

Aggie-Pony Contests Big Series For Ags

After dropping two out of three to the Horned Frogs from TCU, the Cadet baseballers will try to get back on their winning ways today and tomorrow on Kyle Field against the SMU Mustangs.

Game time for the contest today is 3 p. m. and Saturday's match will begin at 2:30 p. m.

Big Bob Collins, the man from the Corps, will start on the mound for the Aggies today against Harry Morgan from SMU. Ed Singley, who has recently recovered from a pulled muscle, is scheduled to start on the hill in the second game.

In a game earlier this season, the Ags won over the Ponies, 11-8, in Dallas. Mike Spence got the win for the Aggies.

Little Leaguers from Bryan and College Station are selling tickets for the contest Saturday and the largest crowd of the season is expected to be on hand to cheer the Cadets on. The proceeds from the tickets sold by 800 boys selling will go to the Athletic Council.

Last week at Fort Worth, the Aggies fattened up their batting averages in spite of two losses. Byron Barber went to bat 12 times during the three game series and collected nine safeties which include three home runs and a double.

Second Sacker Jerry Cobb and Right Fielder Ray Hall also feasted on the Horned Frog pitching.

The Aggies now have a 11-7-1 record and are 3-5 in SWC play.

Hall is in the seventh position in SWC hitting with an average of .395. Catcher Bill Puckett and Barber follow with .379 and .378 respectively.



Offense Ahead Of Defense In Southwest Conference

Special To The Battalion
DALLAS, April 28—Offense is far ahead of defense as the Southwest Conference baseball teams head into the second half of the campaign this week.

The hitting is terrific, the fielding mediocre and the pitching unimpressive as Texas moves on unbeaten in defense of its championship. The Longhorns will be challenged in Waco Friday and Saturday by an improving Baylor crew that is a hot runner-up in team batting to Texas (.325 vs. .326) and leading the league in fielding (.949).

Texas Has 30 Errors
Strangely enough, Texas is a poor last in fielding, having committed 30 errors while achieving eight victories and one tie.

Baylor's Ronnie Goodwin, the football hero, has roared into the

batting league with a fabulous .619. Slowed early by a shoulder injury, he has been red hot at the hot corner since becoming a regular. In a recent game with SMU he handled 10 assists in a single game as his fielding kept pace with his hitting.

Six batters in the league are over the .400-mark and three of them are in the TCU lineup that has only a 4-4 record despite a .322 team batting average. They are Cliff Justice (.462), Buddy Iles (.429) and Leon Baze (.412), the third baseman who leads the league in home runs with six.

SMU's Glenn Gregory, who shares the greatest number of hits (15) with four others, has hit safely in every conference game. So have Pat Rigby, the Texas third baseman who has not been struck out this season, and Catcher Dick Mullen of the Mustangs.

Making Comeback
Phil Hipps, the Texas second baseman who is making a come-

back as a senior, leads in runs batted in (16) and is co-leader in number of hits with Gregory, A&M's Ray Hall and Rigby. Outfielder David Skinner of the Longhorns leads in runs scored (16), while Terry Cobb, A&M's second baseman has pulled up even with Baze for slugging honors. Each has 32 total bases, and the Aggie has four homers, one triple and five doubles among his thirteen hits.

Texas has four pitchers who are unbeaten, with Bobby Callaway heading the list with three victories. Teamate Tom Belcher has the better ERA, however, and his 8-0 shut out of Rice last week was one of only two achieved in the league this year. The other was by TCU's Don Schmidt, who blanked Rice in a six-inning game. Schmidt, Weldon McFarland of Rice and Jack Ward of Baylor also have fashioned three victories each, with the Frog southpaw the busiest through 37-2/3 innings of duty.

Team	Games	Won	Lost	Pct.
Texas	8	8	0	1.000
Baylor	8	6	2	.750
TCU	8	4	4	.500
Rice	9	4	5	.444
A&M	8	3	5	.375
SMU	9	0	9	.000

(Tie game between A&M and Texas does not count in team standings)

Both Track Teams Idle This Week

This weekend will be used as a nursing period for both the varsity and freshman track teams since the varsity had to drop out of the Drake Relays because of injuries.

Track Coach Charlie Thomas said that the Aggies will be unable to make the trip to Des Moines, Iowa, for the annual Drake Relays because two top sprinters are out with pulled muscles. Both Bob Clark and Ed Williams have been troubled with injuries for over a month.

If the Aggies were going to make the trip they would be taking some good times with them in Curtis Roberts' 9.5 100-yard dash and Eugene Dornak's 20.9 in the 220.

E. L. Ener set a new school record in the mile run at the Dallas Invitational when he ran a 4:14.6 which bettered J. D. Hampton's old record of 4:17.2 set in 1949.

Thad Crooks had his best time of the year when he ran the 880-yard run in 1:53.2 while competing in the Border Olympics.

The fastest times in both the high and low hurdles this year are held by Kenneth Ripstein when he raced to a 15.0 in the 120-yard high at a meet in Austin and a

24.5 in the 220-yard low hurdles at Beaumont.

In the field events Charles Tiemann holds the best distances in the shot put with a toss of 50-9 feet and also in the discus with a sling of 148-0 feet. Jim Brewer at Beaumont threw the javelin 199-11 which is the best throw by an Aggie this season.

So far this year the Fish have looked very impressive behind the sprinting of Pat Mitchell, R. E. Merritt and Thomas Burns. Mitchell holds the top times for the freshmen in the 100-yard dash with a 9.7 and a 20.9 in the 220-yard dash. He ran the century in the time of 9.7 in both the Austin and Houston Triangular meets.

R. E. Merritt scooted to a time of 48.6 in the 440-yard dash in the Austin meet to hold the top spot in that race for the Fish.

Big Danny Roberts, the man with the muscles, is still in the lead in the javelin with a throw of 187-5, in the shot put with a 54-1 toss and in the discus with a 51-9/2.

Both the varsity and the freshmen will travel to Austin on May 4 to compete in a triangular meet with Texas and Rice.

Linksters Pace SWC Standings With Two Left

The defending Southwest Conference champion Aggie golf team is doing it again as they are leading the pack with only two matches to play.

They have a record of 18 1/2 wins to 5 1/2 losses while second place Texas Tech has a 15 1/2-8 1/2 mark.

The Aggie foursome is made up of Ralph Johnston, Billy Martindale, John Lively and Dickie Dube. Johnston is the individual leader in the conference with a 4-0 record while Lively is in the third spot with three wins and one loss. Martindale is tied for seventh with a 2 1/2-1 1/2 record.

In the four ball leaders, Martindale and Johnston are fourth with 2 1/2 wins to 1 1/2 losses.

The Aggies will host the Baylor Bears on the A&M course this Saturday. Baylor is third in the SWC with 14-10.

Texas journeys to Aggie land for the last match of the season for the Cadets on May 6.

Thomas, Boston, Rudolph To Highlight Drake Relays

By The Associated Press
DES MOINES, Iowa — The world's best broad jumpers, most consistent high jumper and fastest female headline the two-day Drake Relays starting Friday.

Nearly 1,000 track and field athletes are bidding for honors in the 52nd running of the meet. But John Thomas of Boston University and Ralph Boston and Wilma Rudolph of Tennessee A&I are the standouts.

Thomas has cleared 7 feet 7 1/2 inches in the high jump and has an all-time best of 7-3/4.

Boston, Olympic champion last year, will compete in a special broad jump with Anthony Watson

of Oklahoma, the leading challenger.

Miss Rudolph, winner of three Olympic medals, will run in a special 100-yard dash. She will oppose five Iowa high school girls.

Finals in seven events will be completed Friday and the others Saturday.

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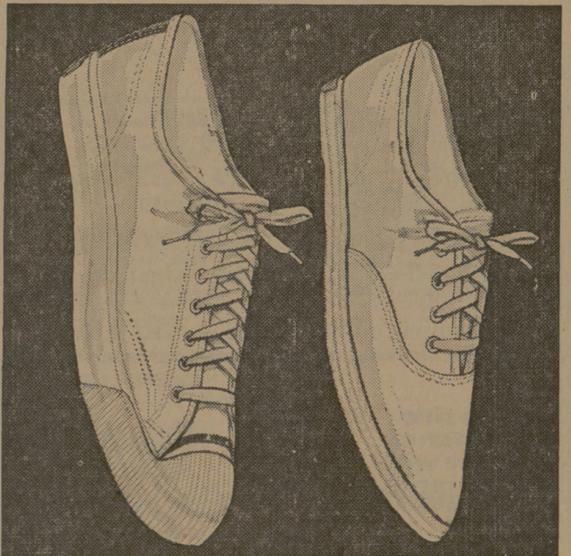
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