

# Bryan All-Stars Bump A&M Baseballers 7-4

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Two former Aggie diamond stars teamed up to help pound out a 7-4 win over their old alma mater last night, as the Bryan All-Stars won a non-conference game over A&M at Bryan's Travis Park.

Catcher Al Ogletree and center-fielder John DeWitt, both all-Southwest Conference baseballers in their playing days at A&M, figured prominently in the All-Stars' fifth and sixth inning scoring that proved the Cadets' downfall.

The All-Stars picked up a run in the bottom of the first inning off

Elo Zatopek, the Aggie starter. Second baseman Bill Chambers walked, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double by first baseman Fred Hodge that sent chalk dust flying down the right field line.

A&M tied the score in its half of the second frame. After one out catcher James Smothermon singled and moved to second on a free pass to Zatopek, Smothermon raced to third on a long fly by Billy Frank Ross and scored on an error.

The Aggies broke into the lead with two quick runs in the top of

the third as John Stockton, all-SWC centerfielder, led off with an inside the park homerun that reached the 450-foot marker. Sophomore right fielder Ed Dudley, starting his first game of the season, smashed a single to center, went to third on a single by Joe Boring and scored on Smothermon's grounder to deep short.

Coach Beau Bell's Cadets picked up their final run in the fifth inning, as third sacker Ross singled and scored on a wild throw at first base on John Hoyle's grounder.

An infield single by Chambers and free passes to DeWitt and left fielder Les Palmer loaded the sacks in the last of the fifth for the All-Stars. Ogletree smacked a solid single to center that scored Chambers. (See BASEBALL, Page 4)



Bill Cocke, Top Distance Man

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## A-Chemical Whips B-AAA

A-Chemical displayed some of the latent softball power which carried them to a 1954 corps upperclassman championship, whipping B-AAA 5-2. Pitcher John Channing, third baseman John Foster, left fielder Arlen Cornett, center fielder Dale McCullough, and catcher Jim Willis provided the scoring.

A-Chemical freshman blasted B-FA's softball nine 13-6 as James

Coston starred with three trips around the diamond. Bob Barker was credited with two scores for the artillery team and was outstanding as backstop for pitcher Rod Stepp.

A-Ordnance showed championship form in upperclassman volleyball, blanking Sqd. 4, 2-0.

A-Infantry downed Sqd. 8 in another class A volleyball tussel 2-0.

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## Ags Cocke Runs Best Under Arcs

By BARRY HART

The Aggies' fine distance runner, Bill Cocke, came to A&M without any sort of scholarship and only because it was the single major college to show any interest in his spiked shoe ability.

"I wasn't a big name in high school track," says Bill, "and had a few offers from junior colleges, but I wanted to try a big school with big-time competition, so I came to A&M."

As an aspiring miler at Lake Charles, La., High School, Cocke worked on the cinder oval three years, lettering in his senior year. His best school-boy time for the four laps was not outstanding—4:41, but the desire was there, that same desire that has carried Bill from mediocrity to a strong contender for the Southwest Conference mile and two-mile events.

"Cocke has done remarkably well," said track coach Frank Anderson of his number one distance man. "He came to A&M unheralded and completely on his own, with

no help from us. He wanted to run, that's what we want of our boys, and that's what he gave us."

Surprisingly enough, Cocke seems to run his best at night, and his finest collegiate races have been under the lights. Last year against the mighty University of Southern California Trojans, Bill rated no more than a fourth against their array of distance talent, but he turned in a 9:31.2 for the two-mile and finished second.

Earlier this season Cocke strided to his fastest time in the mile, 4:24.5, again under the arcs of Laredo's Border Olympics and last

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