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IN RECENT WEEKS

Aggie Track And Field Men Show Improvement, Success

By LARRY SMITH
Battalion Sports Editor
Coach Charlie Thomas' track corps, freshman and varsity, have

been coming up with some fine times and measurements in recent weeks on their tour of West and Central Texas relays.

At the San Angelo and Texas Relays, the Aggies walked, or rather ran off with the sprint medley relay and in doing so probably became the top team in the nation in that event.

In the West Texas city of San Angelo, the team was made up of George Tedford, the junior sprinter from Shreveport; Curtis Roberts, the junior from Dallas; Jerry Anderson, sophomore from Gorman; and Thad Crooks, senior from Hooks. At Austin last weekend, Ed Williams, junior from Jena, La., took Roberts' place in the 220-yard leg.

This team of relayers has improved its time in this race from a 3:24.5 at San Angelo to 3:21.4 at Austin. A&M has entered the sprint medley, which is a 440-220-220-880, three times and has been victorious on the three occasions. They won at the Odessa Relays with R. E. Merritt running the 440 and Tedford taking over for Williams in the 220.

Despite all these victories in this race, Thomas has switched the team three different times. That should prove that the Aggies are stronger this season than in recent years.

To have a good relay team, it is necessary to have a fine man to start it off from the blocks. Now that Merritt, who was counted on to be A&M's top quartermiler this spring, is out with mononucleosis, Thomas was in a bind for a good man. He looked Tedford's way and quickly found the right man.

Tedford has been a good sprinter in his three years at Aggie-land, but he just seemed to be saving himself on the first 220 yards, then coming in like the wind on the final 220. This spring he has been going all out all the way and this was his turning point. At Austin, he turned in a 47.1 quarter from a running start, which is good in anyone's league.

Although Tedford is a top 440-yard man, he is having to take a back seat to a freshman by the name of Ted Nelson, who ran a 46.2 leg on the freshman mile relay at the Texas Relays.

Nelson seemed to be a bit disturbed over losing the race in spite of his terrific time. ACC's first year team won the event in 3:12.6 and set a Texas Relays record in that division. He remarked to Thomas the other day, "It's not the time that counts, it's who wins the race. And I hate to get beat by anyone."

He admitted that he really wants another crack at ACC and with the determination of the freshman from Andrews, he is going to beat that relay team and everyone else.

The freshman tracksters get back into action in a triangular meet with SMU and Rice here on Apr. 19. The varsity will also compete in the meet.

The get-together should be interesting to watch since freshman Billy Foster of SMU beat Nelson in the 100-yard dash at the Texas Relays. Each has won one in this spring's meetings.

A&M's varsity track team goes to Dallas Saturday for the Dallas Invitational Meet which attracts some of the top men in this section of the country.

The Yankees will hold their 1962 Old Timers' Day on Saturday, July 28. The Chicago White Sox will be their "for real" opponents.



Thad Crooks
... captain of team & ace half-miler

Intramurals

Class B tennis quarter-finals ended yesterday with F-1, S-1 and D-3 victorious. Semi-finals begin today.

Overall standings in the open intramural fencing tournament have been compiled and a name tops the list of the three individual winners. Jim Adams took second place in all three events, was named overall leader of the meet.

Adams came up second in epee competition, having a less touch scored on his opponent than the winner, Butch Altonovitch with the sabre. Adams won through the grueling with that weapon to take the title.

The individual first place winners for the tournament were Ralph in the foil, Adams in epee and Floyd Fuqua in sabre.

The score for the Class B quarter-finals were F-1 over G-3, 3-0; Sqd. 8 over C-1, 3-0; and over G-3, 3-0.

In Class A softball yesterday Sqd. 9 beat Sqd. 14, 4-1; E-1 A-3 tied at 6-6; E-2 defeated 5-1; A-2 won over B-3, 5-0; and downed D-3, 5-2.

In the only Class B softball played yesterday, E-2 beat 1-2. In Class A tennis yesterday B-1 downed Sqd. 2, 2-1.

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