

Aggies Battle Pelicans; Win Pair Last Week

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Big righthander Jerry Nelson tries for his second straight win over the powerful New Orleans Pelicans today at 3 p.m. on Kyle field.

The Texas Lutheran game scheduled to be played here yesterday was called off due to bad weather. A&M dumped the Lutherans earlier this season 6-3 at Seguin.

A&M's team turned in two close victories over the weekend, throttling New Orleans 5-3 at Huntsville Friday and edging University of Houston 3-2 at Houston Saturday. A&M now sports a 5-1 record.

Nelson turned in a brilliant five hit performance against the Pelicans, runner-up in the Southern association last year, while fanning

11. He now has a 1-1 season mark.

New Orleans slaughtered Sam Houston State the day before playing A&M, 16-1.

Dick Munday posted his second straight win of the season against no losses Saturday in stopping the Cougars.

Captain Les Byrd sparked the Aggie win by getting two of A&M's four hits and driving in all three runs. He also figured in the play that nipped the Cougars' tying run at the plate with two out in the last of the ninth.

Byrd hiked his batting average to .412 by collecting four hits in nine trips in the two games, and continues to lead A&M batsmen. His booming bat also brought in five of A&M's eight runs.

Stocky right fielder Fred Ablon has nailed down a starting role on the strength of his fine play in the last three games, and has a healthy .333 batting average.

Coach Beau Bell's Aggies spotted New Orleans a run in the

fourth inning, then exploded in the sixth with six hits and five runs before the battered Pelican pitchers could end the rally.

Ten men came to bat for A&M in the uprising. Byrd led off with a double, and Williams singled him home after one out. Singles by Joe Boring, John Hoyle, Ablon and Byrd, and walks to Dick Bleckner and Joe Schero figured in the rest of the Cadet scoring activities.

Two perfect throws from deep in the Aggie outfield cut off U of H's last of the ninth bid for a tie. Cougar shortstop Don Price tried to stretch a three base hit into an inside the park homer, but Byrd fired to center fielder John Stockton, who relayed a perfect throw to Williams at home for the out to end the game.

A&M scored first in the third inning with two out. Munday, Ablon and Schero drew free passes to load the bases and Byrd smashed a solid single to drive in two runs.

The Aggies counted after two outs again in the eighth. Schero gained first on a fielder's choice, stole second and steamed home on a single by Byrd.

TEXAS A&M (3)		ABRHOAE	
Ablon, rf	3	1	0
Schero, 3b	3	1	0
Byrd, lf	4	0	2
Stockton, cf	4	0	0
Williams, c	4	0	1
Boring, 2b	3	0	3
Hoyle, 1b	4	0	12
Bleckner, ss	4	0	4
Munday, p	1	1	0
TOTALS	30	3	4

HOUSTON (2)		ABRHOAE	
Arnold, lf	4	1	2
Price, ss	4	0	1
Osborn, 3b	4	0	10
Tucker, 1b	4	0	4
Dean, cf	4	0	4
Vickers, 2b	4	0	1
Temple, rf	2	0	0
Langford, lf	1	0	0
Rankin, c	4	1	2
Schindler, p	3	0	0
Zeller, p	1	0	1
TOTALS	35	2	27

NEW ORLEANS (5)		ABRHOAE	
Ablon, rf	5	0	2
Schero, 3b	4	0	2
Byrd, lf	5	1	2
Stockton, cf	4	0	2
Williams, c	4	1	3
Boring, 2b	4	1	2
Hoyle, 1b	3	1	2
Bleckner, ss	1	0	0
Nelson, p	4	0	1
TOTALS	34	5	10

NEW ORLEANS (3)		ABRHOAE	
Koshorek, ss	5	0	1
Rice, 2b	1	0	3
Stuart, lf	4	0	1
Stevens, 1b	3	1	2
Gass, cf	3	0	2
a. Graft	0	1	0
Corso, 3b	2	0	0
b. Bush	1	0	0
Weaver, 2b	4	1	4
Boyer, c	1	0	0
Falls, c	3	0	0
McInnis, p	1	0	0
c. Babcock	1	0	0
Greene, p	1	0	0
Bangies, p	1	0	0
Daniels, p	0	0	1
d. Taylor	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	3	27

After First Win

Ag Track Team Meets Owls Again

With their first meet win of the 1955 season under their belts, the A&M track team goes to Houston Saturday for a return engagement with Rice.

The Aggies scored 84½ points here Saturday in winning their first Kyle field appearance of the year. Rice, though taking eight first places to A&M's six, totaled 60½. LSU trailed with 25.

Ag Tennis Team Takes Third Win

A&M's varsity tennis team won its third straight decision of the season Thursday defeating East Texas State 4-2. The Cadets won three of the four singles matches and divided the two doubles.

Jack Bessellieu took a 6-4, 9-7 singles win from ETS' Mac Bane, and Aggie Don Dixon defeated Fred Kester, 6-3, 6-4. Bob Kerr downed Glen Hull, 6-2, 6-3, for the other A&M singles victory. Barry Pelton beat Cadet Gene Kinard, 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles, Kerr and Bessellieu teamed to defeat Pelton and Bane, 4-6, 8-6, 7-5. Dixon and Kinard beat Hull and Melvin Stezer, 6-2, 6-3.

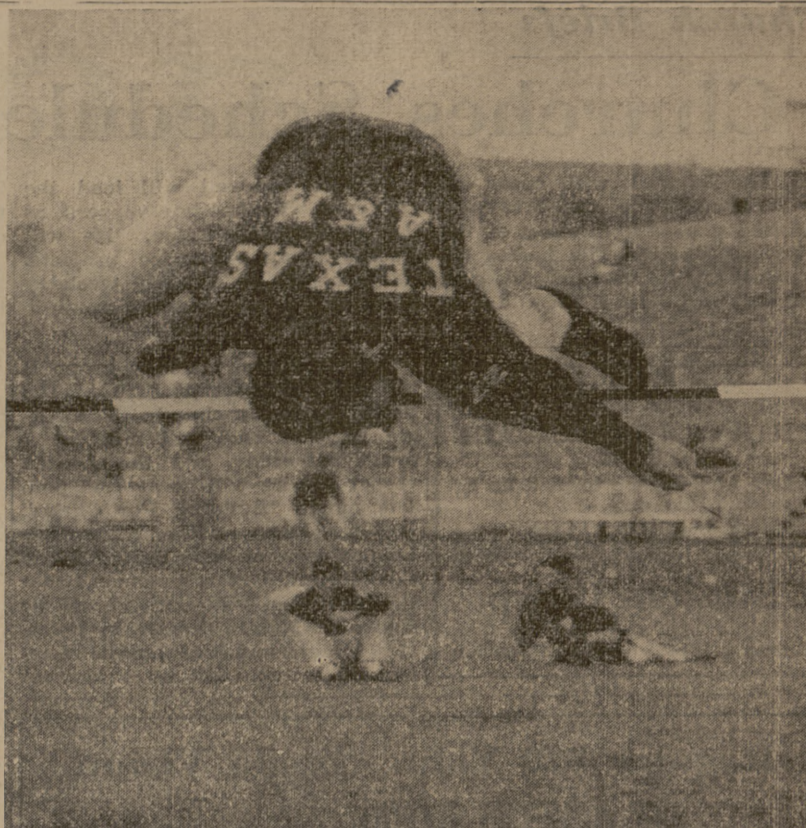
Soccer Team Wins Over Bryan 4-2

With five first stringers out with injuries, the Aggie soccer team downed Bryan air force base 4-2 Sunday. The Cadets built up a 4-0 lead before BAFB scored.

Jacintho Iacovone booted the first three goals, then Roberto Ildarraz rammed one in from 40 yards out.

Backs Emilio Medina and Charles Horgan and halves Hector Marciacq and Guy Fernandez also stood out for the Aggies.

INDIANS ARE VETERANS
CLEVELAND—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians, champions of the American League, also lead the circuit in the number of 10-year veterans. The Tribe has nine. Four are pitchers—Bob Lemon, Bob Feller, Early Wynn and Hal Newhouser. The others are catcher Jim Hegan, outfielders Ralph Kiner and Dave Philley, and infielders Hank Majeski and Vic Wertz.



LOOK OUT BELOW—Aggie high jumper Fritz Connally shows the form he used to get over the bar at 6-3 in Saturday's track meet here with Rice and LSU. Only a sophomore, Connally has twice leaped 6-4 already this season and figures to be a strong contender in the conference meet. He was the leading scorer on the 1955 Fish basketball team until the spring semester, when he ended his freshman eligibility.

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Reds End Drills With 46-0 Victory

Closing out A&M's spring football practice, the experienced Maroons crushed the UCLA single wing Blues 46-0 on Kyle field Saturday night in a three hour game-condition scrimmage.

1955 sophomores scored all the touchdowns.

The Maroons, comprised of all the returning lettermen and the top 1954 Fish, rolled up a 21-0 halftime lead, then punched out three touchdowns in the fourth quarter after a 60-minute third quarter had worn down Elmer Smith's hard fighting Blues. The veterans got one touchdown in the third.

In the second and third periods, the Reds had to stave off Blue drives inches from the goal line. Tailback Luther Hall played the top role for the Blues, gaining 82 yards on 20 rushes and completing 5 of 19 passes for 66 yards.

He was carried to the dressing room on a stretcher after being taken out late in the game, but was recovering all right yesterday. Fullback Bobby Ewell ground out 67 yards on 23 tries for "UCLA."

Soph quarterback Jimmy Wright scored on a keeper from the one in the first period after Ed Dudley's 26-yard run. Quarterback Bobby Conrad, another '55 soph, sneaked over from the 2 after his 45-yard dart on an option set it up.

Pint-sized Billy Dendy scored the only second period touchdown, an 88-yard dash over left tackle behind key blocks from Jack Pardee and Henry Clark.

Halfback Loyd Taylor, another midget, returned a punt 61 yards late in the third quarter for a 27-0 lead. Wright scored from the 1 in the fourth, completing an 80-yard march started by fullback Roddy Osborne's 40-yarder.

Fullback Ken Hall intercepted a Luther Hall pass and returned it 11 yards for the sixth touchdown, and halfback John Crow returned

a punt 55 yards late in the period for the final score.

Quarterback Elwood Kettler and end Bobby Keith missed the game because of injuries.

"I thought we looked sharp offensively," said Head Coach Paul Bryant. "Our blocking and running was real good, but we needed better linebacking and a lot better end play."

"Downfield blocking was real good, and all of the line looked good offensively. I thought the UCLA team did an excellent job, and a damn good job offensively. Dudley, Crow and Conrad were tough back there on defense (for the Maroons)."

Dendy led all rushers with 103 yards on two carries. Conrad was second with 97 yards on 10 rushes. Dudley had 60 on 8, Ken Hall 58 on 8, Donald Grant 56 on 6, Osborne 47 on 2 and Crow 35 on 5.

Grant was the leading passer for the Maroons, completing 4 of 8 for 111 yards.

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