

Fish Baseballers Beat Navarro JC In Slow Tilt

By Frank Simmons, Jr.

In a sloppy game filled with home runs, bunts, balks, stolen bases, and a dozen errors the Aggie and Fish finally pushed over an outclassed Navarro Junior College nine yesterday on the Kyle Field practice diamond by a one sided score of 12 to 2.

Beaumont ace Sam Blanton went five innings for the Fish allowing the opposition two runs from four hits. Bob Tankersley took over from the sixth inning and hurled three hit ball for the remaining three sessions.

"Lack" Lackey, although making four errors in field play, contributed five, of the young Cadets total of 14 hits for the afternoon.

On his first time at bat the likable shortstop slapped a long, hard one into left center field that should have been a home run, but Lackey was only able to gain third base. Lackey has only one disadvantage. He runs the bases about like "Dog" Dawson would.

Jim Tunnell, a San Angelo product, also looked good in the Fish hit column. Tunnell made three for four to place second in the Freshman bingol list.

Wayne Watkins, in the first of the fourth, connected for the only home run of the game when he put one of Blanton's fast ones about 400 feet out in right center field. Smith had walked just before counting for Navarro's only two tallies of the ball game.

Al Ogletree, talented catcher from Austin, who left the "Forty Acres City" to come to a good school had a considerably bad day at the plate.

Al, who was in center field for this contest, banged one of Na-

varro pitcher George Hodges' chunks every bit as far as the one Watkins hit, but due to an alert center fielder who made a spectacular one handed catch the young Austinite was cheated out of his round trip.

George Hodges, Navarro pitcher from Conroe, did fairly well for the Corsicana boys on the mound the five innings he was in the fray. Hodges allowed eight hits and nine runs against five errors and considerable bad play from his teammates.

The Navarro diamond play was not too good, but the Fish looked even worse when it came to mishaps. Lackey, who made four of his teams errors, made up for it though by ending up with a five for six hitting average.

Allan Frost, in the first inning, hit the third ball pitcher Sam Blanton threw him into right field for the Corsicana team's first safety of the day. Frost then advanced to second on a balk committed by Blanton. Holland also got on on a freak hit but the Junior College lads were unable to put across a tally as the next two men at the plate struck out.

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In the next inning Blanton walked the first man but then proceeded to strike the remaining three men out to retire the sides.

Two double plays were seen during the contest, one in the third frame and another in the fourth. The first one came when Vinson got to first on one of Lackey's errors, but was put out on the next play when Holland hit one to the short stop who threw to second and the second sacker relaying it on to first for the third out.

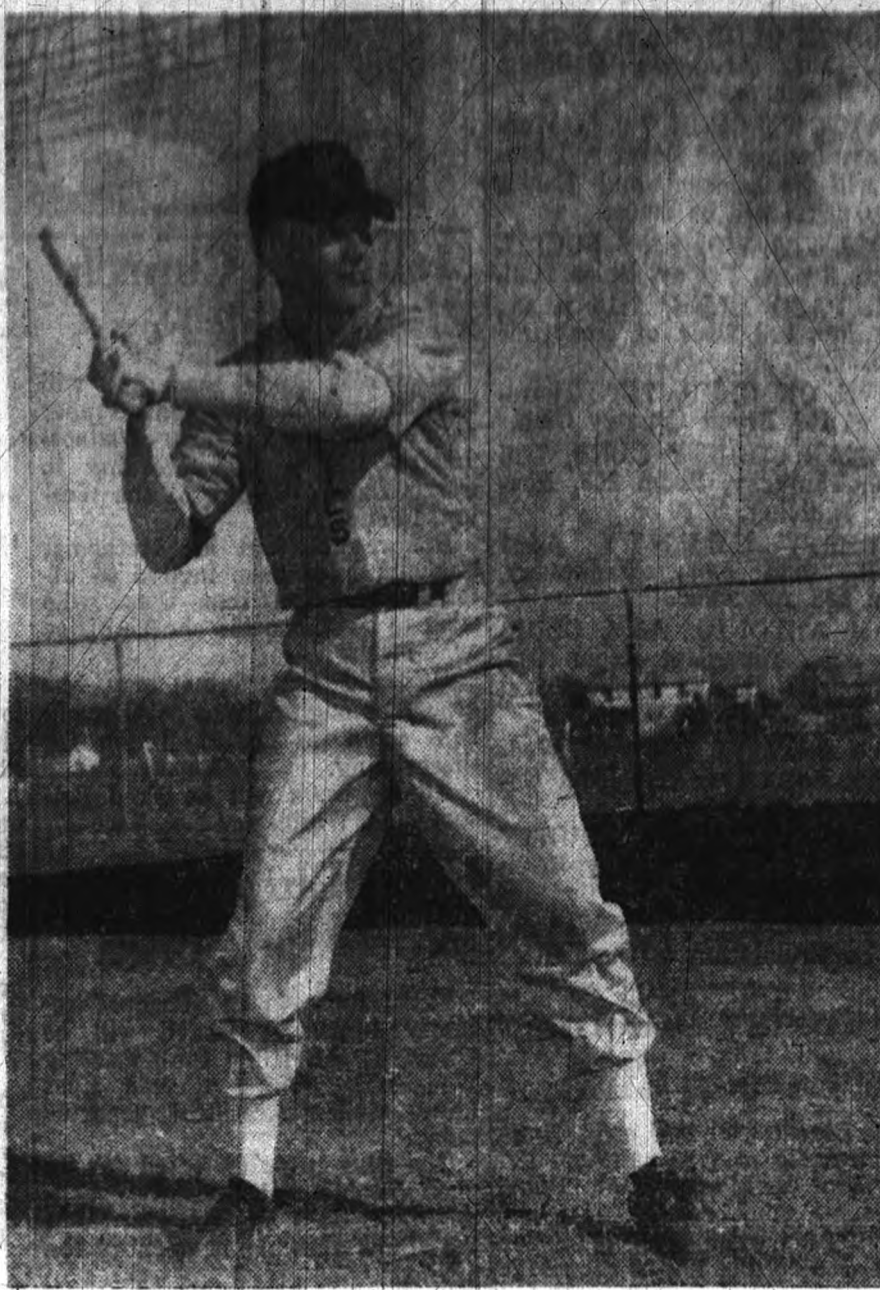
The game never developed into a score for the Fish as they went ahead early in the fray and were never threatened during the rest of the contest.

In their next game of the season the Fish take on the Rice Owlets in a game on Kyle Field March 31. Coach Andrew will next send his bunch into action on the sixth of April.

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Cotton Lindloff, the Aggie's first string second baseman, has three letters for baseball to his credit. He was all-state in both football and baseball in Waco High School before coming to A. & M.

Cotton Lindloff Is After Fourth Baseball Letter

By LEO BIRENBERG

What are the Texas Aggie chances of winning the Southwest Conference baseball crown? To get this answer as well as a personal interview of a great baseball player, I decided to see Clifford (Cotton) Lindloff, three year letterman and all-conference second baseman of the A&M baseball team.

Trying to get Cotton to say something about himself was a very hard job. The modest Lindloff answered my questions about himself with comments praising the other boys on the team.

"We have a good ball club," he said. "And as Coach Karow says, 'if the pitching holds up we have a good chance.' However, we will miss Hollimig (last years leading homerun hitter) and Beesley (the number one twirler from last season). But even at that, we have some good sophomore pitching prospects that will be hard to beat."

Lindloff, who is playing his fourth year as an Aggie starter, has had a great athletic career. A Waco product, he was all-state quarterback on the Waco team of 1945 that tied Highland Park for the state championship. He was also all-state in baseball for the Tigers. When he entered A&M in the spring of '46, he immediately made the varsity team as a shortstop. In his freshman season, he set an enviable record as he became one of the outstanding shortstops in the circuit.

The next year found the versatile Lindloff playing second base for the Aggies. This change was for two reasons. First, an arm injury suffered during the summer while he was playing semi-pro ball made the change necessary because of the shorter throw from second to first, and also, the Aggie infield was sorely in need of a keystone man and Cotton seemed able to fill the bill. It must have worked out all right, for Cotton has remained at second ever since.

Last baseball season found Cotton having the best year of his career. He hit a healthy .381, which placed him third in conference batting and first among the Aggie sluggers. Cotton also smashed out 3 homers against conference competition. It was also in the '48 season that Lindloff had his greatest thrill. The first hit he ever got off Bobby Layne in 3 seasons was one of those four-baggers.

Lindloff is a little optimistic

on this year's chances. He claims that the hitting should improve, and the fielding should also be better than last year. He also says that no man is safe at his position. (And that includes Cotton.) Lindloff believes that with everybody trying to hold on to their jobs, the competition will result in the boys putting out a little more effort.

Cotton is one of the few college players playing baseball today who does not want to play professional ball. A coaching career is his ambition, and he seems to be getting well-fitted for the job. He is a PE major here at A&M and expects to get his degree in January.

Right now, however, the blond second baseman is interested in winding up his baseball career for the Texas Aggies on a Southwest Conference championship team. And with Cotton Lindloff in there swinging, it looks like that flag which is now down on the "forty acres" will be taking a trip east around the middle of May.

Aggie Handball Team Defeats SMU

A&M's little known but well-trained Handball Club journeyed to Dallas last Saturday and defeated the SMU team, winning five of the six matches.

Jewell McDowell, better known for his basketball ability, downed Rawley Blakely, who is better known for his football playing. McDowell's scores were both 21-8. Burr Layne lost to Joe Finklestein. Layne won the middle game, 21-4, but lost the others, 21-17 and 21-15.

A&M's Raleigh Epps went three games to defeat Rus Morrison. Morrison took the first game, 21-18, but lost the next two, 21-16 and 21-17.

Paul Yates lost his first game to Don Defferorai, 21-18 but surprised his opponent in the final two games with two wins, 21-5 and 21-7.

Layne and McDowell teamed to down Blakely and Henderson 21-17 and 24-22. Then Epps and Yates combined to defeat Don Hahn and Bill Gealy, 21-11 and 21-10.

Games with Texas and Baylor are still on the schedule this spring for the handball club.

The more than 100 rookies reporting to American League baseball teams hail from 30 states and three foreign countries.

Finals In Intramural Boxing To Be Held Tonight At 7:30

Tonight is A&M's annual Fight Night held every year in conjunction with the college intramural program. Fights begin in the lower weights and progress up to the heavyweights.

This ends the tough elimination fights that the winners of the fight have been through so far. There will be no admission charge at the door.

Here are the matchings for finals tonight. Action will get underway at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWare Field House.

For the 110 pound championship, George Kutch of C Field will oppose Louis Fincias of A&M.

In the 120 pound class, Ralph Pasternak of A Composite faces Walt Todd of B Infantry.

John Hada of E Infantry will fight Bert Littlejohn of E Infantry for the 139 pound top honors.

Ordnance Company puts up two boxers to try for the 149 pound crown. Bernie Parkey will tangle with Harold Springfield.

In the 159 pound class, Don Hickman, A Infantry, will mix it up with Bo Damuth of B Infantry.

The 169 pound division finds Hamp Oliver meeting Paleigh Epps. Oliver is from CWS and Epps represents C Infantry.

Sam Libertio of Dorm 3 will oppose Curtis Jones of A Infantry in the 179 pound class finals.

For the Heavyweight honors, Joe Bell, A Infantry meets Don Grubbs of B Engineers.

Two extra bouts will also be offered. The Intramural office has brought in two unknown but experienced boxers by tramp steamer and slow freight. Both fighters are champions in their own right. A free-for-all with 10 sophomore intramural managers in the ring blind-folded but with gloves on is also on the program.

Dorm 16 shut out Dorm 14 in Vet Softball Tuesday afternoon. The final score was 4-0 with Art Burch pitching the win. Jim Tittle was the losing hurler.

Club softball got underway yesterday and three games were played. FFA ran up a 10-2 score over Range and Forestry. The game was called in the third frame as specified in the softball rules. Agromony Society clipped Lamar County by a 15-5 tally. Pre-Med Club ran over Fish and Game in a 21-2 jaunt.

In a Lone Team Handball game, Walton downed Dorm 16 in two straight games.

Coaltown, Citation Could Be Matched If Terms Right

MIAMI, Fla. March 22 —(AP)—A match race between Citation and Coaltown, greatest turf natural possible, probably could be staged if conditions are suitable, Calumet General Manager Ben Jones said today—adding that he still rates Citation the better horse.

Such a prize attraction at, say, a mile and a quarter, would jar any big track and probably would be worth a "purse" of \$50,000 or so. Coaltown's 5-for-5 in Florida this year has heaped new coals on turfdom's burning question: Can Citation, deemed by many veteran experts the equal if not superior of Immortal Man O'War, beat his amazingly fast stablemate—a colt fresh from tying the world marks for nine and 10 furlongs?



Bert Littlejohn (left) and Tom Royter battled Monday night to see who would battle John Hada in the finals tonight. Littlejohn went on to gain the decision over Royter. The winner was representing E Infantry, while the loser is a member of C Field.

Illinois Rumped By Potent Kentucky

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP)—It's a revived, rampaging Kentucky basketball team that will defend its NCAA championship in Seattle, Wash., Saturday against defense-minded Oklahoma A&M.

Twenty-four hours ago Coach Adolph Rupp feared his magnificent senior quintet, the nation's top-ranked combine, might have "played itself out" and reached the end of its triumphant trail.

But these quakes vanished; the Blue Grass Couriers master said, when he saw his Wildcats crush Illinois' big nine titlists, 76-47, last night to win the Eastern NCAA playoffs.

"It was one of the five best games my boys played all year," Rupp commented proudly after.

They really snapped out of their slump, and I hope for a bangup game against the Aggies."

The Kentucky coach said he became alarmed about his team when it dropped a lackadaisical 67-56 decision to Loyola of Chicago in the quarter-finals of the National Invitation Tournament last week.

His worries were not relieved, he added, when his proteges won 1937 Villanova, 85-72, Monday night in the semifinals of the Eastern NCAA Tournament.

The 67 points that Loyola got were the most scored against one of my teams in 29 years," he said. "Tom Villanova came along and topped that with 72."

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Ohio State Plays Aggies Tomorrow

By LEON SOMER

The Texas Aggie baseball team takes on the Ohio State nine tomorrow afternoon in the first game of a three game series to be played on the Kyle Field diamond this week. These same two teams met last year with the Ohio team taking two of the three games played.

The Farmers have gotten off to a good start this season by taking their first three games. The Ca-

dets shut out the University of Houston Cougars twice, 6-0, 7-0, and then trimmed Stephen F. Austin 6-2.

This week's game with the Buckeyes will be the first real test for the Aggies and, this series will give Coach Marty Karow a chance to see if his pitchers can go the distance. Showing best form so far this year are toppers Pat Hubert, Bruce Morrisse, and Bob Fretz.

Morrisse gave notice against Stephen F. Austin that he was ready to go the route as he struck out 15 batsmen in the seven innings that he worked against the East Texas team.

The Ohio State roster lists seven pitchers who will be down for the three games with the Aggies. Heading their group of moundsmen is Pete Perini who gave the Farmers a lot of trouble last year. The Buckeyes have a capable shortstop in Robert Weygant who hails from McDonald, Ohio. Weygant played semi-pro ball with the strong Conroe nine last summer.

Tomorrow afternoon's game will begin at three o'clock. Students who plan to attend the game are reminded to bring along their student athletic card.

Farmer Netters Blast Bobcats In Match, 7-0

Aggie netters defeated the San Marcos College tennis team, seven matches to nothing here, Tuesday afternoon.

It was A&M all the way as the Cadets ran through the Bobcats with the loss of only one set. The only close match of the day was between Benny Stanford, A&M and Wayne Harris, San Marcos. Stanford came through in the final set to win the match, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

In the other singles matches Price Metcalfe, A&M, defeated Charlie Small, San Marcos, 6-4 6-3; Allen Aronson, A&M, ran over J. D. Owens, San Marcos, 6-1, 6-0; Rodney Sellars, A&M, edged out Henry Parish, San Marcos, in the second set to win 61, 7-5; James Wallis, A&M, defeated Emory Grandstaff, San Marcos, 6-4, 6-3.

In the doubles matches Metcalfe and Aronson whalloped Owens and Small, 6-0, 6-2; and Wallis and Sellars defeated Grandstaff and Parish, 6-4, 6-2.

Coach Dowell's Fish team will play hosts to Ball High School tennis team this weekend on the clay courts and in DeWare Field House, Friday night.

Playing for the Fish tennis team will be R. G. Deberry, Bobby Duncan, Royce Tate, and Aaron Cohen. This will not be a regular match, but only a chance for the student body to see the Fish in action, said Dowell.

Michigan State College placed three players on the Penn State all-opponent football team for 1948. Halfback George Guerre was a unanimous choice.

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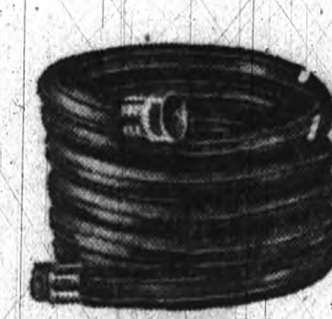
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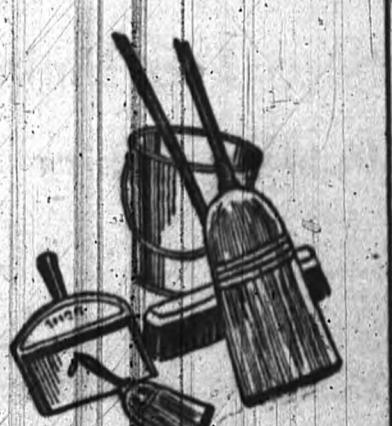
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