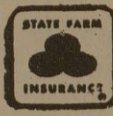




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Ags in quadrangular meet at Dallas

By JOHN CURYLO

Coach Charlie Thomas takes his track team to Dallas tomorrow for a meet with three other Southwest Conference squads.

This quadrangular meet should give further indication of the

Aggies' ability to defend their title.

SMU, TCU, and Texas Tech will provide the opposition for the team that beat Abilene Christian soundly Tuesday.

The Aggies are expected to win, since marks released by the conference office this week show A&M in good shape so far.

In the field events, Ben Great-house and Marvin Taylor are tied for third at 6-8. No athletes from the three competitors this week are in the top six, so things look good here for the fourth week in a row.

Harold McMahan, Larry McIntyre, and Robert Hoffman are 2-3-4, behind Rice's Dave Roberts. Another sweep is expected here. Marc Black looks solid in the javelin, leading the league at 234-3.

Curtis Mills has a good thing going in the running events. If he runs the 440 yard dash, it should be his. His 45.9 leads the conference and his 9.5 in the 100 is right up there with A&M's Steve Barre. Rockie Woods has a 9.6.

Curtis has a 21.5 in the 220 and Woods a 21.4. In addition,

the relay teams are both in first. The sprint relay turned in a 40.7 at Abilene to jump into the early lead. The mile relay school record of 3:08.0 is better than the rest, and these should be favorites for the conference meet in May.

Don Kellar ran a 52.0 in the 440 yard intermediate hurdles in Laredo and a 52.2 Tuesday. These times are just ahead of SMU's Larry Eubanks, so fans will be in for another good race in this event.

Willie Blackmon's half mile time of 1:52.7 is a little slower

than Stan Hill of SMU two weeks ago, but Hill is in with a pulled muscle, so Blackmon should win.

The Aggies need to win meet to keep their momentum going for the big one in weeks. Weekly improvement is an important factor in the and A&M will be out to win this, too.

Golfers meet Tech Saturday

The Texas Aggie golf team opens its 1971 Southwest Conference season Saturday at 1 p.m. when they host the Texas Tech University Red Raiders on the A&M golf course.

The Aggies, under Coach Henry Ransom, have won six team titles since 1960 and they along with Tech and SMU are expected to be the big three in the battle for the team title since the defending champion University of Texas as Austin Longhorns decided they didn't want to play within the rules of the league.

The Aggies have four lettermen back from last year ready to go against the Raiders, who return, Jim Whittaker, the eighth-place finisher in the league's medal tournament. Steve Veriato, 10th in medal play, and a sophomore from Hilo, Hawaii, lead the team. Tommy Johnson, another sophomore letterman from Harlingen and a couple of two year junior lettermen, Tom Gilbert from Jacksboro and Tommy Shelton from College Station round out the team.

Gridders starts spring training Tuesday

The Texas Aggie football team opens spring practice Tuesday afternoon as it tries to put the image of a 2-9 season behind it.

More than 100 prospective candidates, including returning squadmen and lettermen, players from the freshman team and probably several tryouts are expected to be on hand for the workouts.

The Aggies will be minus only four players from last year's squad who have finished their eligibility. Defensive back Dave Elmendorf, offensive guard Jim Parker, punter Jimmy Sheffield and defensive linemen and Aggie Heart Winner Winston Beam were the only seniors.

Two regulars from last year will miss workouts due to their

physical condition. Lex James, the Aggies' starting quarterback last year as a sophomore, will be confined to his bed at his home in Houston with infectious hepatitis. Defensive lineman Bruce Best is recovering from a detached retina, which he had operated on recently.

Several Aggie Gridders are dividing their time between football and track during the spring with shot putters Mitch Robertson and Clifton Thomas, javelin thrower Marc Black and hurdler Eric Elkins.

No official date for the end of workouts has been announced by head coach Gene Stallings(although the spring practice must be completed within 36 days with 20 practices according to NCAA

rules.

Current plans by Stallings are to eliminate the annual spring game, which concludes the spring's workouts. This is the game for which a paid admission is charged. There still will be, however, numerous regular scrimmages, probably on Saturdays.

A golf tournament annually held for the press the day before the spring game will not be held this year. It had been financed by the spring game but the fact that the Southwest Conference spring championships in golf, tennis and track will be held here about the same time had a bearing on the cancellation of the tournament.

A&M rugby teams play at Dallas

The Texas A&M Rugby Club hits the road this weekend to begin a long, hard series of seven rugby matches. They'll be moving into Dallas for a pair of games slated to begin at 2 and 4 p.m. at Glen Coe Park Saturday.

The club is boasting a 1-0 record for its A&M I team, and a 1-2 one for its A&M II squad.

Coach Roger Boos expects an all-around good effort from his first team over the Dallas Rugby Club, but he's not overly optimistic about his second team, which is playing Dallas Harlequin.

"The second team is a little weak in the backfield," commented Boos, "but the first team is in good shape all over. Barring any stupid moves, we should be able to take both matches."

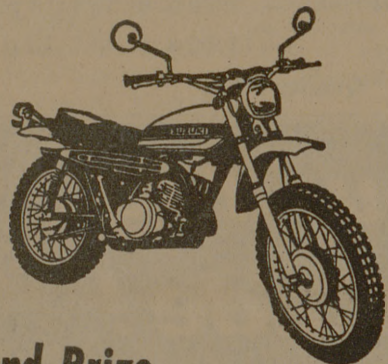
Netters rained out

The first-round action of the Rice Invitational Tennis tournament, including the Texas Aggies, was postponed because of rain in Houston Thursday morning.

First-round action was to be tried again this morning.

The netters play the Oklahoma City University Monday at 1:30 p.m. in an inter-sectional battle on varsity courts.

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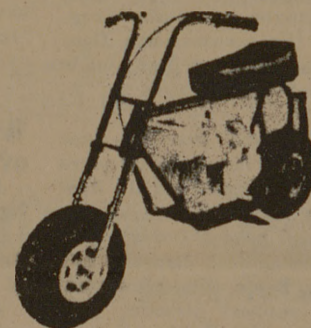
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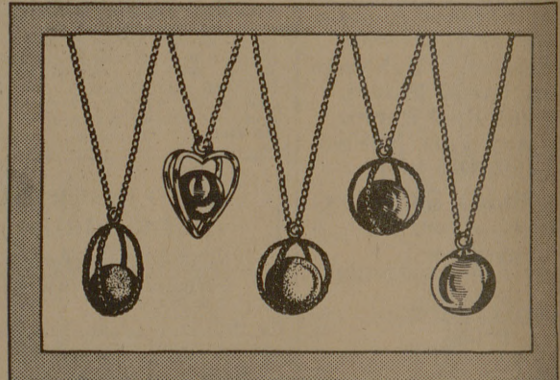
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