

# Aggie, Rice Nines Battle For SWC Cellar in Houston

## Both Own 1-6 League Records

By JIM CARRELL

The stormy spring and tornado-like weather permitting, the Aggie nine journeys to Houston Friday where they meet the Rice Owls at 3 p.m. and again Saturday at 2 p.m. in what might well be the battle for the cellar, with the winner of the series climbing out of the embarrassing last place spot. A split would leave the clubs with identical records.

Rain, an important factor in the Aggies' current losing campaign, and thus far this season a discouraging nemesis of Southwest Conference baseball clubs, continues to pour and may cause further postponement of league play which has already had its share of ups and downs.

Baylor has had to postpone four games this season while Texas and TCU still have two to make up. Texas and TCU are tied for first, winning five and losing none, and Baylor is in the second spot, losing only one and winning two.

Neither the Aggies nor Rice have been impressive in compiling 1-6 conference records. The Owls hold the better record for the season winning four and losing eight, while the Cadets stand at 2-11.

A&M's most recent SWC setbacks were 9-4 and 2-1 to SMU while Rice was clobbered by Texas in two games, 7-5 and 22-5. The Crowley Millers of the Evangeline League posted a 4-0 win over Lefty Bo Paradowski last Wednesday and the Brooke Army Medics defeated Toby Newton in San Antonio Thursday, 3-0.

Now in the midst of a six-game losing streak, the Aggies find themselves in a hitting slump and the outlook bleak with eight games remaining on the schedule.

Only Paradowski is hitting above the .300 mark with a .333 average over the season. He has only batted 12 times but picked up two hits against Crowley to give him a total of four for the season.

Jim Smotherman, rightfielder from Frisco, continues to lead hitters who have batted over 25 times, slamming out 17 hits in 57 at-bats for .298. Smotherman has three doubles, two triples and one home run.

Gary Herrington, sophomore catcher from Baytown, follows with a .295 average, hitting safely 13 times of 44 and doubling twice. Herrington has also drawn eight walks to lead in that department with Lupe Fraga.

Shortstop Fraga is batting .278 and is followed by Wendell Reed with .271.

Leading hitter in conference ac-

tion is Fraga with .417 followed by Smotherman at .333, Herrington .308 and Reed .300.

Catcher Herrington is the tops in fielding with 55 putouts, two assists and no errors for a perfect 1.000. Other perfect fielders for A&M are Paradowski, Dick Munday, Newton and Ed Dudley.

Paradowski, who has been playing first base and only pitched two innings until last Wednesday, pitched a fine ball game, though losing 4-0 to Crowley. Only two runs had been scored and the Millers had managed only four hits until the Bryan southpaw tired in the seventh with two away and walked the bases full. Paul Lang relieved and allowed a two-run single before the third out in the inning.

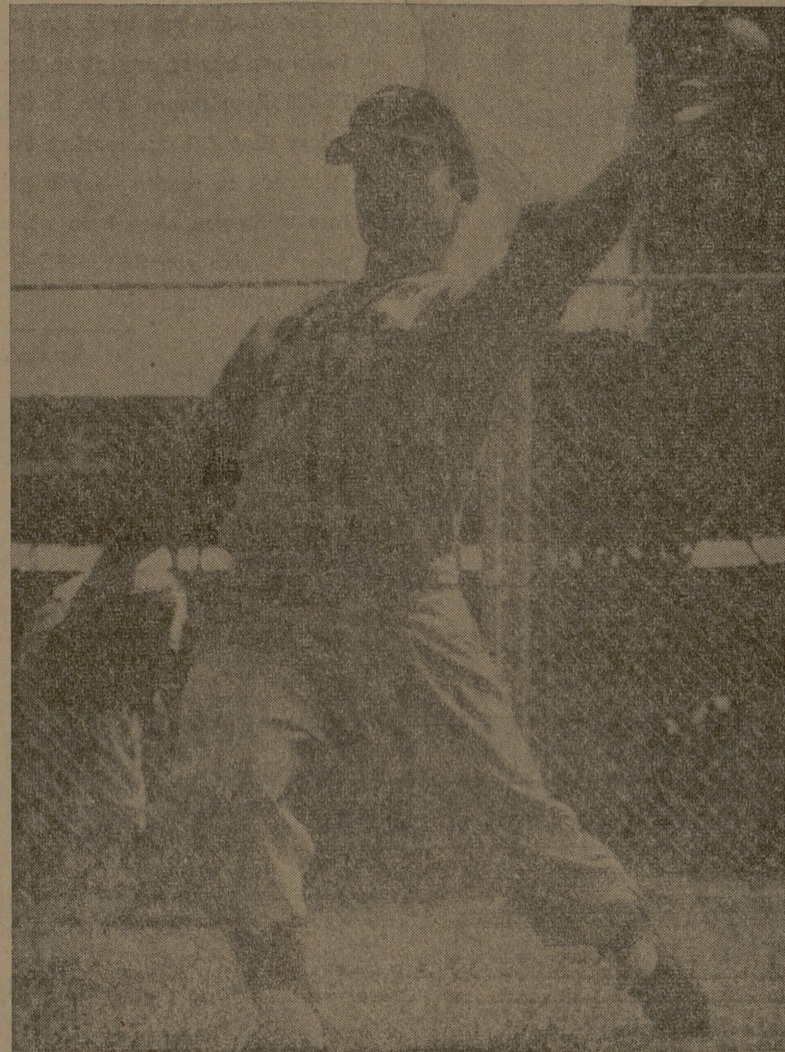
Of 66 runs scored against A&M this year only 40 have been earned and with the gratis runs have gone the chance for several possible wins.

Newton and Munday are the only pitchers to post wins but have both lost three. Donnie Hullum has lost two, Paradowski one and Lang two.

Captain Munday has the leading ERA in conference with 1.82, yielding 14 hits, 10 runs and four earned, struck out 15 and walked five. Over the season Munday has tossed 26 innings, posting an ERA of 2.76 which has been bettered only by Hullum's 2.59 for the season.

Hullum, the righthander from Baytown, has pitched mostly in relief, totalling 34 1/3 innings, giving up 11 runs on 20 hits while striking out 21 and walking 18.

Southpaw Newton of Galveston has pitched the most innings, 37-1/3 giving up 40 hits and 29 runs, striking out 34 and walking 26. Only 12 of the runs scored against Newton have been earned.



BO PARADOWSKI—Aggie pitcher first-baseman who hurled fine ball for seven innings last week although losing, 4-0, to the Crowley Millers. Paradowski has pitched only nine innings this season and will probably open at the first sack against Rice Friday and Saturday in Houston.

## Newcomers Upset Seeded Players in Houston Tennis

HOUSTON, (AP) — Two young newcomers, William Quillian and Barry Mackay, upset seventh-seeded Don Candy of Australia and eighth-ranked Grant Golden in the fourth round of the annual River Oaks Tennis Tournament Wednesday.

Quillian, former NCAA doubles champion from Seattle, Wash., eliminated Golden, the nation's No. 10 amateur, 6-2, 6-2. Mackay, national indoors doubles champion from Dayton, Ohio, defeated Candy, 6-2, 6-4.

The unseeded Mackay, a University of Michigan senior and Big 10 champion, broke Candy's service three times in each set.

Quillian, also unseeded, is ranked No. 19 among U. S. amateurs while Mackay holds the No. 26 spot. Both are making their first appearances at River Oaks.

Herbie Flam, the tournament favorite from Beverly Hills, Calif., was forced to three sets before defeating Richard Schuette, former national junior doubles champion from Houston, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Flam did not take command until the fifth game of the second set.

Sammy Giammalva, U. S. star of last year's Davis Cup matches, showed a strong volley while delighting a hometown gallery in defeating Armando Vieira of Brazil, 6-2, 6-3.

## Klu Remains On Sidelines

CINCINNATI, (AP) — Just when Ted Kluszewski will return to the Cincinnati Redleg lineup as a regular still was a matter for conjecture Wednesday after a group of doctors examined him at a Christ Hospital.

Gabe Paul, general manager of the club, said treatments will be continued. A physician recently concluded that calcium deposits were causing the pain in the left hip which has kept him from playing first base since the opening game April 16.

## Braves, Dodgers Keep Lead in NL

MILWAUKEE, (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves maintained their tie position atop the National League yesterday when Del Crandall hit a home run in the last of the ninth for an 8-7 decision over St. Louis.

All the Braves runs in the free-swing contest in which they twice came from behind to tie the score, were brought across by homers. Before Crandall's blast, Ed Mathews drove home three runs with his first homer of the season, Henry Aaron hit his third—also with two on—and Joe Adcock his second, with the bases empty.

BROOKLYN, (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers sprung a four-run fourth-inning trap that chased rookie righthander Curt Barclay and made it stand up for a 4-3 victory over the New York Giants last night, although held to one hit the rest of the way by three relievers.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Jackie Jensen's 10th inning single off Bob Chakales scored Billy Klaus from second to give Boston a 4-3 victory over Washington last night. Ted Williams crashed his third homer of the season with none aboard in the eighth inning to tie the score at 3-3.

KANSAS CITY, (AP)—Kansas City massacred Cleveland last night, 17-6, bombarding Bob Lemon and four other Tribe hurlers for 14 hits, including five home runs, two of them by Hector Lopez who drove in six runs.

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Coach Les Palmer's Fish baseballers, attempting a third win in a row, meet the Rice Owlets at 2 p.m. Saturday on Kyle Field.

Righthanded Percy Sanderson of Nederland again will draw the

starting nod seeking his second win against one loss.

Batting a terrific .288, the Fish have a season record of 2-1, whipping Dallas 18-9 and Allen 15-6, after dropping the season opener to Tarleton 7-3.

Sanderson is the top freshman pitcher, tossing 18 innings to strike out 12 but has suffered from wildness and walked 16. Of 13 runs scored against him, only seven have been earned.

Top hitters on the club are Jess Foster at .500 and Bill Houchin at .467. Foster, centerfielder from San Antonio, has seven hits in 14 trips. Houchin, lefthanded first baseman from Shreveport, has slapped out seven hits in 15 at-bats and has a triple to his credit.

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