

Nichols Places Second In Open

Bobby Nichols, a '58 graduate of A&M, came within two strokes of winning one of America's top golf tournaments last week at the National Open in Oakmont, Pa. The 26-year-old finished with a 72-hole total of 285 and tied with former University of Houston golfer, Phil Rodgers, for second prize of \$5,500.

A serious auto accident years ago almost ended his sporting career. But today one of the best on the professional circuit.

Two years after receiving a degree from A&M, Nichols pro and is now playing Midland, Texas.

His scorecard at the Open like this: 70-72-70-73-28

Denver and Philadelphia were completely empty after the 1961 Christmas season.

Going into the final 18 holes, Nichols was tied with Arnold Palmer for the lead, but he slipped to a two-over par 73 on the final round.

Jack Nicklaus, former Ohio State golfing champion, downed Palmer for the top money in an 18-hole playoff last Sunday.

Nichols, a native of Louisville, Ky., was recruited to A&M by football coach Paul (Bear) Bryant in 1954 as the head coach and athletic director was building a golf team that has been the terror of the Southwest Conference in the past six years.

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AGS PICKED IN FIRST DIVISION

Texas Again Favorite In SWC

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The major change in the football rules this fall will allow a team to kill a punt inside the opposition's 10-yard line. Previously the ball had to be left alone and unless it killed itself inside the 10, it would become a touchback and the opposition would get the pigskin on its 20.

Royal has been an advocate of giving the kicking team more advantages.

Texas comes up with a kicker who may turn out to be the finest in Southwest Conference history. He is Ernie Koy, son of a Longhorn great. Already fabulous stories are being told of Koy's mighty kicking.

Well, with such a formidable kicking game and the way left open for putting the receiving team in the hole by downing the kicks inside the 10, Texas ought to be sitting pretty indeed.

The Longhorns already were

being regarded as well above the field in the Southwest Conference and likely to be the pre-season No. 1 pick in the nation. Texas just flat has the men to do it.

There are 26 lettermen roaming the 40 acres with prospects of a stronger team than won nine out of ten and the Cotton Bowl to boot last campaign. Texas has such fine backs as Jerry Cook, Tommy Ford, Ray Poage and Pat Culpepper, that demon linebacker, and the Longhorns are two and three deep at all of the line positions.

The main question seems to be who's going to finish second. From here it looks like Texas Christian, the only team able to beat Texas last year but most erratic on all other Saturdays. There are 29 lettermen in Frogville and they have a line that will average 6 feet 4 inches in height to the man. Sonny Gibbs, the 6-7 quarterback, is being boomed for All-America.

Texas A&M has 28 lettermen and those Aggies are big and powerful. Texas Tech comes up with 26 lettermen and nine starters from last year, headed by fullback Coolidge Hunt.

The Aggies and Techs should be greatly improved and the former ought to make a real bid for a first division berth.

Baylor has 23 lettermen, including Ronnie Goodwin, also being boosted for All-America. The Bears may be better than they were last season when injuries ruined their chances.

Southern Methodist has 25 lettermen, which sounds like the Methodists should be loaded for new coach Hayden Fry. However, those fellows were able to win only two games last season. They would have to be improved about 50 per cent to win two more than that.

Rice has only 12 lettermen but Coach Jess Neely says he's going to have a good team. It wouldn't appear good enough to contend for the championship, however.

Which brings up Arkansas, the team that always confounds the critics. Arkansas hasn't been picked for the championship in years but has won one outright and tied for two in the last three seasons.

There are only 17 lettermen in the ranks of the Razorbacks this season which, however, may not

mean much. Arkansas had quite a red shirt list last fall and those guys got almost as much experience as the men who played. Also, Frank Broyles is about the finest coach in the country.

This time the critics are quite wary about Arkansas. They aren't planning on getting caught off guard again.

But it doesn't appear here that anybody is going to handle Texas. This might be the best team of all at the state university. It wouldn't have to be much better than last season's to earn such a distinction.



Young Bullfighter

Eloy Cavazos, 10, of Monterrey, Mexico, is shown performing in the bullring at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, against a young bull. Young Cavazos has one ambition—to someday be Mexico's top bullfighter. In this exhibition he did not kill the bull, but plans to enter the ring again and next time make a kill. (AP Wirephoto)

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