



By FRANK N. MANITZAS

### "Our loss, the Houston Buffs' gain"

The Texas Aggie sports fan can say that about the signing of Wally Moon by the St. Louis Cardinal baseball farm club in Houston. From the way that the cellar-dwelling Houston Buffaloes have been playing—falling to score from third base on a pop fly to deep centerfield and poor fielding in the hotspots (both incidents in a recent game with Tulsa)—Moon should be a big help to them.

Wally finished his season on the collegiate diamond with a better-than-average record. He hit the sphere at a .308 clip, led the Aggies in runs with 15, and batted in 6.

As a heavy hitter, fast baserunner, and errorless fielder, Wally is hard to beat.

Many people think so. He was chosen to the All-Southwest Conference and District 6 NCAA baseball teams, and won the Most Valuable Baseball Player Award of the Aggie team.

The big surprise in the signing of Wally was expressed by Aggie Basketball and Baseball Coach Marty Karow and ex-Battalion Sports Editor Chuck Cabajine who both quoted Wally as saying that he would be back next year.

Wally will be back. But not to play basketball or baseball. Instead, he will continue work towards his degree in Physical Education, and with the scholastic progress that he has shown in the past, Wally will make it.

Although many people have expressed their opinions that Wally will be greatly missed on the A&M diamond next season. I think that his leaving will have a greater effect on the 1950-51 basketball situation. Moon lettered for two consecutive seasons with the Maroon and White quintet and next year, he would have been better.

This past season Wally shared the guard position with Mike Garcia, who graduated with his third letter, but would have had the position to himself next season.

Logical replacements for the Bay, Ark. hustler may be Tex Farmer, Eddie Houser, Woody Walker, and maybe last season's freshman Leroy Mikach and Max Montague. Houser is the only letterman in the group, and all have at least two years of eligibility.

But on the Kyle Field Diamond next season, the boy who will probably be patrolling the center section is Hollis Baker.

### Hollis Baker Has Come a Long Way

Hollis Baker's baseball career at A&M forms a very interesting story. He came here in '47 along with the fine selection of players with which the Cadets boasted last season.

Playing behind Moon, Shug McPherson, and John DeWitt would have been enough to discourage any one, but not Hollis. He continued to come out, although he remained inactive most of his freshman year because of the flu.

In his sophomore year, it was worse. He was refused a uniform, yet he persisted to come out. Now it was on his own time and

he used his own equipment. It is needless to say that he saw little service.

This past season, he acted as a pinch hitter, yet he placed sixth among the Cadet hitters. In 22 times at bat, he hit a sound 273 (in conference play), batted in 5 runs, and scored 4 times.

During the summer Hollis is playing ball with the Columbus Cardinals near San Antonio. His performance during the summer will be a large factor in Coach Marty's decision next season in choosing a man to replace Wally.

### Paul Leming to Run in NCAA

Short, short, short stories: Paul Leming, Aggie high hurdler, will be competing over the fences at the NCAA Track and Field Meet at Minneapolis this coming weekend.

Vern McGrew of Rice is finally clicking again in the high jump. He just recently won the event at the Central Collegiate Conference meet and should repeat in the NCAA this weekend.

Texas University's Athletic Director rejected a request for an athletic scholarship. It was asked by a ping pong player. Rice Institute has entered the NCAA Tennis Tournament which will begin in Austin on June 19.

### Stratton to Play for Greenville Nine

Greenville, Tex., June 14.—Monty Stratton, whose courageous return to professional baseball after losing a leg in a hunting accident inspired the motion picture "The Stratton Story," and it again last night.

Stratton signed a contract with Greenville of the Class "B" State League in a ceremony at home plate before the local club played Gainesville. Owner George Schepps said the former Chicago White Sox star would pitch his first game for Greenville next Saturday night against Austin.

Stratton, whose big league career was cut short in 1938 when he lost the leg, returned to pro ball with Sherman of the Class "C" East Texas League in 1946. He won 38 games while losing eight, and did an acceptable fielding job operating on an artificial leg. Then he obtained the release to work on the picture of his life in Hollywood, but he was back in baseball by midseason of 1947 pitching for Waco in the Big State League.

### Local Sports On Schedule

JUNE 14, WEDNESDAY—Softball, Commercial League: Lone Star Gas vs. Bryan Merchants and College Station Merchants vs. Neddak Service Station at Sud Haswell beginning at 8 p.m. in C.S. League; Tigers vs. Pirates at College Park, Cubs vs. Yankees at College Hills, both games begin at 5:45 p.m.

He has not been played since 1947 except for an exhibition now and then.

Schepps said Stratton plans a personal appearance tour later this year that will include major league parks and all major baseball points.

## Shell Hurls Sports To Win Over Oilers

The Bryan-College Station Sports gained their second win in a row last night when they trounced the Henderson Oilers, 6-1. Lefty George Shell of the Sports was the feature attraction as he went all the way and gave up only three singles.

With yesterday's win the Sports moved within a half game out of seventh place. Should the Sports win their game against the Oilers tonight, they would move up a notch. Gametime is at 8 p.m. in Sports Park.

In winning the game the Sports slugged Oiler pitchers Clyde Lindes and Buck Austin for nine hits with Copeland Goss leading the local hitters gaining two for four.

Goss handled the 1st base position last night, and completed fifteen chases without an error. The versatile baseballer also hurled the Sports to their first win of the year over Marshall last Monday night, but he may not pitch again for some time.

On the last play of the game yesterday, Goss was injured and

### Musial, Kell Gain High Sluggin' Lead

Based On AP Reports

With the St. Louis Cardinals taking over the National League lead, Stan Musial has opened up a 37-point edge in the batting race.

Musial, hitting .384 on average including Sunday's game, is back on the slugging band with Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn, ousting Johnny Bropp of Pittsburgh from second place, is batting .347.

Duke Snider, Brooklyn's brilliant young center fielder, moves into the picture with a third place .344.

Detroit's George Kell leads the American League, batting .342 with a .381 mark as the eratic fielder, Cleveland's Larry Doby, slumped 33 points to a fourth-spot .302.

Official figures computed through Sunday's games put Kell, climbing six points during the past week, in front by a two-point margin over runner-up Walt Dropp of Boston, who had .319.

Other leaders included Hoet Evers, Detroit, third ahead of Doby with .313.

There are no prerequisites, Mrs. Lindsey said, a fee of three dollars which covers the small things needed in the course is all that is required.

The classes meet with Miss Eleanor Vance the Handicraft instructor in the workshop of the A&M Consolidated School, Mrs. Lindsey said.

### Ag Netters Lose In Texas Sectional

Houston, June 14.—All seeded players swept through a busy day of matches yesterday in the annual Texas sectional tennis tournament.

Six of the eight seeded stars, as a result of yesterday's heavy rain, had to play double rounds. Earl Cochell, University of Southern California, Ace, seeded first, had little trouble in eliminating Ellery Carver, Colorado Springs, Colo., 6-1, 6-0, and Rod Coffin, Austin, Tex., 6-2, 6-4.

Tom Brown, San Francisco, at 6-1, ranked third, came from behind to defeat Hugh Sweeney, University of Houston, 8-6, 6-0, and then trounced John Miller, Houston, 6-0, 6-0.

Second seeded Herbie Flam, University of California at Los Angeles, won from Wendell Worley, Austin, Tex., 6-0, 6-0, and Harold Folks, San Antonio, 6-1, 6-1.

Jack Tuers, National Intercollegiate Champion from Tulane University, swept by Bobby Dunham, Texas A&M 6-0, 6-0.

### Red Sox Lead Offensively, But Can Still Lose Pennant

By WHITNEY MARTIN

New York, June 14.—We think we have discovered how the Boston Red Sox can lead the American League in practically every offensive department and still not win the pennant.

The Sox fattened their individual slugging averages tremendously in their record-breaking slaughter of the St. Louis Browns last Thursday, but in doing so they won only one ball game. As far as the league standings are concerned they might as well have eked out a 2-1 decision.

That's been the team's trouble the last couple of years. Like a gymnasium fighter who looks like a champion in pounding around his sparring partners, and yet so good when the competition gets tougher, the Sox on occasion give a tremendous display of power when playing the weak sisters of the League, then have their fumbles when they meet the teams they have to beat to win

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Intramural Director Welch is in charge of the summer intramural program for the college. During the regular school session, he holds the same position, and although he may not show, he is usually hard at work keeping intramural sports on the move.

## West Texans Dominate AA Nine Choices

Austin, Tex., June 14.—AP—Odesa's Class AA state baseball champions placed five men in the 1950 All State tournament team, but runner-up Abilene did even better, with six.

Pitcher Tom O'Bar of Abilene and outfielder Frank Lee of Odesa, only unanimous choices of the sports writers covering the Class AA meet, tied for the honor of outstanding performer.

Results of a poll of the attending sports writers were announced today by the University of Texas Sports News Service.

Pitchers Tom O'Bar, Abilene, George Teeker, Sherman, Jack White, Odesa.

Catchers Dan Denis, Marshall, Charles Fisher, Abilene; Dawson Hughes, Odesa. All received the same number of votes.

First baseman—Robert Jones, Abilene.

Second baseman—James Stewart, Odesa, and Will Armstrong, Abilene.

Third baseman—John Stephens, Abilene.

Outfielder—Frank Lee, Odesa; Bill Higginbotham, Sherman, and the tie between Bill Ingram, Abilene, and Wayne Washin, Marshall.

Utility—Clyde Israel, Amarillo.

# TCVV, Dorm 14, Texas Win 1st Softball Games

By HAROLD GANN

In the intramural softball games yesterday afternoon, TCVV blanked Dorm 15, 2-0, Dorm 14 dropped the West Pointers, 9-5, and the Texas U. Geology Students slugged Dorm 17, 9-4.

In the lone night contest, Walton humbled Milner, 9-1. The game

was called at the end of four innings because of an eight run lead.

TCVV bounced back from its defeat at the hands of Dorm 17 yesterday, sending Dorm 15's debut. Both teams notched three hits in the pitching duel.

Marvin Atkins allowed Dorm 15 one hit, receiving steady hitting and defensive work from his mates.

Mickey Mikiska, Dorm 15's mound choice, was tagged for two runs in the fateful seventh as a walk, a single, and two costly errors produced the winning runs.

Dorm 14 was successful in its opener, handing the West Point Engineering Students their second defeat of the campaign.

The hustling Dorm 14 crew was sparked by pitcher Glenn Bunch, a somewhat handicapped veteran with an artificial leg and a right arm that still bears

the marks of severe shrapnel wounds.

However the righthander yielded three hits and helped his team in the hitting department, pounding out a home run. The victors were paced at the plate by Bill Holand, Bert Booth, L. E. Croix, and Vic Levy.

Much of Dorm 14's success was accredited to catcher Mac Howell, who was active behind the plate. On one occasion, Howell darted beyond the backstop to spear a pop fly.

In its initial appearance, the Texas University team stopped Dorm 17, winner over TCVV Monday night.

Winning pitcher Bill Kohn, after enduring a wild first inning in which the losers tallied all their runs, went the route, giving up four hits.

At the outset Dorm 17 was apparently off to its second win in as many starts. The first two batters gained first off errors, Earl Wakefield and Howard Erway slammed out successive singles, and before the side was subdued, four markers crossed the plate.

The Texans scored once in the first, rained two in the second, and really opened up in the fourth, the telling frame.

In that frame, Texas batters stepped to the plate 12 times, grabbing six runs off two misuses, five walks, and two hits.

Disregarding the first, second, and fourth innings, W. B. Connevey, who entered the fray with a 1-0 record, pitched no-hit, no-run ball game.

Walton Hall, a team labeled as one of the favorites this season, coasted to an abbreviated victory over Milner behind portaidier Bill Plegers.

Weak pitching proved to be Milner's chief downfall, Gatcher Jim Morgan paced the victory with two hits and a walk for a perfect day at the plate. Humberto Reyes collected the lone hit for the losers.

This afternoon Milner tries Dorm 14 on diamond, five and Walton tangles with Dorm 17 on diamond six. Gametime for both tussles is 5:15.

## DiMaggio Lacks Only Nine Hits For 2,000 Club

Chicago, June 14.—(AP)—Only nine base hits to go for Joe DiMaggio to join the exclusive 2,000-hit club.

Although the Yankee clipper is hitting a dull 247, he's almost a cinch to go over the top during New York's western tour that opens tonight against the White Sox.

When Joe makes the grade, he'll be in high society. The only active major leaguers in the 2,000-hit club are Luke Appling of the White Sox with 2,331 and Wally Moses of the Philadelphia A's with 2,060. There are none in the National.

DiMaggio, 35, is the youngest of the bunch Appling is 41, the record books say. Since Red Corridger replaced Jack Onslow as manager, Luke has confined himself to coaching duties. Moses is 39.

Joe is hitting much better away from home than at the stadium. In enemy parks he's .25 for 10 or .357. At home he's .19 for 10 or .176.

Lately it's been homer or nothing for DiMaggio. Ten of his 14 hits are homers. He'll still be the major league leader in home runs with a lifetime total of 327 since he broke into the majors in 1936.

Ted Williams is gaining on him but his 18 in 1950 only bring his '50-year total to 284.

The Yanks expect DiMaggio to break out with a rash of hits and slide into his accustomed place in the upper Strata any day. They figure the 44 hits he has contributed are all gravy. Last year he didn't play until June 28. He wound up at .346 high enough to win the batting title if he had been at bat enough times.

## Musial Takes Lead In All-Star Polling

Chicago, June 14.—Stan Musial, the slugging St. Louis Cardinal first sacker-outfielder, jumped into the lead as first returns of the all-star game poll trickled into voting headquarters yesterday.

The Chicago Tribune, directing the nation-wide balloting of fans by 270 newspapers and radio stations, credited Musial with 2,083 votes on the 4,679 ballots returned since the contest opened yesterday. The poll to select the American and National League starters for the July 11 game at Comiskey Park closes midnight July 1.

Runner-up was third baseman George Kell of Detroit with 1,941, followed by Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn second baseman, with 1,766, and Walter Dropo, Boston Red Sox first sacker, with 1,682.

Ted Williams, Boston Red Sox outfielder, who led the poll's opening day returns in 1948 and 1949 was fifth today with 1,537.

## Forty Registered In Jr., Sr. Tennis

The Junior and Senior Tennis divisions showed promise of a good season Tuesday afternoon when approximately forty persons reported for registration, said W. M. Dowell, chairman of tennis for the Recreation Council.

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