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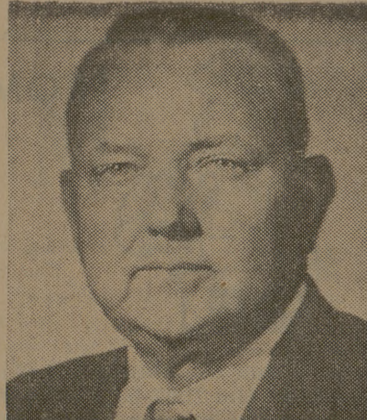
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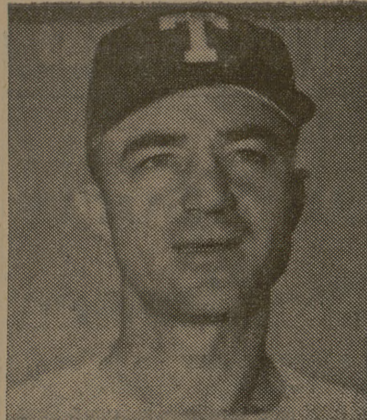
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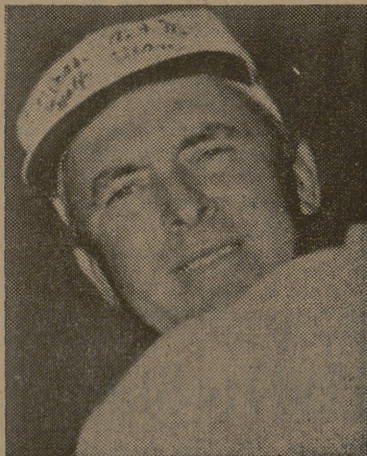
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FROM SEPTEMBER TO MAY

Ags Active In SWC Sports

From A&M's gridiron opener there will be sports activity Sept. 21 until the middle of May aplenty for Aggie fans.

A&M University is one of the few schools in the Southwest Conference that field teams in the league's eight annual organized sports: football, cross country, basketball, swimming, track, tennis, golf and baseball.

From the way it looks at this stage of the game, the Cadets will be top contenders in most of these races.

EVEN BEFORE football fever

has reached its peak Coach Ray Putnam's Aggie cross country squad will go into action against members of other conferences and independents. Early in December the distancemen will be out to win their third consecutive SWC title.

Around the end of football season Shelby Metcalf will be trying to shape up a team to launch his first year as head basketball coach.

With deadeye Bennie Lenox, who rewrote A&M's offensive record list last season, available for one more season Metcalf shouldn't have too many worries.

The 6-2 Lenox will get ample help from former "Mr. Basketball of Louisiana" Gerald Woodard, guard Paul Timmons, rangy Lynn Merritt and last year's Fish whiz, John Beasley.

COACH ART ADAMSON'S swimmers were young and green last winter. But with a year's varsity experience under their belts they're expected to work their way up among the leaders this time.

With last season's wounds finally healed, and most of the top-notch material returning, Coach Charles Thomas' track team will be

strong contenders. They'll be led again this season by weightman Danny Roberts, whose only shot put competition in the south is new Aggie recruit Randy Matson from Pampa.

Hurdler, relayman and high-jumper John Collins is expected to be back in good shape after injuries confined him last season. And the Andrews Flash, Ted Nelson, who twice defeated olympians Crish Cushman and Eddie Southern last winter, will be on hand for the relays and sprints.

ALL OF COACH Omar Smith's young netters will be returning. With standout Richard Barker in the lead, the 1963-64 tennis team should be in for one of its better seasons.

Coach Henry Ransom has a mania for taking SWC golf titles, so even though all the match team members from last spring are gone he's clearing a place in the cupboard for the fifth straight trophy.

Don Custer, Pete Hidalgo, Richard Ratliff and Jay Ferguson will be among the top-flighters primed to keep up the Aggie golf tradition.

THE BULK of the same Cadet baseball squad that has come within a few base hits of the SWC championship for two seasons will return. Coach Tom Chandler will be missing three regulars, but has as many men with experience to fill their shoes.

Everyone's Athletic Tastes Satisfied By Campus Clubs

In addition to the regular program operated by the Athletic Department and the Intramural Office there are a number of other sports offered on the A&M campus.

Many clubs have been organized here so everyone's athletic tastes can be satisfied.

COACH R. K. WIEDER of the Department of Health and Physical Education serves as an advisor to fencing and wrestling clubs. Teams in these sports often compete with representatives from other colleges.

An active gymnastics club under the direction of Henry Walton competes in many meets during the spring.

Last year the A&M Handball Club was re-organized after new courts were provided on campus. The club ran off a tournament here and also traveled to Houston to play other teams.

A judo club was organized last fall. Under the coaching of advisor Capt. Lester R. Hewitt, assistant professor of Air Science, several

Aggies have been learning this ancient sport and art of self-defense.

THE AGGIE RODEO Club has been active on the campus for many years. A member of the Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the club competes at college rodeos all over the Southwest, often earning the right to participate in regional and national affairs.

The club sponsors one of the largest intercollegiate rodeos in the area here each year. There is also an annual Aggie Rodeo at which students compete for campus honors.

Under the direction of members of the Department of Military Science the university fields strong rifle and pistol teams each season.

A number of bowling tournaments are held in the Memorial Student Center each year. Aggies also bowl in local leagues.

FOR THE PAST three years A&M has turned out one of the finest match bowling teams in the South. Its members are no strangers to regional and national competition of the National Intercollegiate Bowling Association.

Out at Easterwood Airport the A&M Parachute Club jumps each weekend. Its active members participate in many precision jumping and sky-diving meets.

Also at the airfield, the long-established Flying Kadets train for intercollegiate competition in stunt and precision flying.

Soccer, Cricket Teams Bring International Flavors To A&M

Sports at A&M come in foreign flavors too.

Within the last few years an enthusiastic group of students, most of them from Latin America, have built up one of the finest soccer teams in the state. And just recently a group of British, Indian and Pakistani students has introduced the traditional English game of cricket to Aggieland.

The soccer team, which competes against teams from a few Texas colleges and clubs from nearby cities, went unbeaten and untied for three years until last season when they tied once and lost the state championship game to a club from San Antonio.

A member of the Houston Soccer League, the A&M team plays almost every weekend during the

entire school year. It practices each afternoon on a field south of the main campus.

THE SOCCER TEAM has part of its expenses paid by the Memorial Student Center. It has no coach, and the team members pay the rest of the expenses for uniforms, equipment and transportation.

The newly-formed cricket club plays and practices on one of the campus lawns. It recently won its first game against the University of Houston.

Although most of the members of these two teams are foreign students, a few Aggies from this country have joined. Members of both clubs say they wish more Americans would come out and enjoy their sports with them.

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