

Spring Sports

Aggie Track, Golf Teams In Laredo For Weekend

By JOHN PLATZER

One of the state's most prestigious track meets, the Border Olympics, is on schedule for Coach Charlie Thomas' Aggies Saturday in Laredo.

The meet will begin early in the morning with the field events and continue with the running portion throughout the day.

AMONG THE OTHER major colleges entered in the university division are such annual powers as Rice, University of Houston, Texas Christian University, Texas Tech, Lamar Tech and Texas University.

A total of 64 schools and 894 athletes are entered in the three divisions of the meet.

Rice is the meet's defending university division champion and should prove a tough obstacle again this season according to Coach Thomas.

"I THINK Rice would have to be the general favorite," Thomas said, "but Houston thinks they have a good team this season and I would certainly hope we would have a good chance."

In a meet as large as this weekend's the most important determining factor in the champion is usually its depth, Thomas said.

One of Thomas' main causes of optimism this season has been the performance of senior Martin Rollins.

The pole vaulter from Alabama took a first in the Aggies tri-meet last weekend in College Station with a vault of 16-1 1/2, a new school record for A&M.

IF ROLLINS can come up with another 16 or better effort in Laredo, it would set a new meet record and Thomas believes he is quite capable of it.

Thomas, in fact, expects Rollins to clear the 17 foot barrier

before the season is out.

Curtis Mills, a 6-3 freshman, is another bright ray of hope in the Aggie track fortunes. He finished second to Rice's Conley Brown in the 440 at the College Station with a time of 48.0 while defeating Texas' talented Dave Morton.

THE AGGIE freshman led the Rice junior until the final 20 yards when Brown turned on the steam to edge out the win. Mills is also a key boy in the Aggie's 440 and mile relay teams.

Ronnie Lightfoot and George Resley give A&M two of the finest weightmen in track again this season and should place well in the shotput. They placed one-two in the event last weekend with tosses of 56-0 1/4 and 53-2 respectively.

Jack Abbott and Steve O'Neal are expected to give the Aggies points in the hurdles.

GOLF

Coach Henry Ransom's golf team also made the trip to Laredo where they will compete in the Border Olympics' three day tournament which began today.

Among the team's in the tournament was the University of Houston's defending national champions.

The Aggies, defending Southwest Conference champions, won the Fort Worth Invitational last week.

Bill Wade paced the Fort Worth win firing a 139 for medalist honors. Others making the Laredo trip with the Aggies are Reggie Majors, Richard Ellis, Skip Bresk, Terry Archer and Duke Butler.

TENNIS

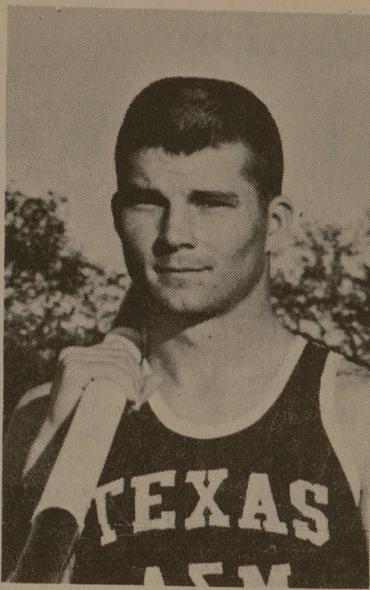
The Aggie tennis team continues on the road this weekend as they take on Corpus Christi University on their home grounds today and then travel to San Antonio to play Trinity Saturday.

Monday the team returns home to play North Texas State.

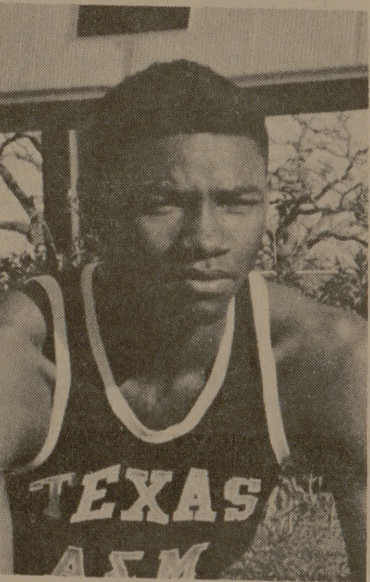
SWIMMING

Coach Omar Smith's Aggie swimming team is at home Saturday against Texas University in a 4 p.m. match.

The Aggies finished in fourth in last season's conference swimming race while Texas finished second to champion Southern Methodist University.



MARTIN ROLLINS



CURTIS MILLS

Aggie Nine Meets Rice

By GARY SHERER

The Texas Aggie baseball team is on the road again tomorrow afternoon at Houston in a 2:30 contest with the Rice Owl nine.

Righthander Rocky Thompson will get the starting call from Coach Tom Chandler. Thompson, the 6-footer from Houston who transferred to A&M last year from Kilgore JC, is 1-0 on the year.

HIS VICTORY came over Texas last Saturday, 1-0 at Bryan's Travis Park Field. Thompson

came within two outs of getting credit for the shutout, as Bob Sanders had to come in to save the win.

Rice under the tutelage of Coach Doug Osburn has a slim squad this season. The Owl teams usually field small sports teams because of a small student body but this year's diamond squad is especially small. Nineteen men are on the Owl roster.

Graduation hit Rice the hardest in the most important spot, the pitching department. Mickey Hol-

der, Ray Hooten and Bill Palmer are all gone. This threesome was the nucleus of a fine pitching staff last season.

THIS SEASON, Osburn's bright spots are shortstop Billy Costa and outfielder Hugo Hollas. Costa, a junior from Houston was one of the Southwest Conference's top hitters last season. Hollas, a starter on the football team, is a fine defensive outfielder and swings a potent bat.

The Owls are 0-1 in SWC play, as they lost to Southern Methodist 4-3 on Tuesday. Their first game, with Baylor, was rained out and will not be rescheduled.

CHANDLER WILL go with his regular lineup of Bob Long in centerfield, Butch Gutzman at shortstop, Dave Elmendorf in left field, Eddie Vaughn at first base, Joe Staples catching, Boyd Hadaway in right field, Terry Dailey at third base and Richard Backest at second.

The Aggies' next action will be at home with SMU on Tuesday.

NIT Question: How Good Is LIU?

NEW YORK (AP) — Can small college basketball's championship team win the prestigious National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden two straight years?

Long Island University, led by Little All-American Larry Newbold, will have a tough time trying to duplicate the feat of Southern Illinois University and Walt Frazier in winning the No. 1 spot in The Associated Press' poll and then sweeping through the NIT last year.

LIU, No. 1 this year with a 21-1 record, appears to have a stronger field to face than the Salukis did a year ago.

The Blackbirds drew Bradley, 19-8, for their first round opponents on Saturday afternoon,

March 16. The pairing were announced Thursday.

The 16-team tourney opens on Thursday, March 14, and winds up Saturday afternoon, March 23. The championship game will be telecast by CBS.

The Atlantic Coast Conference's representative, expected to be either fifth-ranked North Carolina or sixth-ranked Duke is seeded first followed by Dayton, Bradley and Kansas. The winner of the ACC's tournament, which ends Saturday will go into the NCAA's championship tournament.

St. Peter's, N. J., 22-2, will meet Marshall, 17-7, and Oklahoma City, 20-6, will face the ACC's team in the opening doubleheader next Thursday night.

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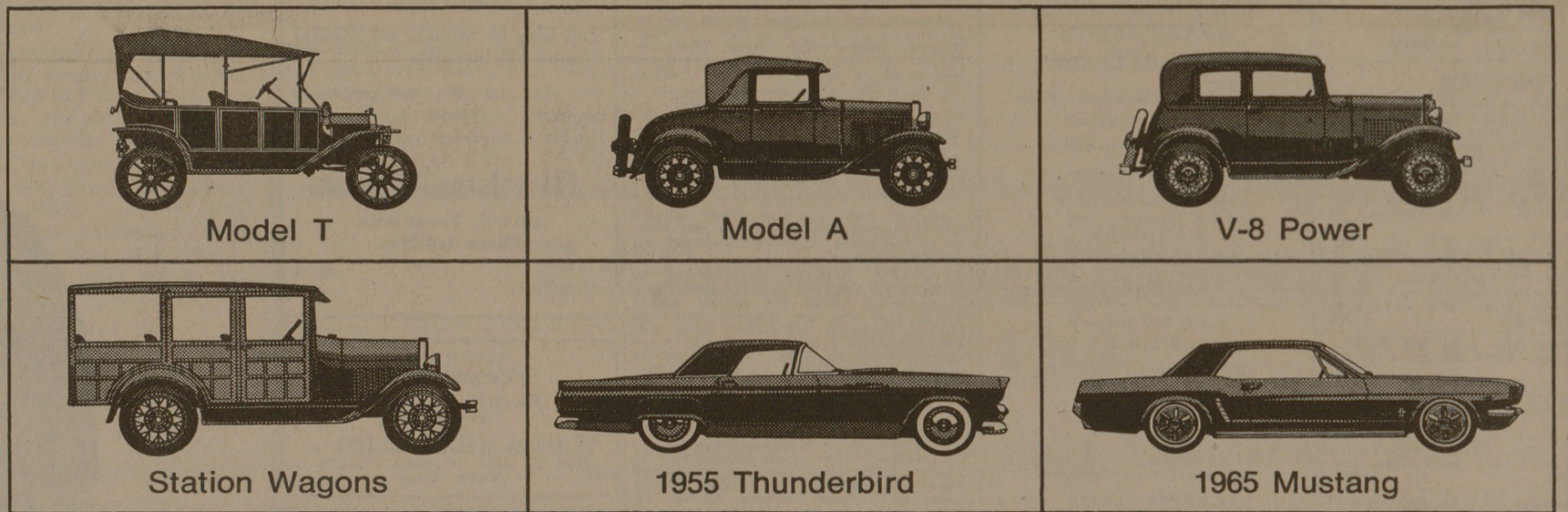
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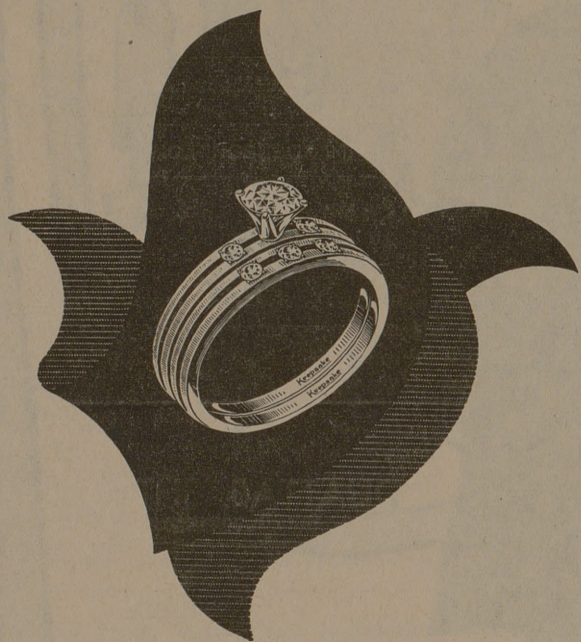
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