

# Texas JuCo Track Meet Opens Today On Kyle Field

The best junior collegiate track men in the state will migrate to College Station Friday and Saturday for the Texas Junior College Track and Field Meet, with Kyle Field the site of competition.

Opening events will get underway Friday afternoon with the preliminaries in the pole vault, discus and javelin slated for 3 p.m. Finals in those events will follow the preliminaries.

Preliminary heats in the 440-

yard dash will start Friday at 3:30 p.m. and will be followed by the 100-yard dash, 440-yard relay, 120-yard hurdles, 880-yard dash and 220-yard dash.

Saturday competition will open at 1 p.m. with preliminaries in the shot put, broad jump and high jump. All final running events will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Nine teams will be competing in the meet, representing Blinn, Cisco, Hill, San Antonio, San Jacinto,

Schreiner, Temple, Victoria and Wharton.

The Victoria Pirates are favored to take top honors with Blinn finishing second and Schreiner third.

Victoria is led by the strong distance man, Roger Kirkwood, who is favored to win the 880-yard dash and mile run. Kirkwood, who scored 19 points at the Border Olympics by winning both events plus the two-mile run, has been clocked in the mile at 4:17.3, and in the 880 at 1:52.7. He will also throw the javelin.

A sprinter's duel is expected to develop between Gilbert Smith of Blinn and Larry McCartney of Victoria. Smith has run a 9.6 100 and a 21.5 220. McCartney has been timed at 9.7 in the 100 and 21.7 in the 220.

The 440 baton battle will feature Blinn, 42.3; San Jacinto, 42.4; Schreiner, 42.3, and Victoria, 42.0. The mile relay race will be a fight between Victoria, 3:18.4, and Schreiner, 3:18.3.

## Ag Gymnastics Club Enters Dallas Meet

A seven-man team from the A&M Gymnastics Club will compete in the Southwestern Gymnastics Meet in Dallas Friday and Saturday, club sponsor N. A. Ponthieux said Thursday.

The Aggies will enter a variety of events in the novice, junior and senior divisions of the regional meet.

Scheduled to compete are Mike Beaumont, John Dale, Bill Farrell, Michael Batsell, Kenneth Vanek, Beau Biron and Bob Spellman.

## FROM THE SIDELINES

# A Sports Editor Bows Out

By JIM BUTLER

Knocking around the state with A&M's athletic teams this year has been a great experience for me and I hope has helped me to bring to you, the readers, coverage of Aggie sports to the extensive degree that you desire and deserve.

As all coaches know and A&M coaches have expressed, student support is an absolute necessity for a successful and victorious athletic program. And after a disappointing start, due to many fission factors, the students revived and reached a height of spirit that has not been seen on this campus in many years, if not in the history of A&M.

It has been my extreme pleasure to be in the thick of a promising finish to football season, the apex of thrilling championship basketball and possibly accompanying Southwest Conference titles in baseball, track and golf.

But all this would have been impossible without the cooperation of Athletic Director Hank Foldberg and his excellent staff of coaches. And all these sideline slants have given me the over-powering feeling that under Foldberg's direction this is the opening of an era—an era that will see Aggieland with the most well-rounded and successful athletic program in the Southwest Conference.

## Offers Some Words

Just as a good coach is ineffective without a good team so will Foldberg's success rest on the prowess of his staff. Having come into contact with every sports organization in the SWC as well as many outside the league, I can honestly say that a finer group of gentlemen and coaches cannot be found in Texas than occupy offices in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

On the basis of these observations, I am going to hazard some predictions on events my successors will report to Aggies in the near future.

Next season will find the football team at 6-4

and third place in the conference. In three years, A&M will be playing in the Cotton Bowl.

Next March will again see Shelby Metcalf's cagers in the NCAA playoffs after again edging out Texas Tech. John Beasley will be honorable mention all-America as a junior and a full-fledged all-American as a senior on another SWC championship team.

With the tremendous recruiting job done by Metcalf it is difficult to see A&M in any place but first in the next five years.

With Tom Chandler sporting the two best sophomores in the conference in Allen Koonce and Lance Cobb and Billy Crain plus pitching sensation Steve Hillhouse, the Aggie baseball teams will continue in their winning ways with at least two titles in the next three years.

## Predicts Winners

If Charlie Thomas can shake the jinx that has dogged his track team in the last couple of years, he should mold an excellent group of freshmen this year into a championship contingent next year.

Omar Smith has come up with the best tennis team to represent A&M in many years and loses no players for next season: another title.

The golf team has been at the top consistently, but tougher competition is making title defenses increasingly difficult. But Henry Ransom's talent as a coach is unequalled in the SWC. Championship will be hard to come by but they'll be in the top three at least.

Swimming is also on the upswing with two of the best freshmen tankers in the state.

That's the way it looks to me after a year in the press box and dressing room. I can hear cries of "Dreamer!" now. But when you stop laughing, sit back and look at the records, look at the players, look at the coaches and look at the other schools. They say every dog has its day and Aggieland's day is here. The next year we've been crying for is only a short six months away.

## Weekend Sports

Sporting events, meets and games scheduled for Aggie athletic teams this weekend are:

FRIDAY — Varsity baseball, SMU at Dallas; golf, Texas Tech at Lubbock; track, Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan.

SATURDAY — Varsity baseball, SMU at Dallas; track, Kansas Relays; tennis, Texas here.

SUNDAY — A&M Parachute Team in exhibition at Lake Balcar, 2 p.m.

## 13 Cagers, 9 Fish Earn A&M Letters

Thirteen varsity players and nine freshmen have been named for Aggie basketball letters.

Varsity lettermen on the Southwest Conference championship team are Billy Atkinson, Joe Beasley, Cecil Ferguson, Bill Galloway, Bennie Lenox, Lynn Merritt, Ken Norman, John Reynolds, Ed Robinette, Dick Stringfellow, Tim Timmerman and Paul Timmins.

Freshman lettermen are Charles Caldwell, Tommy Casey, Ray Dickerson, Reggie Gilbreath, Larry Kirk, Curley Lenox, Elmer Prugh, James Smith and Gene Steindorf.

In addition, David Stiles, student coach who handled the freshmen, received a varsity letter as a manager. Charles Hammond, Freshman numerals went to manager Gary Schmidt and trainer Phillip Myers.

## Aggie Netters Host Texas Longhorns

After big wins over Texas Tech and Pan American College, Aggie tennis men will host the University of Texas Saturday here on the Aggie tennis courts.

Slated to meet the Longhorns are Richard Barker, Ricky Williams, Raul Contreras and Luis Rojas. Doubles combinations should be Rojas-Contreras and Barker-Williams.

## First Big Boat Race Of 1964 Slated On Weekend Near Here

The Summer Recreation Program Boat Regatta, sponsored by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, will get underway this Saturday and Sunday at Lake Balcar, 11 miles west of Caldwell.

The racing event, sanctioned by the National Outboard Assn., will feature championship boat racers from Illinois, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Iowa and Texas.

Also slated on the program for Sunday at 2:15 p.m. is an exhibi-

tion by the A&M Parachute team comprised of Bob Richardson, Skip Heard and John Olden. The skydivers will make 30 second delayed falls from 7,200 feet.

The boating event is the first of the 1964 season and first race on the championship tour. Many of the 1963 championship drivers are expected to attend the meet.

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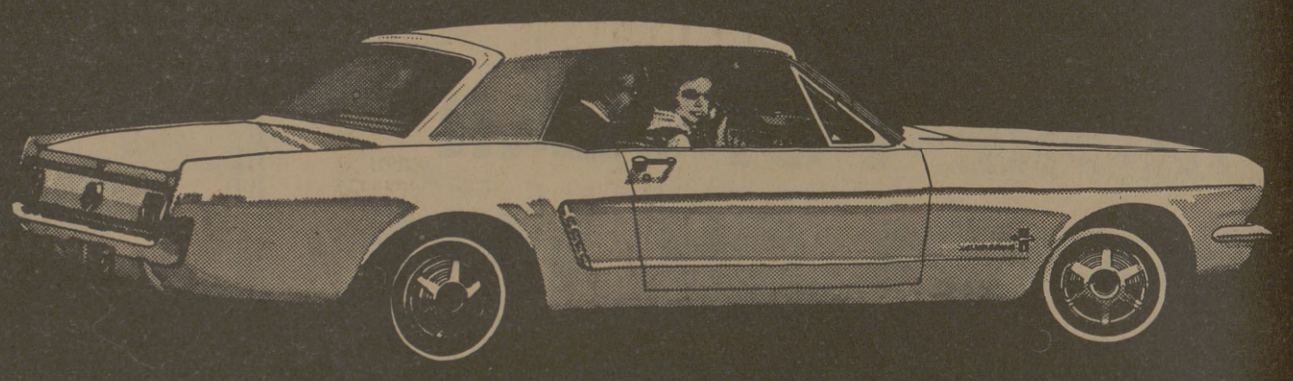
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