

Aggie Baseball Team Wallops Texas Lutheran Bulldogs, 8-4

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The Aggie baseball team, paced by the tireless Larry Ayres on the mound, scored five runs in the seventh inning to come from behind and post an 8-4 victory over the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs yesterday afternoon at Kyle Field.

Ayres, a 6-1 pitcher from Paris, went the full nine innings to post the second win of the season for the Aggies, both of them credited to the righthander. Charles McMahon was the losing slinger. Ayres, a sophomore, was also the first Cadet pitcher of the season to go the full nine innings.

The Aggies scored three runs in the fifth and came back for five in the seventh after the Bulldogs had racked up four early runs in the first and second frames.

Texas Lutheran outslugged the Farmers, eight hits to seven, but errors proved costly for the visitors as they made four bobbles, one of the costing the Bulldogs two runs on a passed ball.

The Lutheran's opened the scoring in the first frame when they pushed across one run on a bunt, walk and a stolen base. Three runs came trotting home in the next frame on four hits, two of them doubles.

Ayres then settled down to his throwing job and retired the next nine men before allowing another hit in the top of the sixth. Ayres struck out eight men and gave up two walks while holding the Bulldogs to eight hits.

A&M began their final rally in the bottom of the seventh. Sophomore Don Davis led off for the Cadets and was thrown out on a grounder, short to first.

Windel Reed stepped up to the batter's box and hit a high infield fly that fell between the waiting hands of the catcher while Reed dashed around the infield to second. Byron Barber walked and then the Lutherans called time out to put another pitcher, Dick Carley.

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bases. Little Ralph Plumlee picked up his bat next, took the signal from Coach Tom Chandler and layed a perfect bunt out towards the pitcher's mound.

Somewhere along the way the Bulldogs got their signals fouled up and everybody in the infield charged the bunt, leaving no one to cover the bases and let Barber in. All other hands were safe. First baseman Dick Hickerson, the

Aggies leading slugger, slashed a single to center, scoring Gary Herrington and J. B. Carroll.

The inning ended with Clifford Davis flying out to center, allowing another run to score, and Ayres grounding to second for the final out.

Ayres kept the pressure on the visitors in the final two innings, throwing to only six batters and striking out two of the final three.

Both of them went down without taking the bats off their shoulders.

The win gave the Aggies a 2-2 season record while the Bulldogs dropped to 1-2. Their lone win of the season came over the TCU Horned Frogs, a team the Aggies will meet in Southwest Conference play.

Both teams will meet again Saturday

Continued Success of Stone Is Key in Ag Diamond Hopes

Texas A&M's chances of bringing home its first Southwest Conference baseball crown since 1956 will depend heavily on the continued success of senior leftfielder Loyd Stone of Wichita Falls.

Stone, who came to A&M last year from John Tarleton State Junior College, batted .306 in conference play and was honorable mention for the All-Southwest Conference team.

But he made it the hard way.

Starred in Wichita Falls

Before coming to A&M, the 5-10, 165 pound righthanded slugger was a catcher. He started his catching some ten years ago in the YMCA league in Wichita Falls.

He worked behind the plate through high school and two years at Tarleton.

But when he came to A&M, Stone faced the obstacle of having to compete against an All-Southwest Conference catcher Gary Herrington. Stone was certainly too good a hitter to be warming the bench, so former Coach Beau Bell, quickly and wisely moved Stone into leftfield. There he stayed and developed into one of the best in the conference.

Three Letters, All-District

Stone, the son of Mrs. Jewel

Stone, 606 Lee St., Wichita Falls, was born in Wichita Falls on Feb. 22, 1937. He was a three-year letterman in baseball at Wichita Falls High School under Coach Dick Moss. In his senior year, Stone was named to the All-District team as a catcher.

Following high school, he entered Tarleton College on a baseball scholarship. He played under Coach Cecil Ballow, who, Stone says, "is the best coach I ever played for." As a freshman he quickly established himself as an outstanding ballplayer. He set an all-time Tarleton record that first year by hitting seven home runs in one season and batted .297 that first year.

In his sophomore year, he hit four homers and batted a respectable .372. "I quit swinging for the fence and just tried to meet the ball," he says.

Stone says he picked A&M because he had a lot of friends at the college. He likes the school, but is still not set on becoming an outfielder.

Outfielding Is Easier

"Outfielding is a lot easier, but it is not as much fun as catching," he says. "When you do one thing for ten years you kind of get used to it."

After college Stone hopes to try his hand at professional baseball. "I'll give it a try for about three years and if I don't get anywhere, I'll teach baseball somewhere as a coach."

Possessing a throwing arm respected by all opponents, Stone has batted .200 through four games this year under new Coach Tom Chandler. And the southpaw fly-chaser has yet to commit a miscue as the Farmers have rolled to a 2-2 season mark.

Ag Rifle Team Wins Triangular Meet

The A&M varsity rifle team defeated Texas Western College University of Arizona and the University of New Mexico recently in shoulder-to-shoulder competition while participating in the Southwest Invitational Small Rifle Tournament in El Paso, Texas.

The Aggies scored a 5541 to their opponents 5256. Highest pos-

sible score that could be attained was 6,000 points. High scorer for the Cadets was Otis Fine, sophomore from Houston, who fired a 1128 out of a possible 1200 points.

The Aggie riflemen journey next to the University of Texas March 21 where they will compete in the NRA National Intercollegiate Rifle Championship Matches.

Canadians Defeat Russians on Ice

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP)—The cautious but cool Canadian hockey team turned back its leading rival, Russia, 3-1 Wednesday in a game that most observers saw as the deciding one of the World Amateur Ice Hockey Championships.

Taking a 2-0 lead in the first period, Canada relied on close checking and careful defense to gain its second victory of the final round.

Temporarily this meant only a first-place tie with the United States, which routed Finland 10-3 in an earlier game Wednesday, and with Czechoslovakia. Each has four points in the standing after two victories.

But the Russians had beaten the U. S. 5-1 in the opening game of the final round Monday and were considered the only team which might halt Canada's drive to a second straight world championship.

The U. S. team has a day off Thursday before playing Czechoslovakia Friday.



Fleet Farmer Flychaser

Loyd Stone, Ag leftfielder, is expected to be a key factor in the Cadet diamond success this year. The 6-1 senior was an honorable mention to the All-Southwest Conference team last year when he batted .306.

Fordham, Villanov Fordham, Butler

NEW YORK (AP)—Fordham plays Butler and Villanova engages St. John's of New York Thursday night in opening games of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament.

Twelve picked teams compete in the annual event at Madison Square Garden with the finals scheduled March 21.

Butler comes to the Garden with an 18-8 record but on the surge of a late season spurt which saw the team beat such powers as Tennessee, Indiana, Wisconsin, Notre Dame and Dartmouth.

Fordham won 16 and lost 7 games during the season.

Villanova, a newcomer to the NIT, puts its 18-6 record against an experienced St. John's quintet which will be playing in the event for the 14th time. St. John's has a 16-6 mark.

Manhattan meets Providence and New York University faces Denver Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night Bradley, seeded No. 1, plays the Fordham-Butler winner and St. Bonaventure, No. 3 opposes the St. John's-Villanova victor.

St. Louis, seeded second, and Oklahoma City, No. 4, make their debut Tuesday night.

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