

Ags Halted By Bombers, 10-4

Bad Start Costs Farmers Game, Make One Comeback

By SCOTTY SWINNEY

A&M got off to a bad start last night against the Bryan Bombers, and were never able to catch up as the professionals won 10-4.

The Bombers took a two point lead in the first inning, as Bruce Morrisse, the Aggie pitcher, walked two men, and Goletz, the Bryan first baseman, got a single over second base.

A&M tried to catch up in the second inning. Bobby Fretz got on with a single, and John DeWitt rapped a double down the third base line to take him to third. At that point it looked as though the Aggies with none out might pull up, but only one run was scored. It came off a fly to left field by Bob Graham which brought Fretz home.

Bryan came back in the second, and turned five more walks and a hit off Morrisse into three more runs. This gave the Bombers a four point lead. True, Mobbyley came to the mound for the Aggies and broke up the scoring attack by the Bryan team.

It looked as though the Aggies were going again in the third, but the threat was soon stopped. The next Aggie threat came in the fifth when they scored three more runs to put them one behind.

Guy Wallace and Wally Moon walked in the fifth with none away to set the stage. Wallace scored on a single to left field by Cotton Lindloff. Bobby Fretz got on with a walk to load the bases, and Moon came in with another run on a single by DeWitt to right field. The scoring was stopped then by a quick double play and a strike out.

Mobbyley held the Bombers tight until the sixth inning, when an error, two hot singles through the box, and a walk, brought them two more runs. Blanton Taylor took over pitching duties for the Aggies to retire the side.

Three more hits in the seventh brought the Bryan total to nine runs by bringing in two more. McCloskey made it ten in the eighth on an error to end the scoring for the night.

After the fifth when the Aggies pulled to within one point of tying up the game, it was the Bombers game all the way. The A&M team threatened twice, but both times they were stopped by double plays when it did

the most good for Bryan. The game story is told in the fact that the Bombers got ten runs off eleven hits, while the Aggies could only garner four runs off nine hits. It was the old story of hitting when it did the most good coupled with too many walks allowed by the Farmers.

BOX SCORE

Aggies	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Mays, 3b.....	4	0	1	2	2	1
Wallace, ss.....	4	1	2	6	1	1
Moon, cf.....	3	1	0	0	0	0
Lindloff, 2b.....	5	1	2	0	2	0
Fretz, rf.....	3	1	2	0	0	0
DeWitt, lf.....	3	0	2	2	1	0
Maltz, 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Warriner, c.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Graham, c.....	2	0	0	3	1	0
Calvert, c.....	1	0	1	1	0	0
Morrisse, p.....	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mobby, p.....	2	0	0	0	1	0
Taylor, p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
McPherson, lf.....	1	0	0	1	1	1
Dennis, c.....	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	34	4	9	24	9	3

Bryan	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Albritton, 2b.....	5	2	1	4	6	0
Proulx, 3b.....	3	2	3	1	2	1
Stassi, lf.....	2	1	2	2	0	0
Goletz, 1b.....	4	0	1	10	0	0
Kaiser, cf.....	4	0	0	3	0	0
McCloskey, ss.....	4	1	1	1	1	1
Bothwell, rf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0
Fairchild, c.....	3	1	1	4	0	1
Huffman, c.....	2	1	1	1	0	0
Deutsch, p.....	1	1	0	0	1	0
Penso, p.....	2	1	1	0	1	0
Totals.....	34	10	11	27	11	2

Score By Innings:
A&M.....010 030 000
Bryan.....230 002 21x

Suman Named Rice Basketball Coach

Athletic Director Jess Neely of Rice Institute today announced appointment of Don Suman as head basketball coach.

Suman succeeds Joe Davis who will devote full time to his assistant football coaching duties.

Suman, a Rice graduate in 1944, has been freshman basketball coach two years.

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Oilers, Runners-up in 1948, Need New Hands This Season

By JACK CHARVAT

Heading into the final weeks of preparation for the 1949 Texas League campaign, the Tulsa Oilers runners-up last year to the Port Worth Cats, face a replacement problem second to no other team in the circuit if they are to again crash the first division.

Gone are such stars as first baseman Charley Kress, second baseman Johnny Lane, outfielders Bob Usher and Tommy Tatum, pitchers Bud Lively, Harry Perkowski and Jim Avera and Utility star, Jay Haney.

Back on hand to lend punch and experience are Rusty Burns, the league's leading slugger and home run king who batted in 113 runs last season while playing right field, and the invaluable Billy Capps, steady-playing third baseman who hit .295 and was particularly rough in the playoffs.

Also on hand from the fine 1948 team are pitchers Bud Byerly, who topped the league in lowest earned runs with 2.13 and young Dave Jolly, used mostly in relief chores when called in from Columbia of the Sally League.

The same wily leadership will be provided by Al Vincent, senior pilot in the league and a fellow who is generally recognized as a master at getting a smart and hustling effort out of youngsters and vets alike.

This upcoming 1949 race is expected to be tougher and closer than was the case last year when Fort Worth, Tulsa and Houston clinched play-off spots early with only the fourth-place battle between San Antonio and Shreveport carrying right down to the final day of competition to find the sports copping the fourth position by one-half a game.

Cincinnati has already moved to supply some replacements of experience and quality in Catcher Dewey Williams and Pitcher Tommy Hughes, both of whom will help this young club.

To plug the shortstop post—a position which has lacked consistency and polish ever since the reactivation of the league—the Reds have optioned down Harry Donabedian from Syracuse and this

fellow would give the Oilers the best play they've had at shortstop in a decade. He replaces Elbie Flint who went to Syracuse in a trade and who then was drafted into the army. Donabedian may not hit much but his fielding leaves little to be desired.

Thus, through the middle, with Williams behind the plate and Donabedian at short, the Oilers are lacking only a polished second-sacker. He could be on hand right now in youthful Jack Baumer, Broken Arrow, Okla., ace who batted .318 for Ogden in the Class C Pioneer League last season. The youngster has the best arm in camp and is perhaps the fastest man on the squad.

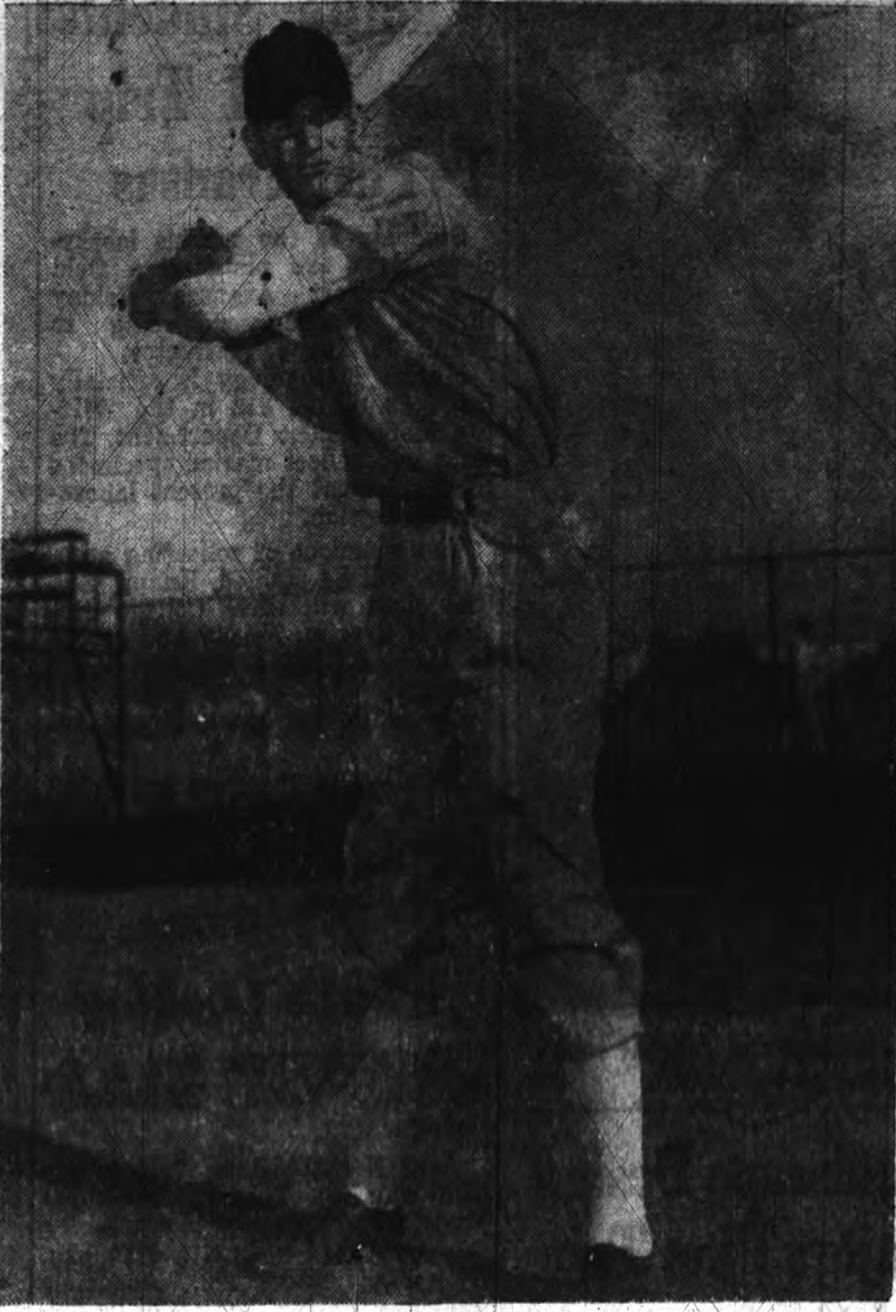
He's a glittering Major League prospect but might be too much of a gamble in double A right now. Also on hand for infield duty is Roy McMillan, another youngster up from Tyler of the Big State Class B Circuit where he hit .307 and was considered the best infielder in the league.

The first base problem is the most difficult right now with only ganging Joe Adeock, a Columbia, Sally League, star on hand at the bag. Adeock, certainly a prospect, might be a year away from this competition but he's the only possible man for the post at the present writing.

With only Burns holding over in the outfield, the fly-shagging chores right now lie in the hands of Joe Becker, a .236 hitter with Syracuse; Frank Davis, who batted only .238 for the same club in the International League, and young Fletcher Robbe, a graduate of the Columbia Farm where he tagged Class A Sally League pitchers at the gait of .295. He looks like the best of the lot.

Possible pitching personnel now in camp, along with Hughes, Byerly and Jolly, are Frank Smith, 21-game winner at Columbia; Ken Polivka, who won 14 for Denver in the Western League, and the rookie Dewey Jacobs, who won 16 for Tyler last season.

Help must come in both the pitching and outfielding departments to keep the Oilers out of the second division to which they must be consigned on the basis of the personnel now in camp.



JOHN DEWITT, sophomore from Waco, has come out of an early season slump, and is now hitting regularly for the Aggie nine. He garnered two hits for the Aggies in each of their last two games.

Warneke Again in Majors This Time As A Blind Tom

AP Newsfeatures

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Lon Warneke, who turned in a pitcher's glove for an umpire's uniform, mixes the idea that a baseball arbiter loses friends.

Preparing to start his first season in the National League, Warneke's views are just the opposite.

"If you do a good job on the field everyone will be satisfied," he maintains. "An umpire doesn't have to lose contact or disturb his relationship with the players or his friends in the sport."

To him umpiring stands as the "next best thing to playing yourself."

The old Arkansas Humming Bird, who quit as a player in 1944, recalls some difficulty while going through the transition from player to umpire. "When I started umpiring, there were times I'd forget myself and anticipate the next play. You can get into trouble doing that and I learned to take things as they come, follow the ball and be ready for anything." The Warneke record bespeaks a rapid changeover. He went straight to the Class AAA Pacific Coast League without so much as an intermediate stop at an umpiring school. He spent three years in the high minor league company and the National League bought him last fall on the suggestion of its president, Ford C. Frick. The 40-year-old ex-pitcher will draw \$5,000, the usual pay for a first-year umpire.

He'll look about the same to National League fans. They remember the 180-pound lanky mainstay who won 100 games for the Chicago Cubs from 1931 to 1936 and hurled a no-hitter against Cincinnati in 1941 for the St. Louis Cardinals.

A veteran of 14 campaigns in the majors, Warneke turned in 192 victories against 120 defeats. During his first full season, back in 1932, he led the National League pitchers with a brilliant 2.37 earned run average. In 1935, his third and last 20-game year, Lon won Chicago's only two victories, 3-0 and 3-1, as Detroit won the World Series.

The freshman arbiter is getting his first taste of calling 'em in the big time right now. He began at Tucson in an exhibition game between the Giants and Indians, and before the Grapefruit League contests are over he will have worked in 26 states prior to the start of the regular season.

Warneke, who prefers to operate behind the plate, "because you can see every play unfold," lives here with his wife, Charlyne, and two children, Charles Louis, 12, and Loinie Patricia, 11.

A&M To Be Host To Marksmanship Meet

By H. V. SHELBY

Texas A&M will be one of the twelve universities throughout the country which will be a host school for the National Intercollegiate Rifle Championships on April 9.

Others in the field include U. S. Coast Guard Academy, Columbia, Alabama, Northwestern, Nebraska, Maryland, Oklahoma A&M, Colorado, Washington State, California and UCLA. Approximately 50 schools will participate.

A university can enter one or more teams and schools compete on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis at the host school nearest to their campuses. All scores fired at these twelve championship shooting sites are then wired to the National Rifle Association Headquarters in Washington, D. C. where the national rankings are made.

Both a team and individual title is decided in the one-day shoot. In the morning the competitors will fire for the individual championships and in the afternoon the team shooting is held.

The riflemen fire from three positions: prone, kneeling and standing. They fire ten shots in each position so there is a possible individual score of 300. Five men compose a team so there is a possible team total of 1500 points.

In the case of tie scores which frequently occur, the standing position is used to determine the winner. Last year in the Individual Championships Thomas St. L. Moncre of George Washington University fired a 288 but was tied for high score by Arthur Cook of the University of Maryland. However, Moncre, won the championship by virtue of having a score of 93 in the standing position as compared with 92 for Cook.

The first National Intercollegiate Rifle Championships were fired in 1928 with George Washington University being the winner. Since then sixteen championships have been held with a break during the war years.

Teams east of the Mississippi have been victorious 12 times. However, the individual title has gone to the west ten times. Navy has been the dominating team at

it has won the title six times. George Washington, Iowa, and Minnesota have won twice each while Cincinnati, Carnegie Tech, Maryland and West Point have taken the title once each.

George Washington University won the original championship with a score of 1332. Today a team must score around 1400 points in order to win. The team record is 1488 points held by the University of Maryland. Last year Navy won the crown with 1405 points.

The Naval Academy, along with the University of Maryland will be favored this year, if any favorites may be picked. Last year's individual champion has graduated, but Maryland still has Arthur Cook, who was runner-up.

A&M's rifle team defeated the Naval Academy early this year in a very close match, and lost by a similar score to the Military Academy. NIFAC is expected to give A&M its toughest competition in this area, as it previously defeated the Aggies by two points in a shoulder-to-shoulder match held here.

AP Training Camp Briefs

Houston, Tex.—Bill Rigney, mentioned prominently in trade gossip, will be out of the New York Giant lineup for about a week.

The infielder sprained his knee sliding home in a game at El Paso Monday. X-Rays showed no broken bones.

The Giants drubbed the world champion Cleveland Indians, 8-4, at Lubbock, Tex., yesterday. Sid Gordon and Bobby Thomson led the 14 hit attack with homers.

SAN ANTONIO.—The Pittsburgh Pirates will play another night game with the Chicago White Sox tonight.

The game originally had been scheduled for afternoon. The time was changed out of respect to Bill Oley, president of the San Antonio baseball club, who died Sunday and whose funeral was set for this afternoon.

SAN ANTONIO.—Pat Seery, the White Sox fat man, is getting back into the lineup.

The outfielder's weight has been a matter of major concern around the Sox camp. But smiles came when his scales showed he was down 15 lbs.

After today's game with the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Sox start four days of exhibitions with Texas League clubs in Beaumont, Houston and Shreveport. The Sox edged the Pirates 7-0 last night.

Southworth Expects Braves To Be Tougher This Season

AP Newsfeatures

BRADENTON, Fla.—Manager Billy Southworth says his defending champion Boston Braves will be tougher to beat this season.

"We have a better ball club

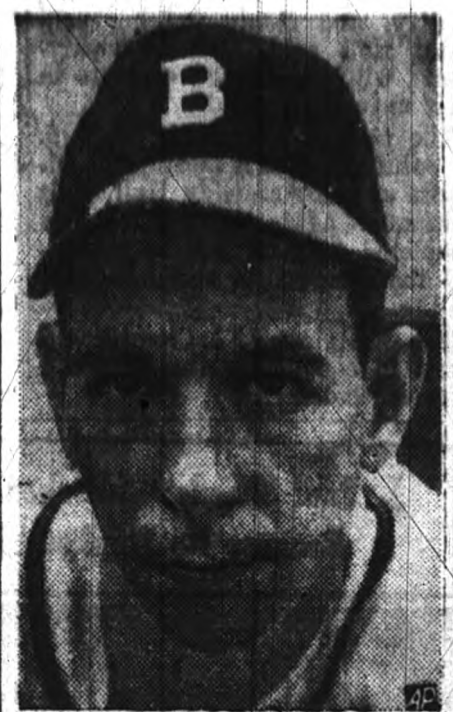
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Boston Braves
Hitting—Good
Pitching—Excellent
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Outfield—Fair
Finish—Second

than we had a year ago," he says, "and consequently we'll be tougher to beat. If they are counting on my boys to be lulled into complacency, they have another think coming. As a matter of fact, they are more determined than ever to win. They are eager to show that last year was no fluke."

Billy bases his optimism on the following:

"First, Dark will start the season as a proven major league shortstop instead of an uncertain rookie wondering if he can make good. Second, our outfield is more solid with the addition of Pete Reiser from Brooklyn and the return of Himmy Russell. Third, the development of Verne Bickford into a starter gives us a big five second to no one."

Southworth names Johnny Sain, Warren Spahn, Bill Voiselle, Johnny Antonelli and Bickford as his regular five. Nels Potter will be used in spots and in relief roles.



JOHNNY ANTONELLI
Rookie May Come Through

Thirteen others will fight it out for the four remaining hurling spots.

Southworth intends to start the season with six infielders, six outfielders, three catchers and 10 pitchers.

"We're knee deep in reserve strength this year," he enthuses. "Except for Dark at short, and Bob Elliott at third, there should be a free-for-all at every position. That's a healthy sign."

"Those who have impressed me most at this stage are Reiser and Ray Sanders. Reiser has



VERN BICKFORD
A starter for Braves

shown no trace of his previous injuries and has been the sensation of the camp both at bat and in the field. Sanders has been a revelation. He is really serious about winning the first base job from Earl Torgerson. He has fully recovered from the wrist operation, and has looked as he did when he played for me in St. Louis."

But at second base Sibby Sisti will have his hands full trying to remove the scrappy Eddie Stanky.

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