrounding Coach Bob Karstens are the Harlem Globetrotters. Both teams will appear in White Coliseum Feb. 12.

Big League Baseball Stars Holding Out for More Money

By The Associated Press
More than a dozen big-salaried major league ballplayers, including Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford of New York, Hank Aaron and Warren Spahn of Milwaukee and Stan Musial of St. Louis, are among the scores still unsigned for the 1959 season.

Also among the high-priced stars who have yet to come to terms are Richie Ashburn of the Philadelphia Phillies, Jackie Jensen of Boston, Roy Sievers of Washington, Harvey Kuenn of Detroit, Ted Kluszewski of Pittsburgh, Lew Burdette of Milwaukee and Gil McDougald of New York.

Their annual salaries range from about \$27,000 for Ashburn to \$100,000 for Musial.

With only a few weeks remaining before the start of spring training only the Cleveland Indians have all their signed '59 contracts in the bag. The total of unsigned players on the other 15 clubs exceeds 250.

In some instances, including Musial's it's just a case of sitting down and talking terms, but several stars have been outspokenly critical of the contracts offered them.

This is particularly true of Mantle and several other Yankees. Mantle, who received an estimated \$75,000 last season, reportedly is

batting a \$5,000 cut. McDougald and Ford also have been asked to sign for less than last year. The Yanks have only eight players under contract.

In addition to Spahn, who got \$65,000 for his 1958 pitching efforts, Aaron \$40,000 and Burdette \$35,000, Milwaukee has yet to corral five others.

The Chicago White Sox have 17 players left to satisfy. Detroit has to line up 22. Boston has 26 to go with Jensen, the league's most valuable player, the most prominent.

Musial is one of 17 unsigned Cardinals.

Corps Baseball Given Tentative Feb. 23 Debut

Third annual Corps baseball league play was tentatively set to begin action on Monday, Feb. 23, at an organizational meeting last night.

Representatives from Air Force groups, Army battalions and Civilian dormitories laid basic groundwork for the independent league this year in addition to making several changes from the programs of the past two years.

If all goes according to plan, both the Army and Air Force leagues will have eight teams in them, which will provide participants with an extended schedule over last year. Only two civilian students were at the meeting but they felt details could be worked out to enter one "non-reg" team in each league.

It would stack up something like this: a team composed of residents of Hart, Walton, Law and Dorm 16 would join the Air Force group and Composite Band in one league, while a team made up of Puryear, Bizzell, Mitchell and Leggett residents would join the Army battalions in the other league.

Important talk centered around using day students on the various teams. Basically it was decided that each team could "sign" a maximum of two students not affiliated with any other represented organization, as long as those players did not hold a letter in Southwest Conference baseball.

Final plans are pending approval of using Travis Park in Bryan for the games, getting financial and material help from various factions on the campus and assurance of Civilian teams.

"We are looking forward to making this the best program yet," said Fred Meurer, who together with Homer Hershey is coordinating the program. "All we need is cooperation from students concerned—and the weather."

Another meeting will be held next week at which time more doubtful elements will be known.

Florida Tankmen Down Ags, 56-30

Florida State University tankmen, led by Buck Hiles and Paul Hammond, splashed their way past the outclassed A&M swimming team yesterday afternoon in Downs Natatorium for a 56-30 victory.

Both Hiles and Hammond posted dual victories for their team with A&M's Orlando Cossani duplicating the feat for the Farmers.

Hiles, Florida AAU champ last year, chalked up his wins in the 220 and 440-yard freestyle. Hammond's victories came in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle races.

Cossani, SWC record holder in the 200-yard butterfly, took first in his specialty and first in the 200-yard breaststroke. A&M's only other individual winner was John Harrington in the 220-yard backstroke.

The Aggie 440-yard medley relay posted the remaining first for the Cadets with a time of 4:11.8. The team is composed of Cossani, Harrington, Dieter Ufer and Jack Scholl.

The victory was FSU's fifth straight of the season while the defeat gave the Cadets at 0-3 record, including the SWC Relays held last December.

440-yard medley relay—1) A&M (John Harrington, Dieter Ufer, Orlando Cossani, Jack Scholl) Time: 4:11.8.
220-yard freestyle—1) Buck Hiles, FSU. 2) Dave Woodward, A&M. 3) Paxton Briley, FSU. Time: 2:14.
50-yard freestyle—1) Paul Hammond, FSU. 2) Ernie Stock, FSU. 3) Don Draper, A&M. Time: 1:24.6.

Diving—1) Curt Genders, FSU (259.20). 2) Bob Weber, FSU (251). 3) Dubby Godfrey, A&M (221.90).

200-yard fly—1) Orlando Cossani, A&M. 2) Lenny Koeth, FSU. 3) Dieter Ufer, A&M. Time: 2:34.2.

100-yard freestyle—1) Paul Hammond, FSU. 2) Ernie Stock, FSU. 3) Jack Scholl, A&M. Time: 1:54.0.

200-yard backstroke—1) John Harrington, A&M. 2) Jim Westworth, FSU. 3) Jerry Lansing, FSU. Time: 2:18.5.

440-yard freestyle—1) Buck Hiles, FSU. 2) Tom Metz, FSU. 3) Dave Woodward, A&M. Time: 4:54.5.

200-yard breaststroke—1) Orlando Cossani, A&M. 2) Howard Fillmore, FSU. 3) Bud Cole, FSU. Time: 2:38.4.

400-yard freestyle relay—1) FSU (Greg Smith, Paxton Briley, Carl Butler, Tom Metz). Time: 8:48.4.

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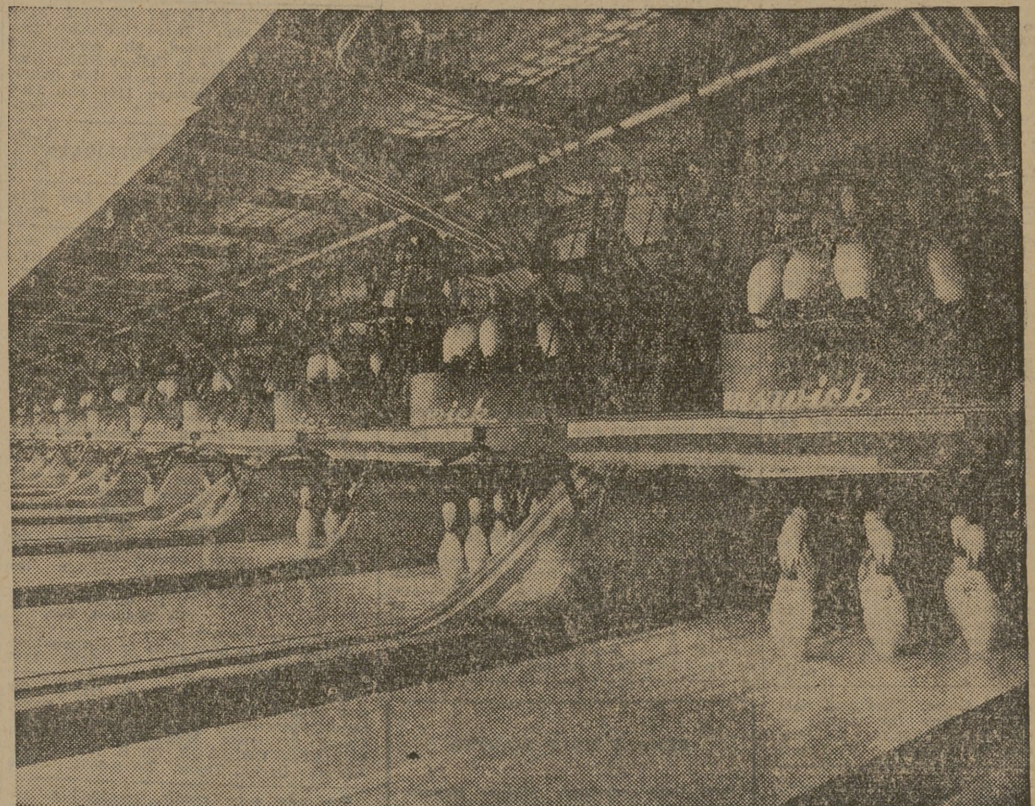
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