

# Ags Lead SWC Hitting; Wonder Why Losing

By BARRY HART

With three hitters in the Southwest Conference top 10, and leading the team batting, A&M's nine takes on the SMU Mustangs on Kyle Field at 3 p. m. today wondering why they're tied for the cellar.

Coach Beau Bell's Aggies, sporting a 1-4 record, lead the league in hitting with a .267 mark while the Ponies trail the other five clubs with a dismal .169 average. Short-stop Lupe Fraga stands third in the conference at the plate with five hits in 12 at bats for a .417 mark. Behind him are soph catcher Gary Harrington (.333) and in-

fielder Wayne Balke (.333). Sophomore righthander Donnie Hullum, who was reported out for at least two weeks with an injured elbow, has responded to treatment and will be available for duty against SMU. Hullum supposedly had a bone chip on his left elbow, but after further investigation, it was diagnosed as torn cartilage.

The Aggies find themselves in fourth position defensively with a .952 fielding percentage, but their errors seem to be more on the mental, rather than physical, side. The Cadets tend to save their

miscues until a vital moment. Rightfielder James Smotherman has been to the plate more than any other SWC baseballer—25 times—and his eight hits lead in that department. Smotherman owns a .320 average with five runs-batted-in.

Others hitting the ball well for A&M are Wendell Reed (.314) Hullum (.286), Behn Hubbard (.273) and converted pitcher, now at second, Doug (Moon) Mullins (.263).

SMU stays on for the second contest tomorrow at 2 p. m. Captain Dick Munday will probably start for A&M.



## 'If' Big Word in Detroit 1957 Pennant Vocabulary

DETROIT, (AP) — The Detroit Tigers are just as much of an "if" team now as they were when they started spring training six weeks ago.

If they get solid second-line pitching, if Bill Tuttle can regain his stride in centerfield, if Red Wilson and Frank House can handle the catching chores in big league style and if someone can play third base, they'll jell into the first division club everyone expects them to be.

With a fast start in the 1957

American League race, more victories in the close games and fewer injuries, the pennant-starved Tigers could challenge the world champion New York Yankees all the way down the line.

Unless most of these problems can be solved—and most of them haven't been with opening day less than one week away—the Tigers would appear destined to finish about fifth place, the spot they've occupied for the past three seasons.

## Tiger Track, Golf, Tennis to Regional

By MAURICE OLIAN

A&M Consolidated athletes journey to Houston for the Region 5-A spring sports tournament Friday and Saturday with tennis, golf and track being represented.

For the first time in Tiger history, the tennis team will have entries in all the senior divisions after the net team swept all the first places in the district meet. The tennis tourney will be held on the University of Houston courts.

Representing the Tigers in boy's singles will be Don Averra; in boy's doubles, Jerry Mills and Maurice Olian; in girl's singles, Susan Dowell, daughter of A&M College's varsity tennis coach W. M. Dowell and in Girls' doubles, Betty Mead and Helen Holmes. Miss Mead and Margaret Manthei won the district doubles, but Miss Holmes will play in the regional tourney.

The district champion golf foursome will be composed of Jerry Holland, who is the district medalist with a 77; Kirby Jackson, runner-up to the medalist with 85; Larry Leighton and Johnny Barger. Alex Rush will be an alternate for the squad.

The golf playoff will be played

over a 36-hole course at Memorial Park in Houston Friday.

Donald Tax, Donald Patton and John Wayne Todd are the only Tiger entries in track. The track meet is to be held in Public School Stadium in Houston.

Tax won the high hurdles in the district meet and placed second in the lows and broad jump. He jumped 20-2 feet. Patton finished second in the shot and discus, putting the shot 39 feet and spinning the discus 106-2 feet.

Todd captured the half-mile with the winning district time of two minutes, 13 seconds.

The Tiger baseball team has scheduled a practice game with the A&M Fish Friday afternoon. The Tigers boast a season record of 6-3 and stand 3-0 in district play.

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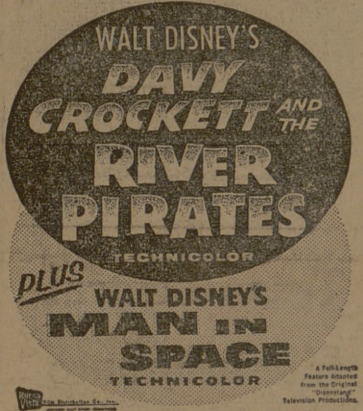
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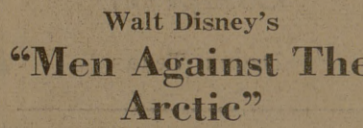
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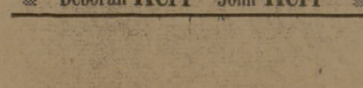
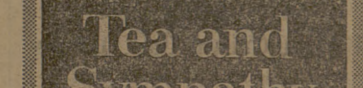
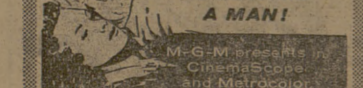
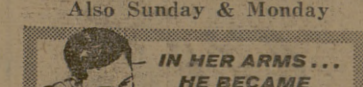
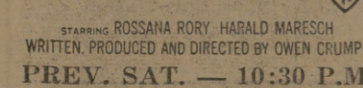
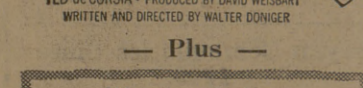
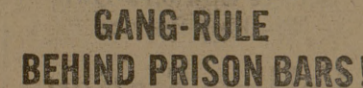
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## A&M Golfers Meet Baylor In Battle for SWC Lead

A&M meets Baylor's Bears, the major obstacle between them and the inside track to the Southwest Conference golf championship, in a meet scheduled for Saturday on the A&M course.

Coach Joe Fagan will probably start a foursome of Bobby Nichols, Jerry Durbin, Marcelino Moreno and Binky Michella against the conference leading Bears.

Last Tuesday Baylor thrashed Texas 5½ to ½ in a dual meet in Austin with the Bear's Ronnie

Honeycut firing a two-under par 68. Baylor opened its season with a 4½ to 1½ win over SMU and has a record of 10-2 in conference.

Bobby Nichols, A&M's number one performer and last year's SWC medalist, won the Bay City Open Tourney with a six-under par 66 over the weekend.

Other starters for the Bears are Jerry Coats who had a 69 against Texas, Don White with 67 and Don Harmon with a 70.

TOPSY-TURVY WORLD— as seen by Aggie pole vaulter James Clark as he starts over the bar at 13-6. Clark and teammate Winton Thomas are the favorites to capture the vault today in Dallas in the A&M-SMU-Rice triangular meet.

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