

A&M sports news and notes...

Dave Johnson wins Gold Glove

By CLIFFORD BROYLES Battalion Sport Editor

When the Minnesota Twins were preparing their scouting report for the American League playoffs with the Baltimore Orioles...

At least that was the opinion of the three Twin scouts, who looked over the birds, during the final two months of the season...

Johnson played baseball for the Aggies in 1961 and 1962 before leaving for professional baseball at the end of his sophomore year.

An interesting story lies behind Dave Johnson, and the addition of the free agent draft in 1967 has been a big boost to college baseball.

Chandler had gone to SA to scout a pitcher and during the same game, he saw Dave Johnson. He signed Dave Johnson and forgot about the pitcher.

"Dave was a great clutch ballplayer," Chandler recalled, adding that he tried out for and started on the Aggie basketball team his sophomore year.

He played both his freshman and sophomore years for the Aggies but at this time pro scouts could sign players right off the college campus.

In Houston there was a battle going over a top catching prospect, with the Orioles one of the teams bidding for Paul Ratliff of Pasadena.

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The Hogs placed third with 96 points. Champion Southern Methodist with 28 points and the UT-Austin with 46 points made a runaway as expected.

In cross country, the low-point team wins. Teams get one point for first place, two for second and so on.

With 107 points A&M was just a few breaks away and Ruben Moncivaiz finished farther down than expected, 20th.

Moncivaiz, earlier in the year, had placed 10th in the NCAA qualifying six miles at Houston against a much stronger field.

Sammy Skinner was 16th with a time of 15:02 and Jim Haynie ran the distance in 16:01 for 33rd place.

Moncivaiz and Ybarbo will represent A&M next Monday in the NCAA cross country six-mile run at Williamsburg, Va.

The Corsicana Tigers, representing District 15-AAAA and the Spring Branch Bears of District 16-AAAA will meet on Kyle Field Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Oddly, neither team won its district outright. Corsicana tied for the crown with Killen after the pair battled to a 21-21 standoff but won the right to the playoffs on penetrations.

Spring Branch won in a real dilly of a race in which four teams, Spring Branch, Spring Woods, Spring Branch Memorial and Conroe all had 5-2 records.

Early reports from around the Southwest Conference show some of last year's stars off to good starts as everybody is now aiming to gun down the champion Aggies.

Dave Morton, UT-Austin's outstanding quartermiler and 880 man ran the 880 in time trials recently in 1:50.0.

Rice's Dave Roberts, one of the top pole vaulters in the conference as a freshman, has already cleared the bar at 16-8 this fall.

Aggie water polo team meets Texas Saturday

By JOHN CURYLO Assistant Sports Editor

The A&M water polo team will be out for revenge here Saturday when they face Texas and their former coach at 10 a.m. in Downs Natatorium.

The combination of Longhorns and Coach Pat Patterson of the Austin university should make the Aggies doubly hungry for victory in the season opener and their first appearance under Coach Dennis Fosdick.

Patterson, who replaced the retired Art Adamson, left A&M at the beginning of training season for the swimmers. The new coach Fosdick, has moved right in and taken command, making big plans for the future, and some helpful changes that should brighten the athletic scene at Aggieland for years to come.

"We're getting away from something that has been used here for a long time," Fosdick explained, "and that is what is known as the 'man-in-the-hole' attack.

"The first 16 players are pretty evenly matched," Fosdick said, "but I'm going with experience by starting sophomores over freshmen. The team is still in the learning stages as far as the new offense is concerned, so we'll make mistakes, but everyone is learning together, and the guys have real fast hands.

"This is definitely a body contact sport," he continued, "and that makes for some real good games. It should be real interesting for someone to come out and see what the sport is all about.

Also, there is good rivalry here, and this game in particular will be exciting. Texas wants to beat the Aggies, and our guys want to beat Texas and Pat Patterson."

Fosdick emphasized that water polo is an Olympic sport and that the United States has not been highly rated, but that America is improving and water polo is a growing sport in this country.

"Swimming is a big sport out there," he said. "It's estimated that there are 100,000 competitive swimmers in the state. There are probably five All-Americans in all of Houston, but I'll go to seven schools in one day out there, and they'll have five at each school. Also, A&M ought to be a drawing card for some of those boys interested in majoring in oceanography, biology or anything else related to the water, which is a big part of their lives."

A water polo team consists of six players and a goalkeeper. The starting lineup for Saturday's game, according to Fosdick will include Tom Sparks, a 6-1, 176-pound senior architecture major from Ardmore, Oklahoma. He will be the captain of the Aggie team. The goalkeeper will be Doug Carson, a sophomore civil engineering major from Springfield, Mo., who is 5-8 and 178.

The remainder of the starters are Steve Henry, 5-9 and 155, a senior aerospace engineering major from College Station; Mike Hicks, 5-10 and 185, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Farmington, N.M.; John McCleary, 5-11 and 165, a sophomore finance major from Houston; Gordon Taylor, 6-5 and 198, a sophomore liberal arts major from Madison, N.J.; and Eric Wolf, 6-0 and 169, a sophomore geological engineering major from Albuquerque, N.M.

Squadron 2 wins third crown

Intramural sports are continuing this week in several sports, with the finals approaching in some classes. Last week Squadron 2 and Keathley Hall won championships in Class A&C handball. It is the third championship that Squadron 2 has won this year.

One final championship was played Tuesday. Class C horse shoes had Puryear playing Phi Delta Sigma in the final game.

Several league champions have been determined in Class B football. The finals will begin early next week. F-2(4-0), C2(4-0), G-1(4-0), B-1(4-1) and Sq. 6(3-0-1), have all won their leagues.

Undefeated teams in Class A and C basketball are still abundant. Class A has Squadrons 2, 3, 6, 9 and B-1, C-1, L-1, A-2 and F-2 all sporting unblemished records. Puryear, Crocker, Tennis, Bryan Arms, Bombers and AYI are all undefeated in Class C basketball.

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