

Hardgrove Ready

# Ag Nine Plays Bryan In Practice Game

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With ace pitcher Joe Hardgrove sound once again, A&M gives local baseball fans a sneak preview of its championship form tonight against the Bryan all-stars at Travis park in Bryan.

The practice game, scheduled to help the Aggies get accustomed to playing at night, begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Hardgrove, leading conference twirler, and unanimous all-SWC choice, will start for the Cadets tonight. Big Jerry Nelson and Dick Munday will split the mound duties with Hardgrove.

"Hardgrove seems to be throwing harder than before he hurt his arm," said Jimmy Williams, unanimous all-SWC catcher.

Tickets to the Aggie-Arizona series next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are available now. Prices are \$1.50 for box seats, \$1 for general admission and 50 cents for students.

These tickets may be purchased (See BASEBALL, Page 5)

## 'High Nooners' Help Hitters

Behind the scenes of any championship team are those who share the work, but never get the glory. Pitchers Lynn Monical, Doug Mullins and catcher Louie Nelson, dubbed the "High Nooners" by their teammates fall into this category.

"It's hard to see how we could have won without those guys playing their hearts out in practice every day," said Captain Les Byrd.

Monical, a junior righthander from Lake Jackson, and sophomore

Mullins take most of the intrasquad and batting practice chores. They begin pitching batting practice at 12 p.m. on the days A&M has a game, and thus picked-up the nick-name "High Nooners."

"They're the best batting practice pitchers I've ever batted against" said John Stockton, "they sure help me with my hitting. They could make about any other staff in the league now."

Nelson, 6-2 sophomore back stop, from San Antonio, calls all the pitches in batting practice, and gives Aggie baserunners plenty of headaches in intrasquad games.

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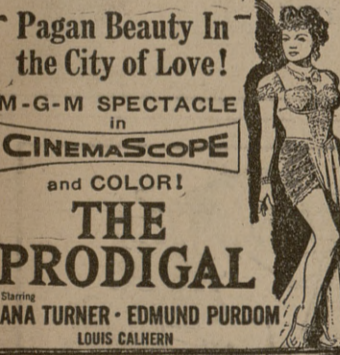
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