

**CHIPS FROM THE DIAMOND**

The baseball season is about in full swing and we are expectantly awaiting our future battles.

Perhaps, it might be a good idea to give a kind of retrospect of the men who will represent us on the diamond this year, so here it goes:

We have as coaches this year D. X. Bible and Paul Sentell; of the former, no doubt we are all more or less familiar. The latter is a new comer in our midst, but one who has made his name in the national game and is of a tried quality. He possesses all the essentials of a successful ball player, ability, aggressiveness, and pep, "yea, verily I say an abundance of it." Of course these three characteristics, the last two are no doubt of the greatest importance for a team that has no fight or pep is a beaten one no matter how much natural talent it may possess. Any one who has found his way out to the ball lot can see that this theory is being put into play, for never before has a team displayed so much pep and old time "ginger" as our men are showing at the present time. Here's hoping they do not let it die but keep it up all through the season, if such is the case you can put it down in the old score book that A. and M. is headed for another championship.

Next in importance comes a personage always felt on any nine, the captain, and we are indeed blest this year with one of the best field engineers in college baseball, namely in the personage of Jud Lewis. Lewis has always been a consistent player, never erratic or what is commonly known as a "flash in the pan". He plays his position as the veteran of many years, and is hard working and deserving. Here's to the one best captain we have had in many a year. May he never know what it is like to taste defeat while captain of A. and M.

In almost all position we have 9 letter men out, but they are by no means assured of a position, especially those letter men who grace the infield; however, it might be a safe bet to wager that the out field will consist of letter men, unless some unusual phenom turns up. Who can imagine a better out field than Mathews, Guinon and Glezen? It almost sounds like Jackson, Speaker and Cobb.

Mathews and Guinon are letter men from last year, and they are men who can be relied on in a pinch, when the old blow is required, and that is what counts in any old ball game. Last year both men fielded well and hit when a hit was needed.

In Axel Glezen we have a letter man of two years ago. Due to a rash act of his last year he was not eligible. Everyone felt sorry for Axel when he could not get in and we all felt like he did in the matter, for it seemed hardly fair to keep a man out the whole year just because he signed up to go to the University and never even got so far as to go to a class. Glezen swears he is going to make up for that year he lost out, this season, and anyone who saw him play in '17 can imagine what that was going to be for Axel did not hit but about .500 and field around a thousand.

In the infield we have Rhode and Dwyer battling it out at first.

Lackey, Higginbotham, Smith, Glezen and James are the other contenders for the infield jobs.

Rhode has made the team for the last three years, being one of the Fish that made the team in '17; he has always been a good hitter and a fair fielder.

Dwyer is a new man out for the team, as in '17 he was not eligible, and did not get to show his ability. He has shown up exceptionally well in practice this year and last summer played amateur ball with a San Antonio team and attracted considerable attention.

Lackey at second is fielding in his old time style which is as much as one could expect, and much to the pleasure of all is picking up in his hitting, which was his only weak point as he has the old pep and is always giving the opposition a good guying.

Higginbotham no doubt will be seen this year cavorting around short which to say the least is one of the most difficult places on the diamond to play, and one which requires a man who can cover a lot of territory and has a cool head and in "Hig", we think we have the man for just such a position.

Behind the plate we have three likely candidates, all of whom are showing up exceptionally well, Crawford is whipping the ball down to second in the practice games with death-like percision, which seems to be a bad sign for anyone who will attempt to pilfer a base on him this season. Dynan and Moore are out every day and showing a world of stuff, and it might not be amiss to say that this year sees us with a supply of good catchers such as we have never had before.

On the pitchers' mound we have an entire new array of material, none of which have ever pitched a game for A. and M. All of the chunkers are showing speed and a good curve ball. Henderson, a new man is showing up fine and he will more than likely make many a batter look like a dub before the season is over. Sprague, our left-hander, is showing that quality which is generally woefully lacking in most all southpaws—control—if once he has that, it will be very few games that will be put on the lost side of his record. Others who will bear watching are Alexander, Boykin and Farrell.

With such a collection of talent it should not be hard to wager a guess as to how the outcome of most of the games will be, so let's go out and watch an A. and M. championship team in action, for we do not intend to let such a successful athletic season as the one through which we are passing go by without being able to claim a championship baseball team.

'Tis midnight and the setting sun  
Is slowly rising in the West,  
The rapid rivers slowly run, the  
Frog is on his downy nest.  
The pensive goat and sportive cow  
Hilariously leap from bough to  
bough.

Fish (finding some rubber in Sbisa's hash) "Oh, another instance of the auto taking the place of the horse."

**WHAT IF?**

All lawyers were forced to become boot-leggers in order to be admitted to the bar.

You were requested to sing at a party given by that dainty little thing you once called perfection? Would you be tempted to render "I gave her that" or "I want it Back"?

Sherman's famous saying was applied to Junior banquets.

R. O. T. C. meant the happiest part of my school days; A. M. O. I. meant "stay as long as you like"; Y. M. C. A. meant "welcome to our home of hospitality"? Could you then use this as a code in deciphering "B. U. D."?

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The Junior banquet in March,  
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