

Spring Sports

Track, Tennis, Golf Teams In Louisiana For Weekend

By JOHN PLATZER
In every track meet the Aggies have entered thus far this season, Rice has provided part of the competition.

This will not change Saturday as Coach Charlie Thomas' cindermen head for Baton Rouge and a triangular meet with Rice and Louisiana State University.

THE AGGIES tied the Owls for the runner-up spot in their own meet and finished one slot behind the second place Owls in last week's Border Olympics.

Thomas was pleased with the effort of the team in the Laredo meet and especially the performance of freshmen Rockie Woods, Kelvin Korver and Curtis Mills.

Woods ran a 21.8 in the 220 for a third place finish while Korver was third in the discuss at 158-1 and Mills was fifth in the 440 at 47.6.

The Aggies leave by chartered bus at 1 p.m. Friday for the Louisiana meet which gets underway Saturday at 2 p.m.

AFTER THREE meets the Aggies top the Southwest Conference in only two events, the shot put and the pole vault.

Ronny Lightfoot is responsible for the Aggies' stranglehold on the shot put championship as his throw of 56-0 1/2 at the College Station triangular is the season's best while his teammate, George Resley, has the second best toss at 55-11 1/4 at the Laredo meet.

Martin Rollins, a senior from Alabama, tops the conference in the pole vault at 16-1 1/2, a new school record which he set at the Aggies' home meet.

Jack Abbott is second to Southern Methodist University's Jerry Utecht in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 14.2 with the wind and is second to Texas Christian University's Bubba Thornton in the 220 with a time of 21.6.

The Aggies' 440-yard relay team of Tom Cilio, Mills, Scott Hendricks and Abbott is second to Rice with a 41.2 clocking.

Korver has second spot in the discuss with a throw of 162-8 behind Rice's Gerald Holtzman's 166-10.

SWIMMING
The hills of Arkansas will provide the scenery for the conference swimming meet today, Friday and Saturday as the six teams will be chasing perennial champion SMU.

The Mustangs have swum to the conference title the past near dozen years and no one seems capable of derailing their express this time.

Coach Art Adamson's swimmers will bring a 3-4 mark into the meet with wins over Rice, Eastern New Mexico and John Brown University. The losses have come against Texas Tech, Arlington State, SMU and Texas.

TENNIS
McNeese State College of Louisiana is in town today to challenge Coach Omar Smith's tennis team.

Smith thinks the team will be ready for the match and that they have been making progress.

"The team is really shaping up," Smith said, "they are playing better all the time and think they are hitting their peak."

Hardin-Simmons comes to town Saturday to challenge the Aggies and then Tuesday A&M travels to Houston to meet Rice in the season's first conference confrontation.

"Rice just has to be the conference favorite this year," Smith said of Tuesday's rival, "they are really loaded in talent."

Jon Ragland is rated as the Aggies' best but gets strong support from Bruce Crumley, Joe Tillerson, Mike Hickey, Marcus Beleck and Jerry Oliver.

GOLF
Coach Henry Ransom's Aggie golfers are in Lake Charles, La., today and tomorrow for the Lake Charles Tournament.

They had a scheduled match with Oklahoma, Baylor and North Texas Monday and Tuesday cancelled by the weather.

Leading the charge for the defending conference champions in the Louisiana tourney will be such stars as seniors Terry Archer, Skip Bresk and John Buffin and junior Bill Wade. Other members of the team are sophomores Reggie Majors, Eric Brand, Duke Butler, Richard Ellis, Mike Jerome and Tom Paul.



CASEY STENDEL MEETS THE NEW METS
Casey Stengel visits New York Mets at St. Petersburg, Fla., and greets three players acquired from Chicago White Sox: From left, Al Weis, J. C. Martin, and Tommy Agee. Stengel is Mets' vice president. (AP Wirephoto)

Lone Star Sport Shorts

HOUSTON (AP)—Rice University begins spring football practice Thursday with Coach Harold (Bo) Hagan expected to greet 23 lettermen among a squad of 87.

Twenty-eight freshmen football players will work both ways. Hagan expected to name his starting offensive and defensive teams by Saturday.

The Owls will work four days a week and complete their 20-day session in the Blue-Gray game the night of April 27. The Southwest Conference allows 36 days to get in the allotted 20.

Hagan's main goals will be to fill the gaps at running back, defensive end and linebacker—positions that suffered the most from graduation.

FORT WORTH (AP)—Sports figures gather here Thursday to honor retiring Texas Associated Press Sports Editor Harold V. Ratliff of Dallas.

The AP veteran retires May 1 after 32 years with the news service.

Ratliff will be honored at a luncheon in which most Southwest Conference schools will be

Cold makes fish sluggish but they are still hungry. Sportsmen haul in more fish from some lakes in winter than in warm weather.

represented. The luncheon is open to the public.

The sports committee of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the affair.

DALLAS (AP)—The Dallas Cowboys signed two more free agents Wednesday. They were Paul Krasulla, Mi-

ami of Ohio center, and Art Strahan, offensive tackle from Orlando, Fla., of the Continental League.

Strahan played football at Texas Southern before going to Orlando.

The Cowboys now have signed 15 players for the year, five of them free agents.

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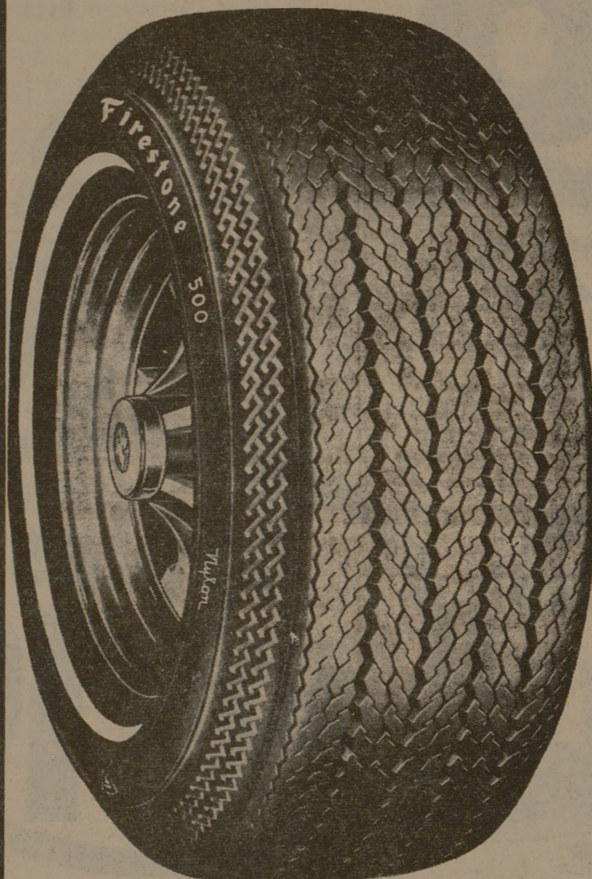
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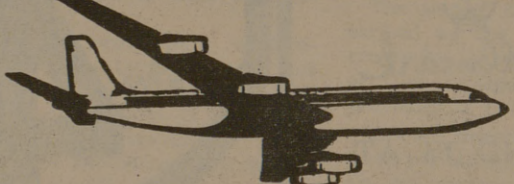
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