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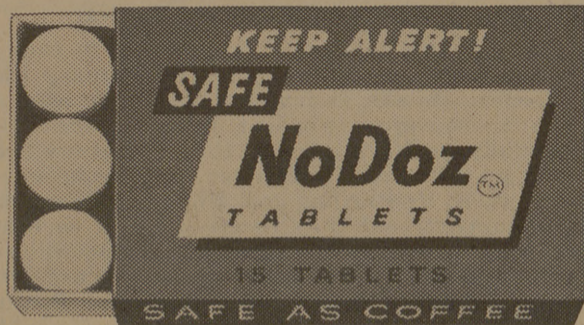
The A&M University tennis team blanked Baylor Saturday to finish second in the conference while the Ag golfers dropped their last match to Texas and wound up the season in fourth place.

Coach Omar Smith's netters shut out their last three conference opponents to close out the finest tennis season in A&M history. The Aggie netmen concluded the campaign with 15-4 season record and a 29-7 conference reading. Rice drilled Texas 4-2 in Austin Saturday to sew up the title with a 32-4 mark.

UT dashed the hopes of the Ag linksters by downing them, 5 1/2-1 1/2, in Austin Saturday. The win gave the Longhorns a 28-14 conference record and their first title in 10 years.

The Aggies finished with a 22 1/2-19 1/2 conference reading and a fourth place standing in the SWC.

This year's campaign marked the end of a fabulous string by Coach Henry Ransom. His Aggie golf teams had annexed the conference title the last four seasons.



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FROM THE Sidelines

By MAYNARD ROGERS

Aggie cinder chances of winning the Southwest Conference Track and Field Meet in Lubbock this weekend are about as certain as a bet on the favorite in the Kentucky Derby. No one knows the chances, and like in most races everything hangs by a serif of the little word "if."

According to Coach Charlie Thomas, Maroon track mentor for the past six seasons, the Ags are coming around. Most improved of the varsity lot are the sprinters which boosted two tenths of a second off the school 440-relay mark last Saturday in the A&M-Texas-Rice triangle meet in Houston with a 41.2 effort.

And then comes the word. "If" Ted Nelson, Richard Hall, Robert Martin and Pat Mitchell could match their best mark of the season the Aggies could at least take a fourth for a few points.

"If" Jerry Anderson could get his leg back in shape, he could team with Nelson, and whoever is going to run in the mile relay for another high place and more points.

You can see that the Aggies' fate in the meet depends upon strong places for points and not just gold medals. "If" Danny Roberts, last year's double king in the shot put and discus, can somehow manage to get by his arch rivals from Baylor, Jim Lancaster and Frank Mazza, in either of the two events, and if the others in the weight platoon can get places A&M may pick up more needed points.

Rice and Texas tend to be the pre-meet favorites. Texas has a crop of distance men that could make a complete sweep of the conference. Rice makes no bones about its hurdler Bobby May and its swift mile relay team.

Thomas thinks the meet will go to one of those two schools, but A&M may sneak in. At least they have an outside chance.

But, it all depends "if" A&M's everything John Collins can run hard enough to place in the hurdles and does what he is supposed to do in the high jump and broad jump. Collins has the best high bar effort in the conference to date at 6-6 1/2.

Now the final "if." If every one does the best they can with what they have, the Aggies will at least pull the places and points they need, added to the first they should already have, to win their first SWC track meet since 1953.

I wonder if Smokey Harper will be in Lubbock this weekend to tell the boys what he thinks of them when the going gets tough. They said it worked last year.

A&M To Host Weekend Rodeo As Ags Shoot At NIRA Finals

The annual Aggie Rodeo, sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, will get underway Thursday at 8 p.m., with several Aggie Cowboys seeking berths in the NIRA finals.

The western event will run through Saturday with nightly shows. Toughest competition is expected to come from Sam Houston State Teachers College and Pan American College.

Richard Fussell, publicity chairman for the rodeo, said the rodeo will be kicked off with a noon banquet Thursday at the Ramada Inn.

According to Fussell, the A&M rodeo team has a good chance of nailing down a spot in the finals of the U. S. Intercollegiate Rodeo held later this school year in Douglas, Wyo.

Aggie rodeos enhanced their chances to make the national meet when they won the East Texas State College rodeo held in Commerce over the weekend.

John South of A&M took all-around cowboy honors, which was a saddle, by winning the bulldogging and saddle bronc riding. Wes Robinson took the tie-down calf roping and Jay Jones placed second in the bulldogging.

Robinson leads the region in tie-down roping while Jones is second in the region in the bulldogging.

Matson Puts Shot 64-10 1/2 Even Breaks Discus Mark

Gigantic, spartan Aggie Randy Matson did it again when he catapulted the shot put 64-10 1/2 for a new national freshman record Saturday in a varsity-freshman triangle track meet between A&M, Texas and Rice in Houston.

Matson's tremendous toss, along with a 182-11 1/2 spin of the discus, highlighted the meet that featured Rice in a varsity win with 74 points to 50 for Texas and 43 for the Aggies.

The Aggie Fish completely dominated the freshman division by taking 72 points while the Texas Shorthorns and Rice Owlets netted 40 each.

Randy's long throw was second in a series of six tosses that went over 60 feet. His discus fling was the longest throw ever made by a Texan.

The varsity Aggies ran to their best times and jumped to their best efforts in the meet. Ted Nelson won the 440-yard dash with a 47.2, his best of the season, and John Collins captured the high jump with a season high of 6-6 1/2.

The Maroon sprint relay team of Robert Martin, Richard Hall, Pat Mitchell and Nelson teamed for a 41.2 which broke the old school standard of 41.4.

Senior Aggie weight man claimed two firsts in the shot put and discus with a 58-10 1/2 mark in the iron ball and 164-11 1/4 in the platter.

In the freshman meet, the Aggies took 10 first places with Matson and sprinter James White accounted for two each.

White won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 and the 220-yard dash in 21.4.

The freshman ran to firsts in both relays with a team of Don

Price, Buster Mason, Buddy White and White sprinting to a 3:22.2 in the 440 and Darrel Wilk, White, all, White and arry McGough taking a 3:22.2.



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Aggie Fish Stopped With Cub Pitching

The Fish baseball team lost to the Baylor Cubs, 1-0, in Waco Saturday despite a strong pitching performance by righthander Dick Valentine.

Valentine scattered four singles, struck out nine and walked one in the losing effort.

Cub hurler Rod Robinson completely handcuffed the Fish batters, allowing them only two singles, both by third baseman Ray Dickerson.

The lone run of the tight pitcher's duel came late in the ball game on a walk, a stolen base, and a single up the middle.

The loss leaves the Fish with a 6-5 season record. They wind up their season against the Texas Shorthorns here Thursday.

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