

Aggies Dominate All-SWC Selections

A&M's baseballers, due to meet Arizona for the District 6 NCAA championship in Bryan next week, almost completely dominated the final conference statistics and all-Southwest conference team.

The Cadets landed five players on the Associated Press all-conference squad. Two of them, catcher Jimmy Williams and Joe Hardgrove, pitcher, were unanimous. Williams was named to the team for the second straight year.

Other Aggies making the all-conference team were third sacker Joe Schero, left fielder Les Byrd and centerfielder John Stockton.

SMU hurler Tommy Bowers, Tommy Jungman, Texas pitcher; Jim Payne, SMU first baseman; Danny Brown, SMU second baseman; Wayne Connally, Baylor

shortstop; Lee Mattinson, TCU outfielder; Jerry Mallett, Baylor outfielder and Bobby Boggan, SMU utility infielder make up the rest of the team.

The Aggies, sporting six players among the league's top 12 hitters, led in team batting with a healthy .291 average, exactly 40 points above second place Baylor. A&M batted only .219 over the full season last year.

Sophomore shortstop Dick Bleckner, who sat out the last half of the conference season with an injury, ranked second to TCU's Jim Mayfield in loop slugging with a .409 average.

Bleckner came to the plate 22 times, collected nine hits and drove in five runs.

Fred Ablon was fourth in stick

work with .368, and Schero fifth with .354. Ablon led in total hits with 25, was second in doubles with five and drove in 15 runs, good for third place.

Stockton hit .341, Charlie Puls .313 and Byrd .306 to round-out the Cadet leaders. Clyde Stinson, sophomore outfielder, batted .333 against conference pitching, but came to bat only nine times.

Captain Byrd and Joe Boring finished second and third respectively in homeruns. Byrd had five, Boring four. Boring was second in runs scored, crossing the plate 16 times.

Seniors Joe Hardgrove, Tex Vanzura and Jerry Nelson ranked one-two-three among conference hurlers in won-lost records. The trio accounted for 12 of A&M's 13 SWC wins.

Hardgrove paced the conference with a perfect 6-0 mark, Vanzura had a 1-0 record to show for his lone appearance of the season against powerful SMU, and Jerry Nelson stood third with five victories against one defeat.

The Aggies meet Arizona at Travis park in Bryan at 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and if necessary, Wednesday in the NCAA district playoff.

Tickets for the games are 50 cents for students, \$1 for general admission and \$1.50 for box seats. Aggies must present their ID cards.

Athletic Council Lauds Baseballers

The A&M Athletic Council has voted this commendation for the Aggie baseball team and Coach Beau Bell:

"Dear Coach Bell:

"In recognition of the successful baseball season record climaxed by winning the conference championship, the Athletic Council, on behalf of the college, extends heartiest congratulations to you and your entire baseball squad.

"We hope your success will continue through the post-season games and will carry you to the national championship.

"Please convey our commendation and best wishes to your squad."

Sport Club Photos To Be Made Today

Group pictures for the Aggie-land of all club sports will be made at 5 p.m. in back of DeWare field house today.

These sports include wrestling, boxing, handball, softball, soccer, rodeo, bowling and gymnastics. All members of these teams are urged to be present, and have their pictures made.

About two out of every three adult Americans wear eyeglasses.

SPORTS SHORTS

By JERRY WIZIG
Battalion Sports Staff

Ken Loeffler, A&M's new basketball coach has assured the Aggie cagers of a nation-wide audience, even if they don't win a game next season.

Yesterday Loeffler had pictures taken of next year's team to be used to illustrate his book on basketball which appears in the fall. ("Prentice-Hall, \$4," he says.)

Called "Incentive Basketball," the book is primarily about the styles and systems which Loeffler used to get LaSalle into six national tournaments in six seasons.

The last chapter wryly is called "Memoirs of a Superfluous Coach," and Loeffler said, "I'm thinking of making the last line read, 'If the things in this book don't work, please do not send complaints to the author.'"

The manuscript has been finished, and with the pictures, will be sent to the publisher next month. It probably will appear for sale next October or November.

Loeffler jokingly told his team, "I'll give you personal autographed copies for free—when you win your first game—or should I make you wait that long?"

Two Speeches Today
He is in Beaumont tonight for a speech, spoke at a luncheon in El Campo today, and addressed the local Lion's club yesterday. Saturday night he was principal speaker at the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner.

His first words there, a mild dig at the conference action on A&M recruiting, were, "If there are any high school athletes in the crowd, will they please leave? I don't (See SPORT SHORTS, Page 4)

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The word "spirit" can never be said so loudly at any other college as it can here. The football games, the yell-practice, and the activities as a whole—all have the spirit which will never be beaten. When the band plays "War Hymn", chills run up and down my spine; just hearing it makes a guy proud to be an "Aggie".

Any boy who is thinking of attending A&M, should be prepared to have four of the richest years anyone can experience. There will be times when the going will be rough, but I believe, when it is all over, there won't be any regrets.

The year is almost over and I am on my way up the ladder toward that goal which I have set. I leave behind me memories of a wonderful first year at the greatest school in the United States.

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