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# Athletics

## SPORT SPARKS

By Marion Lewis, '30

This being the last issue of the Panther for the scholastic year of '29-'30, we will attempt to summarize the sports of the passing year. Carefully considering all things the writer does not think that the Panthers should be criticized. At the beginning of the year it was thought that the Panthers would surely turn out a championship football team judging from the material had in previous year, and their comparative showing, and that of the 60 huskies, (all of whom had had experience) that reported to the first conference game of the season which was battled to a scoreless tie in the Fair Park Stadium in Dallas. Then came bad breaks joined with a series of disconcertions (which were unknown to the Panther enthusiasts) that was mainly responsible for the Panthers' poor showing. The Panthers had to take the rap for it. Oh, well, such is the life of an athlete. But, even at that, the record of the Panther football team, which is shown below isn't so very poor as thought by the sport fandom:

Wiley	0	Prairie View	0
Bishop	14	Prairie View	6
Texas College	6	Prairie View	6
Samuel Huston	0	Prairie View	7

Next came basketball season, but much cannot be said about our basketball team's poor showing because it was the second time that the Panther basketball team had ever engaged in any conference tilts however, retrogression was not expected by any means. That is, had it not been for the lowly Samuel Huston Dragons, our boys would have returned from the tournament with a clear slate, no victory and all defeats. Thanks to the Dragons all hope is not lost and next year we are expecting a strong contender for the championship.

Hurrah! Everybody is ready to watch the Panther baseball nine go. The Panthers started the season off by defeating the Houston Black Buffs in a 6-4 game in which Hilliard our moundsman got sweet revenge for a 3-1 defeat handed him last year by the Buffs due to errors. Then came the Steers from Texas College and "Oh! how, they can sock." The Steers won the first game with ease by a score of 13-7. The second game was the most thrilling and exciting game witnessed on Prairie View Campus during the past four years. With Younger our brilliant southpaw pitching very effectively for the Panthers, it was apparent that our boys would hand the same defeat back to the Steers because in the ninth inning with one out the Panthers were resting easy with the count 12-7 in their favor. Then the fireworks started and before we could gather the fire hose and extinguish the fire, the Steers had

spiked the rubber for nine scores. Our boys were able to make one run in their half of the inning so the game ended 16-13 in favor of the Steers.

The Wiley Wildcats invaded the Panther camp the following week and were greeted with a 5-1 defeat due to the excellent pitching of Younger. This seemed to arouse the Wildcats' fury so they retaliated the next day with a 7-1 win over the Panthers.

The Kansas City Monarchs, World's Champion baseball nine easily gave our boys a 7-0 defeat, but

it was really a treat to see them play and the game was enjoyed by all who saw it.

Next came the Panther invasion of the Samuel Huston Dragons' camp. Rain postponed the first game and a double header was played the next day. The Dragons won the first game by a 6-5 score, but the Panthers came back to cop the night cap by a 11-6 score.

The Bishop Bears will be our guests on April 23 and 30 and it is expected that the Panthers will end the season breaking even in the games won and lost by taking two from the Bears.

Most Panther enthusiasts and sport fans are wondering what is wrong with the Panthers, why do they show up so well at the beginning and then the sudden collapse. The writer is baffled by the problems and is only too sorry that this is the last issue for the year and if any possible solution is found, they won't be able to be published.

"Mother's Day" is May 11

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Thirteen football varsity players were awarded their sweaters a few days ago before the entire student body. The men getting the awards were: Captain S. W. Prince, Marion Lewis, P. M. Williams, Henry Staton, L. M. Kennedy, Otis White, R. Harrington, Captain-elect "Bud" Mason, W. W. Johnson, Eggleston Greeg, Dyers, Clyde Sanders, and Douglass Lilly. The first seven named are graduating this May. Dr. Evans made a very interesting talk after which Coach Willis awarded the letters.

Among some of the facts presented by Dr. Evans were the following:

1—The 1929 Prairie View football team was the first team of the Southwest Athletic Conference to play a game of football east of the Mississippi river.

2—The 1929 Prairie View football team played before more spectators than any other team in the Conference or in the history of Prairie View.

3—No man on the 1929 Prairie View team was put off the field of play for unsportsman-like conduct.

4—P. M. Williams, a Panther, was the only man from the Southwest Conference on P. W. L. Jones' All-American team.

5—We had the best conditioned team in the history of the school.

6—One of the best equipped football teams in America.

7—Co-ordination and cooperation between captain and players could not be surpassed.

8—Only team in the Conference that is coached by a full-time coach.

9—The men remained in training from September 1 to January 1 without breaking training and not a one expressed a desire to break training during the holidays.

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The Panther baseball team started the season off by defeating the strong Giddings Black Tigers 5-3. The Panthers showed quite a bit of punch. Hilliard pitched the first six innings, during which time he gave up only one hit, permitted no score and was never in danger. Three other Panther pitchers saw service during the other three innings. Smith for Gidings pitched a very creditable game. W. W. Johnson for the Panthers led the attack by collecting three hits.