

AT KYLE FIELD

# Tracksters Host Owls, Horns In Triangular Meet Saturday

Three Southwest Conference track teams—Rice, Texas and A&M—will open up their varsity outdoor schedules here Saturday afternoon with a triangular meet at Kyle Field.

The Longhorns and Aggies are expected to contest for first place honors with Rice coming in third.

Field events will begin at 2 p.m. and the races are scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Several stars of last year's outdoor season and the state's heaviest indoor program of all time this winter will vie for honors.

**Double Winner Looms**

Texas has Ray Cunningham, the brilliant hurdler, who looms as a double winner; Loy Gunter, who won the mile run in last year's SWC freshman meet in 4:18.7; John Cram, freshman meet broad jump defending titlist at 24-1/4; and a promising mile relay team composed of Randy Curson, Jim Cooper, Wayne Porter and football great Ray Poage.

Cunningham skipped over the 120-yard high hurdles in 13.7 seconds and the 220-yard low hurdles in 22.5 for wind-assisted firsts in the conference varsity meet last May.

Rice Coach Emmett Brunson brings the school's pole vault record holder, Fred Hanson, who in his last outing at the Dallas Indoor Meet topped SMU's great Dexter Elkins.

**Elkins-Hanson Clash**

Both contestants vaulted 15-0/4, but Hanson had one less vault and was awarded first place. Hanson has gone as high as 15-2, best in Rice history, and second best in Southwest Conference annals.

Hanson is also the defending conference broad jump champ, leaping 24 feet, 6 1/2 inches in his own pit at Houston last May.

Another strong entry among Brunson's 11-man squad is Dave Edwards in the javelin. He has a career-best heave of 218-5.

Coach Charlie Thomas will rely on the field events, distance races and relays in quest of victory.

**Leg Injuries Again**

Leg injuries—an Aggie plague all last season—has hit again and Thomas' three fastest sprinters will not run the dashes. They are Pat Mitchell, Curtis Roberts and Ed Williams.

The sensation in the indoor field meet events, Danny Roberts, makes his outdoor varsity debut owning SWC freshman records in both the shot and discus (53-9 and 156-10 1/2). He will be backed by a couple of other strong Aggies, Charlie Tieman in the shot and Terry Robinson in the discus.

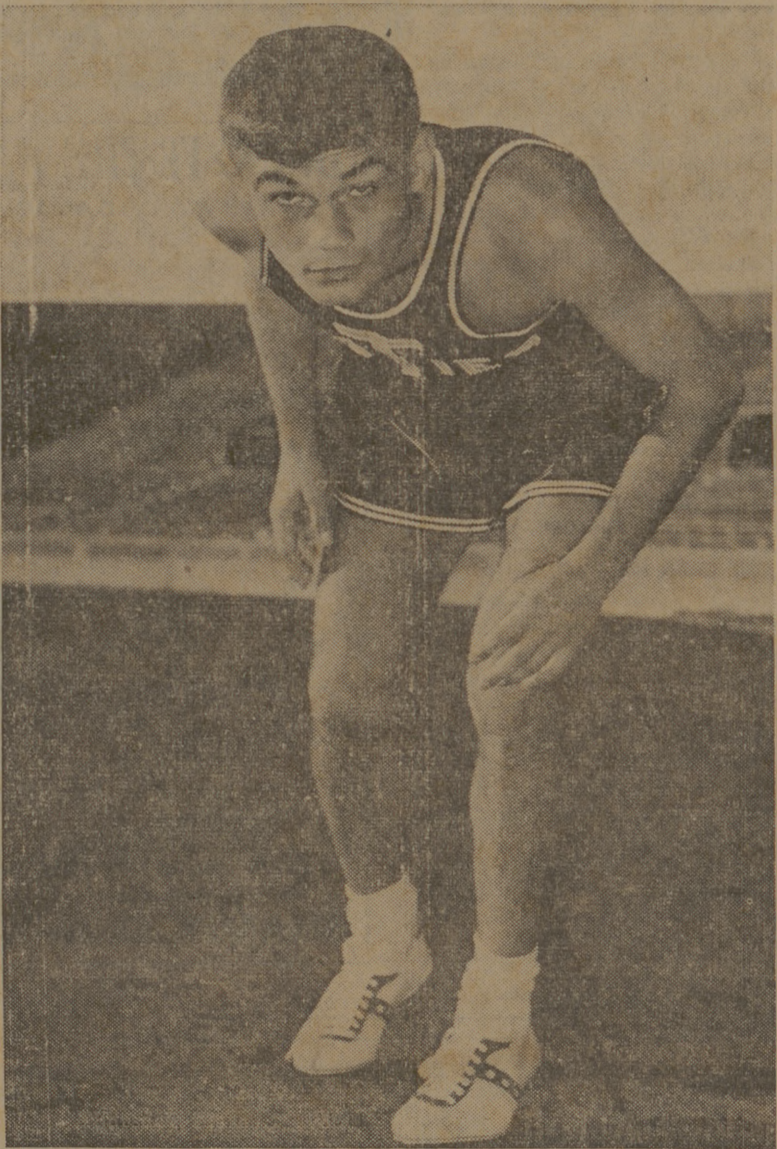
E. L. Ener, conference record holder who led the Aggies to a 1961 cross country title, will team with Turk Ilhan Bilgutay to form a formidable duo in the two-mile run. Thad Crooks in the mile run,

and Don Deaver in the high jump are highly ranked in those events.

**Dornak in Sprints**

A&M's only experienced hand in the sprints will be Gene Dornak, who will join R. E. Merritt, Jerry Anderson and George Tedford to run the 440-yard relay. The Aggie mile relay group will be composed of Mitchell, Anderson, Merritt and Tedford.

Froggie Lovvorn will be making his outdoor debut as new Longhorn coach. Clyde Littlefield is advisor for Texas' track program.



Ilhan Bilgutay ... star distance man from Turkey

# How To Hire Football Coaches

EDINBURG, Tex.—(P)—When the time comes—as it inevitably does to all high schools—to get a new football coach, what must be done?

There apparently isn't any pattern, but Supt. Thomas S. Pickens of Edinburg High School may have set one.

Fred Akers, former backfield coach at Port Arthur Thomas

Jefferson, has been hired as athletic director and head football coach at Edinburg. How Edinburg and Akers got together is quite a story.

The school board in this largest district in area in the United States decided it was time for a new coach. Travis Cook had resigned after a pretty dismal four years.

Pickens, who is unique as a superintendent in that he proclaims to know nothing about football or hiring a football coach, was asked by the school board to find someone for the members to interview.

So what did Pickens do?

He wrote every college athletic director and physical education department head in Texas. In addition he selected 30 high school head coaches and wrote to them.

Pickens told them Edinburg needed a coach. He asked them to pass the information along to their own people or to their friends.

In sending out the letter, Pickens pointed out that he would not release to news media the name of any applicant.

The superintendent asked interested men to apply and said the board would review all the applications.

The board screened some 70 applications, board narrowed the list to 14 men and asked them for personal interviews in executive sessions.

Pickens told applicants the board would work with the new coach on staff matters he considered essential to the best possible program. He also told them no previous commitment had been made to anyone and that the salary necessarily was limited but no limit had been set.

The flood of answers made the board good-naturedly admonish Pickens for the job he did. He got the volunteer board members more work than it wanted to do.

The board began to narrow the field further. But it had trouble.

It had too many good men. Finally, however, the board found the man it wanted. All seven members agreed independently that Akers was the man. He was offered a three-year contract at \$8,000 a year and took it.

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