

Thinclads Invade Lubbock; Hopes High At SWC Meet

Aggie varsity thinclads, slightly encouraged by their performance in the triangle meet with Rice and Texas last Saturday in Houston, are at least a probable third place winner in the Southwest Conference track and field meet in Lubbock this weekend.

between Rice and Texas for the title," Thomas said. "With the right breaks we could slip in ahead of one of them. On the other hand, either SMU or Baylor, or both, could finish ahead of us. It should be close."

"It looks like a two-team battle

SUCH SPRINTERS AS Robert Martin, Pat Mitchell and Richard

Hall returned to the cinders last Saturday and they teamed with Ted Nelson for a 41.2 in the 440-yard relay, second behind Rice's 41.0. But, the time was a school record for the Aggies.

Nelson, who won the 440-yard dash in 47.2 and finished second in the 220 in 21.5, will be a busy man in the SWC meet. In addition to those two races, he will anchor both relay teams.

Danny Roberts will be shooting for his third consecutive sweep in the shot put and discus. He won both as a sophomore and junior.

The Aggie entrants in the SWC meet, with the bests in each event in parenthesis, are:

440-YARD RELAY — Robert Martin, Pat Mitchell, Richard Hall and Ted Nelson (41.2); mile run—no entries; 440-yard dash—Nelson (47.2), Cecil Shilling and Jim Runge; 100-yard-dash—Hall (9.9), Martin, Mitchell and Jim Tarr; 220-yard dash — Nelson (21.5), Martin (21.9), Mitchell, Hall and Tarr;

120-yard hurdles — John Collins (14.4) and Don Kooser; 440-yard hurdles — Kooser (56.5); 880-yard run—Gene Westmoreland (1:55.7) and Earl Myers; three-mile run—Ihan Bilgutay (14:43.2); Mile relay—Hall, Westmoreland, Runge and Nelson (first time as unit); shot put—Danny Roberts (60-7), John Steffek and Bill Ward.

Discus — Roberts (177-10), David Glover (174-3½), Ward and Steffek; high jump — Collins (6-6½) and Cecil Wood (6-2); pole vault (13-0); broad jump — Collins (23-9½) and Bob Brown (23-8½) and Dan Meadows; and javelin—Meadows (199-9).

4 Ag Netters Vie In SWC Tourney

Four netters will represent the Aggies in the Southwest Conference tournament at Lubbock Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Ricky Williams and Raul Contreras will compete in the singles while Richard Barker and Luis Rojas will compete in the doubles. The Barker-Rojas tandem will be among the favorites in the tourney.

White, Woodall, Matson Make Fish Favorites

Paced by weightman Randy Matson, sprinter James White and the versatile Buddy Woodall, A&M's freshman track team will be among the favorites in their division of the SWC track and field meet in Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

The Fish took 10 firsts in a triangle meet with the Rice Owlets and Texas Yearlings last Saturday in Houston.

Matson won the shot put with his career's best of 64-10½ and took the discus with a spin of 182-11½. White won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 and the 220 in 21.4.

A&M freshman entrants in the SWC meet, with bests in parenthesis, are:

440-yard relay—Don Price, Buster Mason, Buddy Woodall and James White (41.8); mile relay—Darrell Wilk, Woodall, White and Larry McGough (3:18.4); mile run—Geoffrey Earl (4:28.0), Don Smith (4:29.2), Johnny Cosper, Danny Clifton and Bob Smith; 880-yard run — Cosper (2:01.4), Earl, Clifton, Don Smith and Bob Smith; 220-yard dash — White (21.4), Mason and Price; 100-yard dash—White (9.6) Mason (9.8) and Price (9.9); 440-yard dash—McGough (49.3), Wilk and Arie Britt; 120-yard hurdles—Robert Ginsbach (16.2); 440-yard hurdles — Ginsbach (56.5);

Shot put—Randy Matson (64-10½); discus—Matson (182-11½), Jack Pyburn and Randel Juge; pole vault—Earl Edwards (13-0) and Joe Moseley; broad jump—Woodall (23-¾), Sanford Ussery, Stephen Holtz and Moseley; high jump—Mike Schrider (6-6½), Holtz and Juge; and javelin—Woodall (168-½), Donny Ayers, Juge and Moseley.

Ags Aim At Revenge SWC Title In Austin

By JIM BUTLER Associate Editor
Prometheus was a legendary character nailed to a cliff for giving fire to humans.

Hammers in hand, A&M's diamondmen head for Austin Thursday to nail Texas to the infamous Clarke Field cliff and in the process will try to stake out the Southwest Conference championship.

ALL THIS IN remembrance of the fire that demolished the Aggies in that same green St. Patrick's Day environment two years ago.

The Cadets entered Austin needing only a split in the two-game series for a ticket to Omaha and the College World Series. Losing a disputed 4-3 decision in the opener, the Maroon ripped up the Longhorns for seven innings of the second game holding an 8-2 lead.

TEXAS WON THE game 11-10 in 10 innings to take the title.

Eight seniors will suit up for their last conference games as Aggies this weekend; eight seniors who were there two years ago; eight seniors who will come back from Forty Acres with the crown that was so rudely stolen from them two years ago.

THE VENGEFUL octet are catcher Bill Hancock, first baseman Frank Stark, third baseman George Hargett, second baseman Bill Grochett, outfielder Robert McAdams, and pitchers Richard Beller, John Crain and Chuck McGuire.

Again they need only one win for the championship.

MCGUIRE WILL BE on the mound in one of the two games with Steve Hillhouse starting the other. Crafty old Bibb Falk, in his 22nd year at UT, will start Bob Myer and Charlie Hartenstein.

Hillhouse, A&M's ace lefty, beat Texas 5-2 in Bryan earlier in the season. Myer, top hurler for the Steers, lasted only five innings in taking the loss.

MCGUIRE HAS A 7-2 record for the season and 4-1 in SWC play. Hillhouse is 6-2 for the year and 6-1 in the conference.

Coach Tom Chandler hasn't said which one will hurl the opener Thursday, a game that could be A&M's 13th straight win. McGuire has given up only five hits and no runs in his last two games

while Hillhouse has already demonstrated mastery over the 'Horns.

WHILE TEXAS IS obviously facing trouble on the mound, their hopes don't improve when the Aggie lineup and batting averages appear.

The eight starters excluding the pitcher are hitting for an astounding combined clip of .321 in league action.

THESE ARE THE eight who will take the field at 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday: Jerry Beller (.357), ss; Bill Grochett (.325), 2b; Alan Koonce (.393), lf; Bill Hancock (.311), c; Lance Crain (.377), cf; Bill Crain (.217), 1b; Frank Stark (.353), 1b; and George Hargett (.341), 3b.

And it is this team that is expected to leave the field with the SWC baseball title.

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Stats Tell Why Ags Are In 1st

Latest varsity baseball statistics clearly reveal why the Aggie diamondmen are leading the conference race.

The figures show the Aggie team batting average after 13 conference games to be a sizzling .289. Excluding the pitcher, the eight Ag regulars are pounding the ball at a .321 clip.

Cadet batsmen have plated across a league-leading 76 runs in conference play, an average of nearly six runs a game.

Six Aggie starters are over the .300 mark. Sophomore outfielders Alan Koonce and Lance Cobb are leading the pack with .393 and .378 averages respectively.

Infielders Jerry Ballard with .357, Frank Stark with .353, and George Hargett at .341, follow close behind. Catcher Bill Hancock rounds out the group with a .311 average.

Aggie pitching has been no less spectacular. In conference play, the mound crew has compiled an ERA of 1.8 as opposed to a 5.0 mark by the opposition.

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