

# Ags, Steers Open Important Series Here Tomorrow

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A&M and Texas nines resume their ever present rivalry here tomorrow in the opener of a two-game series that bears heavily on the outcome of the conference race.

The Aggies, sporting a 3-0 record, are deadlocked for first place in the conference with SMU, and a loss to the Longhorns could seriously hurt A&M's title hopes.

SMU meets an erratic Rice team in Dallas this weekend in a two-game set. The Mustangs tripped Texas twice at Austin earlier this year to help boost them into title contention.

Coach Beau Bell plans to send his ace, Joe Hardgrove, to the mound tomorrow in the first of the crucial games.

Sophomore righthander Dick Munday will probably get the call Saturday.

An injury to sophomore first baseman John Hoyle at Alpine last week could keep him out of the Longhorn series, and of course doesn't help the Cadets' chances for a win.

"My shoulder is still pretty sore," said Hoyle yesterday, "but I'm hoping to be ready."

If Hoyle is unable to man his post, left fielder Les Byrd will take his place, and Clyde Stinson will move into the lineup at Byrd's position.

Mark Gunnels, an outfielder, was also injured last week, and hasn't worked out this week.

Byrd regained the batting leadership of the Aggie squad in the Sul Ross contests last week. He comes into the Texas series with a .333 average.

Third sacker Joe Schero continues to slub over the .300 mark with a neat .319 average. He is clubbing the gull at more than a .500 clip in conference play.

Coach Bibb Falk's unpredictable Steers haven't grazed in such lean pastures in the 39 years of the conference's history, and seem headed for the school's worst season.

Baylor gave the Longhorns a 5-2 pasting earlier this week to hand Texas its fourth straight loss. This is the first time Texas has dropped four games this early in the season.

The loss left Texas clinging to a shaky perch just above last place TCU, who has yet to win a conference game. Texas comes to A&M with a 1-4 season mark, and a 4-8

season record. Three righthanders, Clinton Irby, Tom Jungman and Ronnie Zeller are Texas' top candidates for starting roles Friday and Saturday.

## At Houston

### Ag Track Teams Meet Rice, SMU

A close two-way fight between A&M and Rice highlights a varsity and freshmen triangular track meet at Houston Saturday.

SMU, the other entrant, doesn't appear to have enough over-all strength to win the meet.

"With the meet in Houston, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if Rice won," said Coach Frank Anderson, "but we don't think they can beat us until they do it."

Two of A&M's top performers of last year see their first action of the season Saturday. Shot putter Harry Cox and broad jumper Bobby Robison are reported in good condition again.

### 'Mural Highlights

Behind the no-hit hurling of Bruce Terry, C anti-aircraft artillery knocked A field artillery from the ranks of the unbeaten, 6-2, and cinched a tie for the title in their league of upperclassmen softball.

The A field men got a run in both the second and third innings via the walk-error method, but Terry's mates got him six runs in the third on the strength of doubles by Randy Sims and Ben Alcala, and singles by Jerry Betsill, John Sullivan and Charlie Sanders.

Squadron 2 sent 14 men to the plate in the third frame of their game, scored eight times and smothered squadron 14, 11-0. Charlie Bowers powered a circuit blast for the winners.

Squadron 15 came from behind to score all their runs in the last inning and squeeze past squadron 3, 3-2. John Heard was the winning pitcher. His mound opponent, Carl Sauer, took the loss though giving up only two hits.

The only freshmen game saw squadron 18 down squadron 6, 8-3. Upperclassmen volleyball came into full swing Wednesday with six games on deck.

A anti-aircraft artillery beat A engineers, 2-0; squadron 5 shut out B anti-aircraft artillery, 2-0; A (See INTRAMURALS, Page 4)

### A&M Netters Tie Oklahoma, 3-3

Don Dixon and Gene Kinard pulled out the last match of the day, 6-2, 7-5, and the A&M varsity tennis team tied University of Oklahoma 3-3 here yesterday in a dual meet.

Dixon and Kinard, beaten in the first two singles matches, teamed up to beat Russell Fuller and John Martin in the last doubles match and deadlock the meet.

The Sooners, winner in 28 of 31 duals in the Big Seven conference during the last nine years, took the first two singles matches before Jack Bessellieu broke the ice for the Cadets. He defeated John Martin 6-0, 6-0.

OU's Ken Taylor had beaten Kinard 6-2, 6-0, and Barry Walraven had defeated Dixon 6-2, 6-1, to give the Sooners a 2-0 lead.

Bob Kerr blasted Russell Fuller, 6-2, 6-0, to bring the Aggies into a 2-2 tie. Walraven and Taylor took Kerr and Bessellieu, 6-8, 6-3, 6-2 in the first doubles to set the stage for the tying match.

### Boxing Club

The A&M Boxing club will meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in DeWare field house, announced President James Earle.

"I don't expect them to take any points in this meet, because they haven't been working out," said Anderson, "but they can help us in the coming conference meet."

Anderson plans to take about 60 tracksters, including both varsity and freshmen to Houston.

A&M's promising crop of freshmen will be out to break a three year losing streak suffered at the hands of the Rice frosh.

"Our freshmen have more running potential than any of our recent Fish teams," said Anderson, "and at least three of them could make the varsity on any team in the conference."

Weightman Carl Green and dash men Emmett Smallwood and Glen Bussa have all turned in fine performances this year.

Green has been heaving the shot around 48 feet, farther than any Aggie freshman has achieved before. Smallwood won the low hurdles in an intrasquad meet last week in 22.9, probably better than any time in the state this year.

Winning time in the low hurdles at the conference meet last year was 23.5.

### Softball Team Plays Bearkats At Huntsville

Wendy Imel takes the mound for A&M's softball team tonight against Sam Houston State at Huntsville in the second meeting with the Bearkat nine.

The Bearkats blanked A&M 1-0 in the first game, the contest's only run coming on an error in the first inning.

A&M softballers go into the contest with a 1-3 season record.

"We're improving rapidly," said manager Barney Welch, "but our competition has been the best."

Starting lineup for tonight's game includes Sonny Jameson at first base, Dick O'Connor, second base; Bob Williams, third base; Harvey Helms, shortstop; Pappy Papacek, left field; Bill Thomas, right field; Giles Schanen, center field; Bill Bates, catcher and Imel, pitcher.

Tomorrow night the Aggies battle University of Texas in a double-header here, beginning at 7 p.m.

The remainder of this year's schedule is:

April 23, Lake Jackson, here (doubleheader); April 30, Lake Jackson, here; May 7, World Champion Lackland air force base, here (doubleheader); May 11, Lackland, there; May 14, Southwest conference meet, Austin.

Joe Cronin, general manager of the Red Sox, was field manager of the club from 1935 to 1947.



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