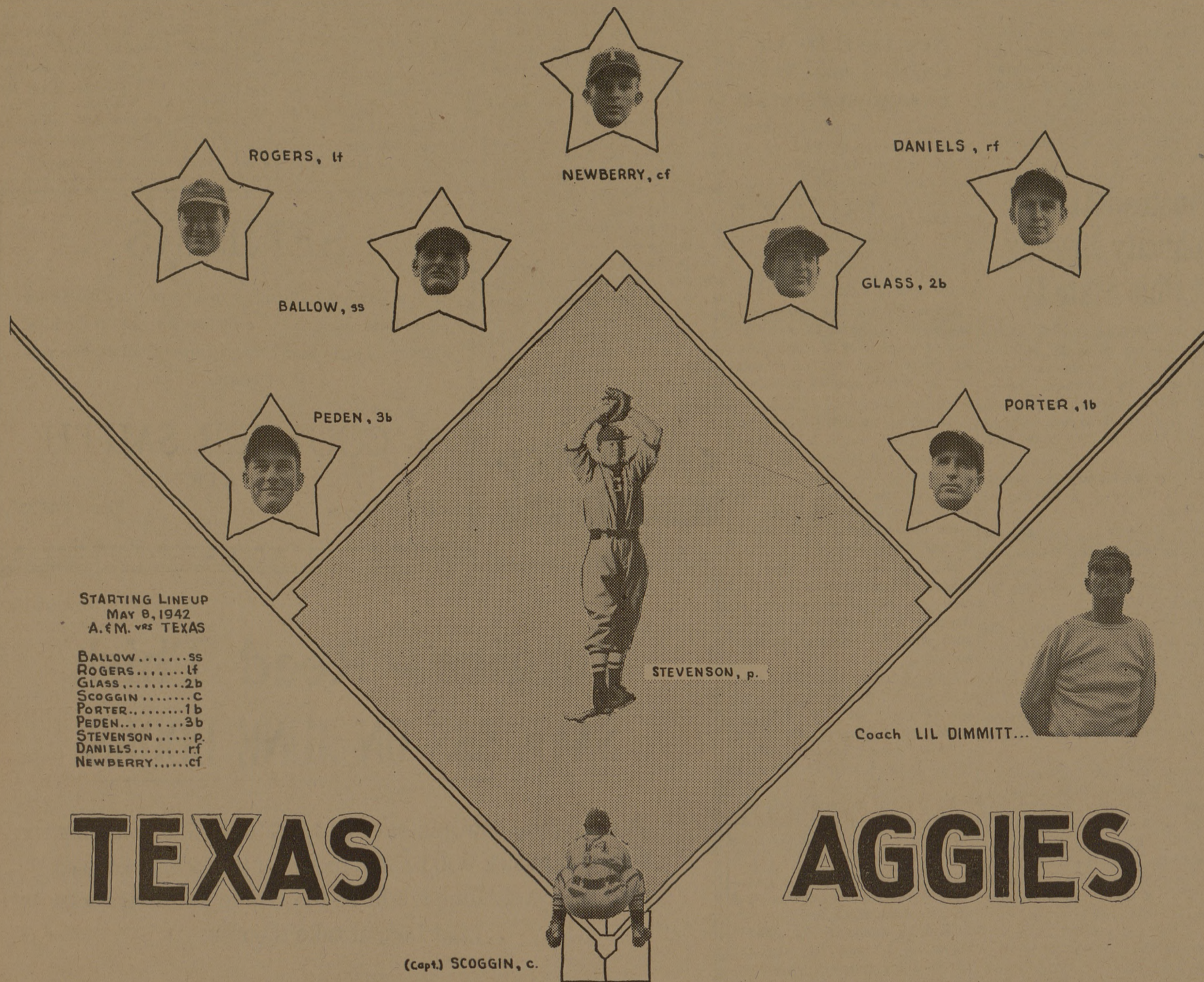


# Aggies Battle Texas for SWC Championship Friday

### As the Ags Will Line Up When the Ump Says Play Ball Friday



STARTING LINEUP  
MAY 6, 1942  
A. M. vs. TEXAS

BALLOW	.....ss
ROGERS	.....lf
GLASS	.....2b
SCOGGIN	.....c
PORTER	.....1b
PEDEN	.....3b
STEVENSON	.....p
DANIELS	.....rf
NEWBERRY	.....cf

## TEXAS

## AGGIES

## Stevenson-Dumke Duel To Highlight Two-Game Series

### Dimmittmen Already Hold 4-1 Win Over Texas This Year; Steers Greatly Improved

Custer had his last stand, the Texans stood up to all the fury at the Alamo, and the Russians battled the Germans in the bloodiest of conflicts, but all that's nothing when you put A. & M. and Texas on the field together.

For Friday, these two arch foes again fight it out for the championship of a Southwest Conference sport. It was football first and now we turn to the game of baseball. The league-leading Aggies again select Austin as their spot to have a showdown with a vastly improved Texas Longhorn nine.

#### Similar Situation

It was almost a similar situation last year. The Cadets were leading the league and all that had to be done was to defeat the Longhorns at Clark Field in Austin. But the jinx that predominated at Memorial stadium seemed to take its full form at the baseball field, and, that coupled with a guy named Pete Layden sent the Aggies back home with a heart-breaking loss. Then Baylor gave the Steers an assist by defeating the Maroon and White diamonders and giving Texas another championship.

the mound opposed by the Aggies' curve-ball twirler, Smokey Carden. Strelsky only opped up into the Steers' lineup a few weeks ago, being picked up one day off the intramural lots to hurl for Faulk's nine. He has already won two conference games, and much will depend on him Saturday.

Carden started off this year with a noticeable sophomore nervousness. Since he has won five non-conference and one conference game and has shown steady improvement. Smokey has plenty on the ball, and once he gets started, it takes plenty to stop him.

#### Powerhouse

This year, Coach Lil Dimmitt's Aggies have been a powerhouse in most of their games. Baylor and S. M. U. slipped up, but after that not even Texas could come close to the Cadets. They've received some excellent hurling, hitting, and fielding. The pitching, led by rotund Charlie Stevenson, the hitting led by Captain John Scoggin, and the fielding by Cecil Ballow, has all come through in fine fashion. Aggie hitting has been superb with every member of the lineup hitting over .300 in conference games.

As to Coach Bibb Faulk's championship - contending Longhorns, they've been improving with each tilt. Bill Dumke, lanky curve-ball artist, has finally hit his stride, and since that fateful Aggie game a couple of months ago, he has been the most effective hurler. He has been designated by Coach Faulk to start Friday's game and will be opposed by Charlie Stevenson of the Aggies in a pitching duel that will even rival that Deutsch-Bumpers affair last year.

#### Saturday's Tilt

For their other tilt Saturday, Bob Strelsky, will probably toe

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## Stevenson Closes Brilliant Career Against TU Friday

By Mike Haikin

A brilliant career that did not flicker until this year will come to an end Friday afternoon. That's when Charlie Stevenson, the Aggie

ace pitcher, goes to the mound for the last time in what he hopes will be his best. He faces the dangerous Texas Longhorns in a battle that has the championship of the Southwest Conference as

its reward for victory. Charlie entered school here in 1938 and after a grand freshman year, he suddenly blew up and was of little value to the Aggies in the next two years. This year, a new Stevenson strode the mound to find himself winner of eight of the eleven conference games. Four of those were shutouts in which he had a string of 28 consecutive scoreless frames, an Aggie record that may stand for a long time to come.

But back to the old days. Stevenson came here, as mentioned, in 1938 from Austin High School where his pitching zeal was the talk of the town. He pitched in the State American Legion in '38 being finally beaten in the playoffs, 2-0, by Howard Pollet, now with the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League.

That record was good enough for A. & M. officials and Stevenson was brought to Aggieland. His first year here was a sensation and everyone groomed the big buxom blond from Austin as one of the greatest A. & M. prospects.

But something happened. Everything just didn't go right with Charlie his sophomore year, but people still had plenty of confidence in the rotund hurler. It was that year that he suffered his most humiliating defeat by—of all teams—Texas university. Stevenson's prime ambition in college baseball was to defeat the Steers. He split with them during his Fish year, but something slipped the following year.

His junior year, Charlie was still finding the going tough and it was not until the final home game of the season that Stevenson fin-

ally hit the jackpot. And it wasn't his uncanny pitching arm that brought him fame.

The Aggies were playing Texas in a two game series here. Both games had to be won for the Cadets to stay in stride with the Longhorns. Lefty Bumpers pitched effectively to win the first tilt, and everything was set for the second game. Roy Peden was hit hard and the Steers were out in front, 5-1, at the start of the Aggie half of the eighth. Stevenson had replaced Peden the inning before to quell a Texas uprising and he took his turn at the plate. With the bases loaded Charlie promptly doubled to score two runs and doubled the Aggies on their way to victory. Six runs were sent across and the Cadets won, 7-5.

That was Charlie's contribution, and it wasn't his fault that the Ags were beaten out for the crown.

Today, Stevenson stands on the pinnacle of Aggie fame, and is sure to be included in the Aggies' Hall of Fame. He has, with the help of the big bat of John Scoggin and the other diamonders, put the Maroon and White on top of the heap, and Friday afternoon he will step into a familiar lair—Clark Field—and again face the Texas onghorns. He already holds a 4-1 victory over the Steers, and he'll be seeking that second one Friday afternoon.

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## Ags Close Home Season With 7-2 Win Over SP Tues

The Texas Aggies closed out their home baseball season Tuesday afternoon by defeating the Southern Pacific nine from Houston, 7-2.

Charlie Stevenson started on the hill for the Cadets, working three innings in which he allowed one run and four hits. Smokey Carden took over and pitched brilliantly allowing one run and one hit to receive credit for the win.

Captain John Scoggin extended his hitting streak to eight but finally was stopped when Stokes, Southern Pacific second sacker made a great stab at John's hard hit grounder. The next time up, Scoggin pasted a double down the left field line to start on a new streak. Incidentally those eight consecutive blows is regarded as a conference record.

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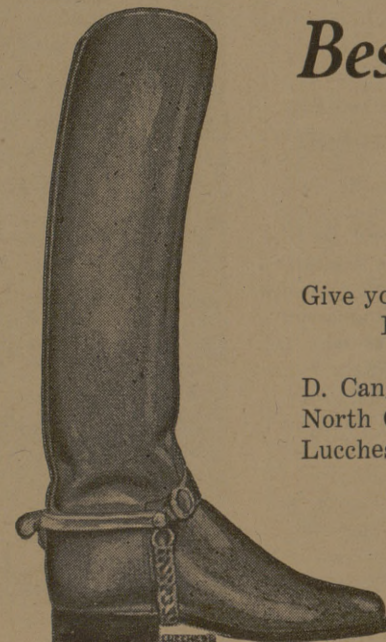
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