

Troubles Plague Ag Nine

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Sore arms, rain and unnecessary errors are bugging the Aggie baseball nine as the season sweeps along with the Farmers in a tie for second place, half a game behind the league-leading Texas Longhorns.

The Cadets now boast a 3-2 Southwest Conference mark and will put it on the line Friday and Saturday when they face the Baylor Bears, a resurging team with an improved 2-3 mark. The Bears are fresh from a 4-3 victory over the SMU Mustangs and are currently in a tie for fourth with TCU.

Bear Starters

Probable starters for the Bears against the Aggies are Don Riddle, team captain and third baseman; Dick Sale, centerfielder; Jerry Kunk, second baseman; Don Corbo, first; Billy Humphrey, right fielder; Jim Carroll, catcher; James Conley, shortstop; Ted Uhlender, left fielder; and probably Gerald Johnson or Ted Shelton on the mound.

Sore arms are currently troubling two of the Aggie hurlers with Larry Ayres being the newest addition to that list along with senior co-captain Donnie Hullum.

Coach Tom Chandler says that Ayres probably won't be able to throw until Monday while Hullum has been coming along nicely, but still is able to throw only three-quarters speed. The bullish Ayres has a 3-1 won-loss record and leads the Farmers in the earned run department with a 2.92 ERA mark.

Aggie Hurlers

Percy Sanderson, Wayne Schaper and perhaps Hullum are likely candidates for the mound against the Bears with Ayres in the background with faint hopes of seeing any duty.

Schaper, winner over TCU Tuesday, has the best record of the three with a 3-1 mark. He has struck out 15 while allowing 16 runs to cross the plate on 24 hits. Schaper has walked only eight while five men have tagged him for homers.

Righthander Sanderson has thrown several good games, weakening only in the stretch and has won 2 and lost the same amount. The Aggie senior has also given up 16 runs but has allowed 29 hits and walked 16. His ERA is 3.80.

Cadet Hitting Improved

Meanwhile the Cadet hitting has never looked better while their fielding has gone somewhat to pot. Errors have cost them two SWC games and in Tuesday's tilt with the Frogs allowed several runs to cross the plate.

Catcher Gary Herrington leads those who have been at bat ten times or more with a .386 at the plate. The stubby senior has blasted three homers and five doubles, scoring ten runs.

Stuffy Davis is only a step behind Herrington with a .378 season average and has 12 RBI's to his credit. Davis has rapped out 4 doubles and struck out five times.

Sophomore Dick Hickerson has slipped some in the batting department but still carries a better than average .357. Hickerson leads the team in three-baggers with two and has four doubles. The southpaw is the starting first baseman.

Reed Makes Comeback

Windel Reed, all-SWC two years ago, is making his comeback and is slugging a mean .313 average. Reed has struck out twice while collecting nine RBI's. Pinch hitter Don Chase has been at the plate 13 times and batted safely four of them for a .308 average.

The smallest man on the team, 5-8 J. B. Carroll, leads the team in whiffing, but still manages to bat over .300 with a .303 season mark. Carroll has two doubles and a triple to his credit.

Reaching for the .300 mark is Dink Patterson with a tight .295 at the plate. Patterson got his second homer this year against TCU and has nine RBI's.

Byron Leads Sluggers

Out in center field the balding Byron Barber has emerged as the power man on the team and has four homers, two of the round-trippers being chalked up in the

Ageless Williams To Miss Opener

BOSTON (AP) — Ted Williams walked briskly from New England Baptist Hospital Wednesday wearing an obviously uncomfortable surgical collar, and told newsmen he will miss the start of the 1959 season.

The 40-year-old American League batting champion said he was uncertain when he will be able to rejoin the Red Sox. He is suffering a pinched-neck nerve with resultant shoulder pain.

Williams said everything depends on what he hears from the doctor a week from Wednesday.

The Cincinnati Redlegs had 26 votes for the National League All-Star game. Each of them voted Stan Musial as the first baseman.

last game. Barber leads the team in RBI's with 17, and has two doubles and a triple in 60 trips to

the plate. Ralph Plumlee round out the starting nine, not counting the

pitcher, and is batting .263. Plumlee's real value to the team is his ability at shortstop where he makes many outstanding plays.



Three to Face the Bears

Donnie Hullum, Percy Sanderson or Wayne Schaper are likely starters for Coach Tom Chandler's Baseball nine as the Farmers tackle the Baylor Bears Friday and Saturday in Waco. The Aggies are currently tied for second in the SWC with a 3-2 mark.

INTRAMURALS

Squadron 17 and A Infantry hold first and second places in both Class A and B Intramurals. Squadron 17 is first in Class A, second in Class B, while A Infantry is first in Class B and second in Class A.

C Infantry followed their battalion-mates in Class A in third place, and B Infantry completed the top four picture in fourth place with 620 points.

League finals in Class A softball show A Infantry topping league B with a 3-1 standing. Maroon Band took league E with a 4-0 record, and A Vets were high in league H with a 4-0 record.

In Class B softball, two league champions have been determined. B Ordnance leads league A with a 3-1 record and A Transportation topped league C with a perfect 4-0 total.

Two more leagues in Class A golf have been decided. A Infantry took all four matches to win league E, and their battalion-mates, record.

The intramural rifle matches B Infantry, again took a victory, winning league F with a 4-0 match went off without interruption from the rain yesterday. A Signal won their match with Maroon Band in a 455-379 victory. Richard Wade shot the high score for the winners with a 117. The lowest score on the team was a 112. Rod Griffith shot the high score of the match for Maroon Band, a 122.

C Engineers downed the big-gunners, B Field, 410-341. Martin of the Engineers shot the high score of the match, a 111. C Armour outgunned Squadron 1, 426-405 in league H. Max Gunter of Squadron 1 posted the high score with a 125 total. C. C. Lanningham tied with Gunter for high total with a 125.

The proposed match between A Transportation and Squadron 12 was a double forfeit, neither team showing up for the match.

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