

# Baseball Practice Opens Monday

The loss of only two starters, the return of 11 lettermen and a highly regarded first-year coach in Tom Chandler at first impression places the Texas Aggies in a strong contender's position in the 1959 Southwest Conference baseball race.

A&M begins practice Monday along with the other five Southwest conference teams competing in baseball. Arkansas and Texas Tech do not participate in the conference diamond sport.

Only graduating co-captains Toby Newton and Jim Smotherman fail to return from an Aggie team that finished the 1958 season with an 11-11 record and a 6-8 conference mark. Neither had outstanding success as a senior but Newton was a very fine southpaw pitcher and Smotherman a strong RBI man and sure outfielder who will certainly be missed.

**Looking to Herrington**  
Of 11 returning lettermen, the best bet is two-year all-conference catcher Gary Herrington, who is 1959 team co-captain, along with Baytown running mate, Pitcher Donnie Hullum. Herrington, who played ball last summer with the Alpine Cowboys under Chandler, batted .367 last season, .314 in conference and led the club in total bases with 52, home runs with three and doubles with 10.

Lettermen return at every position except right field where Smotherman held forth. Four are strong pitching candidates who had mediocre success in 1958. Hullum, Wayne Schaper of Galveston, Percy Sanderson of Nederland and Bo Paradowski of Bryan with good seasons could provide an adequate pitching staff.

They will be bolstered by sophomores Larry Ayres of Paris and Joe Brooks Thompson of Bryan and squadman Don Pettavino of New Orleans who saw no action last year. Only Paradowski and Pettavino are lefthanders and Paradowski doubled as a first baseman where was a leading hitter last year.

**Weight on Lettermen**  
In considering the coming season bright for the Aggies on the basis of lettermen back, one only has to look to the past season to clear up that deception.

As a team the Aggies batted .229 for the season and .222 in SWC play. The 11 who returned hit .239 overall and .229 in loop play. Only three, Herrington, Paradowski and Lloyd Stone of Wichita Falls in left field, were able to hit above those averages and were able to drive in only 19 of the team's 42 RBI's in conference play. A&M also left 123 men on base a year ago, an average of 8.9 per game and the pitchers posted an earned run average of 4.65.

Chandler's first task Monday will be to screen the 50 candidates expected. There'll be experienced players, a couple of 1957 lettermen, two promising transfers, several strong prospects from the frosh and for the first time in several years competition at every position.

Herrington is almost a sure

starter at catcher but will be pressed by squadman Don Chase of Houston and Soph Randy Wortham of New Boston.

**Trouble in Right Side**  
First base and right field provide the biggest headaches. Bill Houchin of Shreveport, Dick Hickerson of Bryan and Paradowski are top candidates at first with right field wide open.

Windel Reed of Jefferson, all-conference thirdbaseman in 1957 who failed to letter last year, and Shortstop Wayne Balke of Baytown, another 1957 letter winner, could help with a return to sophomore form.

At second base Dink Patterson of Dallas and James Vrba of Houston are leading candidates with

J. B. Carroll of College Station and Ralph Plumlee of Dallas returning at short and third. Two transfers, Bobby North of Dallas and Arlington State and George Bitcheller of Corpus Christi and Del Mar Junior College are highly regarded infield prospects along with Soph Don Davis of Shreveport.

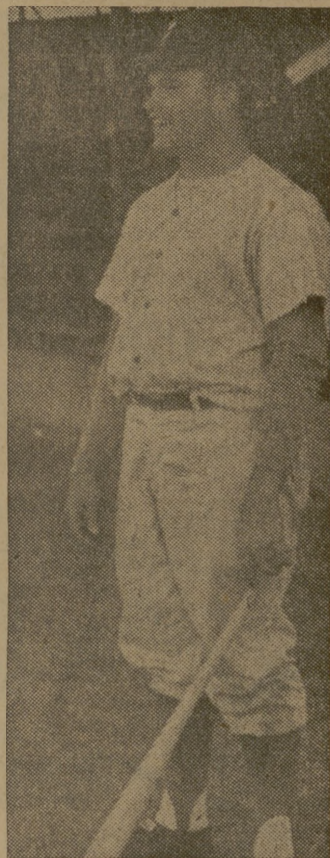
**Many Outfielders**  
Stone and Dickie Thomas of Dallas are both returning starters in the outfield. Expected to battle them are Byron Barber of Dallas, Clifford Davis of Corpus Christi and Wortham or Reed.

Chandler will have two weeks to get acquainted with his club. The Aggies open a 25-game slate March 2 with Sam Houston in Huntsville with the first confer-

ence game coming at Austin against Texas March 21.

The complete Aggie schedule for 1959:

- March 2 Sam Houston at Huntsville
- March 6 Houston at College Station
- March 7 Sam Houston at College Station
- March 11 Texas Lutheran at College Station
- March 14 Texas Lutheran at Seguin (night)
- March 18 Houston at Houston
- March 21 Texas at Austin
- March 24 Baylor at College Station
- March 26 Brooke Army Medics at San Antonio
- March 27 Brooke Army Medics at San Antonio
- April 1 SMU at Dallas
- April 4 Rice at College Station
- April 7 TCU at College Station
- April 10 Baylor at Waco
- April 11 Baylor at Waco
- April 14 St. Mary's at College Station
- April 17 Rice at Houston
- April 18 Rice at Houston
- April 24 SMU at College Station
- April 25 SMU at College Station
- April 27 Texas Tech at College Station
- May 1 TCU at Fort Worth
- May 2 TCU at Fort Worth
- May 7 Texas at College Station
- May 8 Texas at College Station



**Gary Herrington**  
Senior Herrington will serve as co-captain for the Baseball team along with pitcher Donnie Hullum. Herrington has been an all-SWC catcher for the past two years.

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It was the old routine of zany antics mixed with some expert shooting and ball handling, but as usual the victorious Harlem Globetrotters sent some 5,000 fans home happy from White Coliseum with no idea of the final score, whatever it was.

As a curtain-raiser the Hollywood Queens, an all girl's team, played an all-Aggie team using boy's rules. The Aggies won, disappointing the partisan crowd that favored the basketball beauties.

The comedian of the Globetrotters, one J. C. Gibson by name, showed his "pearly whites" throughout the game in a constant ear-to-ear grin as he performed his antics that were greeted by loud bursts of laughter from the crowd.

Gibson and other trotters, like Stan Burrell, Elmer Robinson and the dribbling Leon Hilliard proved they were basketball wizards by clowning and playing top ball throughout the ten minute periods.

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inevitable score that looked so easy.

The show was a bang-up affair from the Queens on through to the ending. The halftime show of unicyclist Boy Foy and George Lee, the foremost exponent of the one-hand balancing art, left the crowd "ooohing" and "ahhning".

## Ag Prospects Dim As Track Begins

With only five lettermen returning, Coach Charley Thomas begins his track rebuilding program at A&M with a triangular meet here Feb. 28 as the Cadets host Houston and Texas in a meet at Kyle Field.

### SWC Statistics

Player	fg	ft	reb	tp	ave
Archie Carroll	57	27	62	141	15.6
Neil Swisher	47	41	44	135	15.0
Wilmer Cox	33	15	48	81	9.0
Wayne Lawrence*	30	19	58	79	11.2
Jim McNichol	18	18	40	54	6.0
Jack Collier	10	5	16	19	3.1
Ernie Turner	4	4	11	12	1.3
Kelly Chapman	3	3	10	9	3.0
Don Mercer	1	4	1	6	2.0
Elliott Craig	2	0	2	4	0.5
Dave Corson	0	0	6	0	0.0
Jack Schwake	0	0	2	0	0.0
Dropped	2	1	3	5	—
Team rebounds					62

\*Out for season with broken foot.  
A&M 9 297 137 355 551 61.2  
OPP 9 217 111 357 545 60.5

### PRO IN TWO SPORTS

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—Dick Judd, tennis professional at the Cottonwood Club here, is a versatile athlete. He advanced to Class AAA baseball in the New York Yankee farm system, was an amateur hockey player for three years and a pro for four years. He has been a tennis pro for three years, coming here from the California Racket club.

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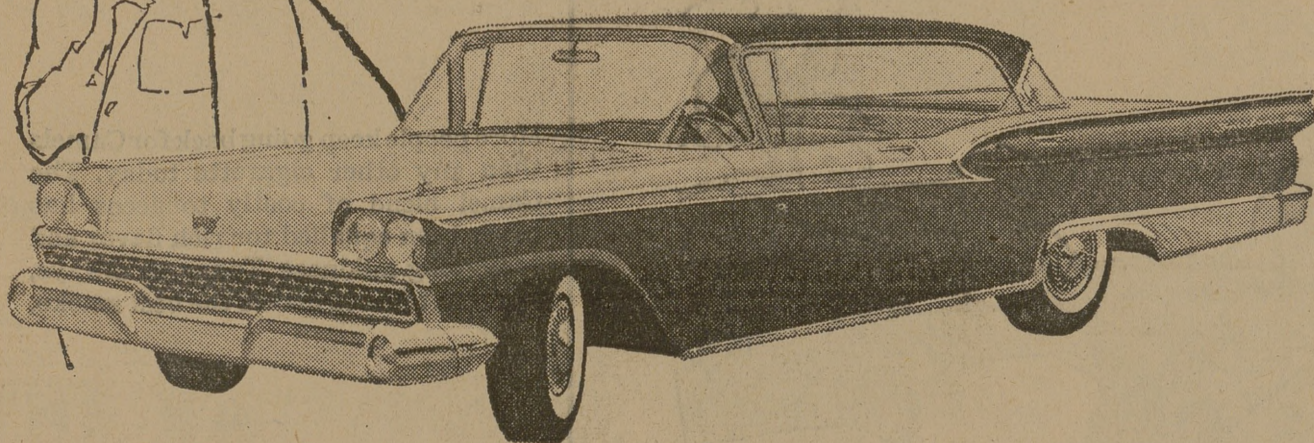
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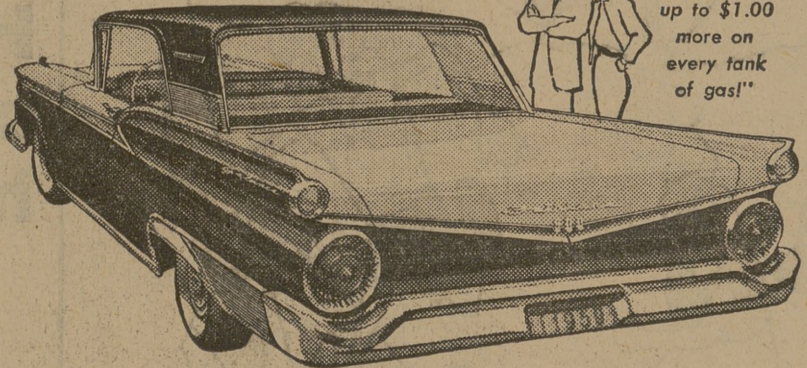
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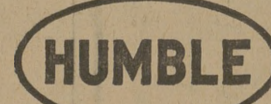
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