

Spring Sports Going Strong, Look Toward SWC Meets

By RICHARD CAMPBELL
Spring sports at Texas A&M will hit a high note this weekend as all the teams will be in action with track again taking the spotlight.

The Aggie tracksters will be in Lawrence, Kansas for the Kansas Relays and will have a fine chance to capture a team championship should some of the top teams falter.

THE MILE RELAY team composed of Steve Bancroft, Tony Munson, Mike Boyd, and Curtis Mills turned the fastest Aggie time of the year last week posting a 3:10.0. But Rice also ran their best race of the year posting a 3:07.1, one of the best marks in the nation.

Other leaders going into the weekend slate are the 440-yard relay unit composed of Scott Hendricks, Curtis Mills, Jack Abbott, and Rockie Woods. They have turned a swift 40.7 this year. In the 120 high hurdles, Woods, Deward Strong, and Abbott give the Aggies good strength. In the 440-yard dash, Curtis Mills will be a real threat with a 47.0 in competition this season.

In the 100 yard wash, Woods with a 9.4 and Hendricks with a 9.5 loom as possible breakthroughs for the Aggies. Strong is also an outside threat in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles with a 53.4. Mills and Woods also hold A&M's hopes in the 220 dash with 21.0 and 21.1 respectively.

JOHN HEFFNER is also a possible point getter in the three-mile run with a 14:34.5 thus far this year. In the field events, A&M is strong in some spots. Ronnie Lightfoot leads the Southwest Conference in both the shot put and discus competition. He has tossed the shot 58-5 1/2 and the discus 171-5 and freshman Bubba Vincent has a 158-10 1/4.

Marc Black got off his best effort of the season in the Texas Relays with a throw of 206-7. Kim Sutton with a 6-6 1/2 and Ben Greathouse with a 6-6 look like possible point makers in the high jump. Larry McIntyre has a 15-3 1/2 in the pole vault but was injured in the Dallas Invitational two weeks ago and it is still doubtful whether he will be at full speed for the meet.

The Rice Owls loom as the top challenger from the Southwest after their surprising performance last weekend in Austin. Led by Dale Bernauer, the SWC sprint king as a sophomore in 1967, the Owls set two new school records and gave the SWC its only two baton triumphs. Also, Rice, returns to the site where they enjoyed record-breaking success in 1967. Their two new schools records were the 40.3 in the 440 relay and a 3:16.6 in the sprint relay.

BAYLOR'S DISTANCE medley set a SWC record with a 9:46.1, the fastest time ever

posted by a SWC combine, bettering the mark of 9:47.0 set in 1964 by the Texas Longhorns. Vaulter Dickie Phillips could provide a first place with his 16-0 effort last week and javelin thrower Louis Cardenas threw the javelin 226-2 1/2 for the best SWC mark of the year and could challenge for another first.

Meets coming up for the Aggies after the Kansas Relays will be the Drake Relays on

April 26 in Des Moines, Iowa and then a quadrangular meet with Arkansas, Rice and TCU in Fort Worth. The SWC meet will be May 9-10 in Waco.

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The Texas Aggie golf team is tied for the lead in team medal play and is leading low team four ball score after Wednesday's first round in the All-American Intercollegiate Invitational Golf Tournament in

Houston.
THE AGGIES are tied in team medal play with Texas and Arizona, each with a score of 290. Other team medal scores include Texas Christian 293, North Texas State 295, Florida 297, Florida State 298, Houston 299, Oklahoma 300, LSU 302, Arkansas 303, Texas Tech and New Mexico 304, Rice and SMU 311 and Baylor 312.
A&M's low team four ball

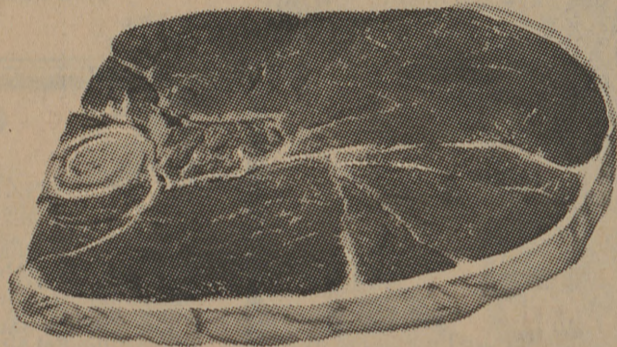
score was 61, one stroke better than Texas. Other four ball scores were Houston, Florida State, Florida, and TCU 63, North Texas, New Mexico, Rice, Oklahoma, and Arizona 65, Baylor 66, Arkansas 68, and SMU 70.
The Aggies are currently leading the SWC race with a 15 1/2-2 1/2 record leading the Texas Longhorns, who have a 13 1/2-4 1/2 mark. Then next conference action for the Aggies will

be Tuesday, April 22 against the cellar-dwelling Rice Owls in Houston and then on the following Saturday (April 26), they entertain Texas in College Station.
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THE TEXAS A&M netters travel to Waco Saturday for a conference match with the Baylor Bears, the last place team in the SWC.
The Aggies thus far are 4-8

in the SWC standings good enough for fifth place. Rice leads the pack with a 14-2 followed by SMU and Texas Tech at 6-6, Texas at 4-6 and Baylor 0-6.
A&M's next action will be April 22 when they host S. F. Austin in a non-conference match and then return to the SWC trail April 25 when they host TCU. The SWC meet will be in Waco on May 3.

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Mehaffey Hired As Rice Coach

HOUSTON (AP)—Rice athletic director Bo Hagan announced Wednesday night that 33-year-old George Mehaffey is the new assistant basketball coach at Rice University.

Mehaffey will serve as assistant to head coach Don Knodel.

Mehaffey joins the Rice staff after seven years at Robert E. Lee High School in Houston. He is a former basketball star at Texas A&M. He replaces Bo Brickels, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Davidson.

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