

**AGGIE NINE OPENS SEASON SUCCESSFULLY**

**Farmers Show Real Class in Winnin the First Three Games of This Season.**

The Aggies inaugurated the 1920 baseball season last week by administering a stinging defeat to the Soldier boys of the 37th Infantry. The doughboys were shut out to a 11-0 tune and let down with only two hits, both in the ninth inning off recruit Ehlert. Sprague and Farrell held the visitors hitless in the first seven frames and led by Lackey and Captain Lewis the home club batted around eleven runs.

Austin College opened the Collegiate season and followed in the wake of the retreating lads in khaki. In the first game young Mr. Henderson completely subjugated the leaping Kangaroos, letting them down with one run and only five hits. The farmers displayed a nervousness that resulted in six bad errors but continued their batting bee by connecting for eleven safe blows. Lackey kept up his hitting streak and Matthews broke into the scorer's graces with a pair of timely bingles. The work of Crawford behind the bat was an eye-opener to many A. and M. fans and the big boy looks like the best receiver in the state this year. The infield still displayed a tendency to boot the ball around a trifle more than was necessary but a few errors are to be expected at this time of the year.

The second game was another loosely played, free hitting exhibition with the Farmers victorious by a score of 13-7. Both clubs hit the ball hard; Lackey and Matthews clouting homers for the Aggies and Estes for the visitors. Every Farmer got a hit except Guynes and in addition to the above circuit drives Lackey and Matthews hit for extra bases. For the Kangaroos the work of Morehart at short stood out while Senabough did some effective work with the stick. Higginbotham looked a little more like his old self at short and managed to collect two singles and tally twice in four trips to the plate. Sprague and Olsen were kept in hot water by the errors and poor judgment at times of their teammates but maintained excellent control under fire. Glezen made a sensational catch of Love's long drive in the eighth and hit safely three times. As a

team the proteges of Coach Bible are looking fine and a third championship seems headed for the Farmer bivouac.

Score by innings:

A. and M. vs. 37th Infantry.

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A. and M.	220	502	00*
37th Inf.	000	000	000

Batteries: A. and M.—Sprague, Farrell, Ehlert and Crawford. Moore and Dinan. Infantry—Wilson and Pastor.

A. and M. vs. Austin College.

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Austin C.	000	000	100

Batteries: A. and M.—Henderson and Crawford. Austin College—Guinn and Monozingo.

	R	H	E
A. and M.	500	025	01*
Austin C.	003	010	003

Batteries: A. and M.—Sprague, Olsen and Crawford. Austin College—Snow and Monozingo, Hurst.

**BASEBALL OUTLOOK**

The baseball candidates have been practicing faithfully for the last two months and every day the outlook for a championship team looks brighter. The thing that gladdens the hearts of the rooters is the confidence with which the team hits. A. and M. has the best batting squad they have shown in the last five years.

The catchers the first part of the season were a source of worry to the coaches but Crawford, Moore and Dinan are coming through splendidly.

The infield is an airtight proposition; Captain Lewis, Higginbotham, Lackey, Dwyer, Wilson, Smith and Rothe form an aggregation from which can be picked two good in-fields any day that it is necessary.

The outfield is the pride of the lot. With Lefty Matthews, Glezen and Guynes, Alexander and Henderson, the ground is amply covered and they are all terrors to the opposing pitchers when they step to the plate.

The pitchers at the first of the season looked to be the weakest department of the team. Daniel's sickness left a big hole which was hard to fill and he will probably not be seen in a uniform this year. However, the improvement shown by the remaining pitchers is enough to give the cadets a feeling of confidence in the final outcome. Henderson, Alexander, Farrell, Olsen and Cox, right-handers, and Sprague and Matthews,



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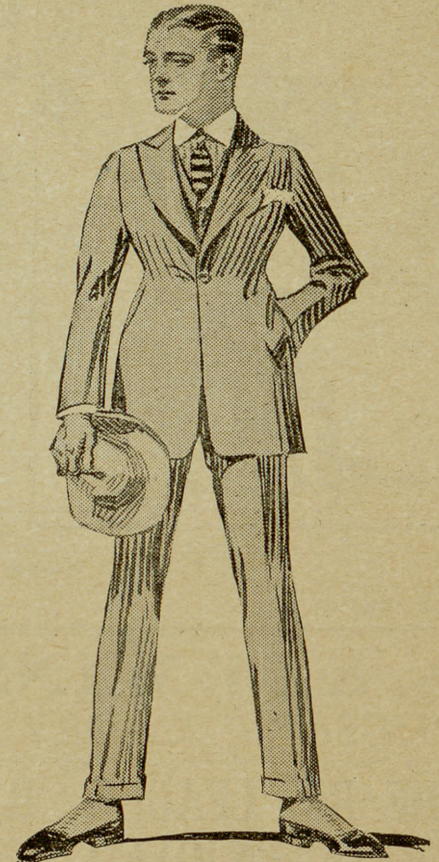
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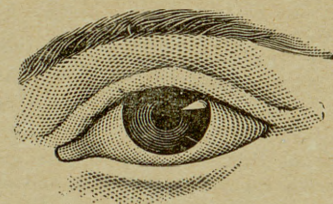
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