

SPORT SLANT S

By BOB WEEKLEY

After the Aggie freshman baseball team had played its first couple of games on Kyle Field the fans began wondering just what was happening when along about the fourth or fifth inning five of the starters would pack up their bags and depart from the diamond towards the football field.

They had been hearing of the close cooperation that was supposed to exist between the various Aggie coaching staffs, but just couldn't see any connection between players leaving a game for another practice session in football and that word "cooperation."

The cooperation exists as shown by the simple fact of the football players playing baseball, only not to the high degree that could be expected.

Of course when you look at things from the light of football being the banker that pays most of the bills for the various sports the switching action is not as bad as it first seems. And then when you realize that those boys seeing double duty on the baseball diamond and the football field are top candidates in both sports the fact is driven home that if a choice has to be made as to what they play, football goes unchallenged.

But really things are supposed to be different next year. Athletic Director Jim Myers now has plans of holding the 1960 spring training during the months of February or March. This will benefit spring sports since they do not start until the middle of the latter month, and just think of the shape they will be in after going through 18 days of spring training.

There's another reason for moving the spring training date up a month or two. Rain, like we've seen for the last couple of days, is not so predominant in the late winter months at College Station as it is in the spring.

Myers firmly believes that there is room at Aggieland for those athletes who are capable of playing more than one sport, and does his best to encourage them to participate in all of them.

Dual participation is impossible for many athletes because the time required month in and month out for practice and then the days away from school for games throws them and their grades way behind. Not only do they have to be a better than average athlete to play two sports, they have to have a goodly amount of brains in their heads to stay eligible.

That happened in one game, against the Allen Ramblers, and the freshmen lost that contest. Incidentally, Bill Vincent, an outstanding candidate for tackle, was pitching and had to leave around the fifth inning.

Perhaps the best solution would be to let the players finish the game and miss that day of practice, or set up an alternating schedule where they play one game and miss the next.

One solution seems about as good as another.

Rain Threatens Bruin Tilt

Rain, that bugaboo of all spring sports, has cast its dark clouds over Kyle Field and rained out two successive days of practice for the baseball, track and football squads.

Probably the hardest hit of all three is Coach Tom Chandler's baseball nine who move into their first two-day series of the season Friday and Saturday against the tough Baylor Bears in Waco.

The baseball team, scheduled to depart from A&M at 12:30 p.m. today, may have to stay at home due to showers that dampened the Baylor diamond Wednesday and deluged it yesterday. The Aggies have been unable to work out since their Tuesday victory over the TCU Horned Frogs.

If the Aggies do make the trip it will probably be Wayne Shaper and Percy Sanderson on the mound against the Bears in the two-day series. Larry Ayres, the

ace sophomore hurler, will more than likely miss the series due to a sore shoulder.

A&M will enter the game with a 3-2 season mark and a tie for second in the Southwest Conference race with the Rice Owls, a team that downed the Cadets by one run earlier in the season. Both teams are a half game behind the league leading Texas

Longhorns.

Baylor trails the Owls and Aggies in the conference with a 2-3 mark, barely keeping their pennant hopes alive by downing the SMU Mustangs, 4-3 Tuesday. The Bears had gone into that contest riding a three-game losing streak, one of them a 19-6 drubbing by the Cadets.

Rudy Raughton, a three-game

winner with one blot on his record, is scheduled to draw the starting assignment against the Aggies Friday.

Baylor boasts one of the top sluggers in the conference in first baseman Mel Corbo who has a lofty .512 average. The Bruin has slashed out 22 hits and driven in 18 runs.

Four of Baylor's starters are currently batting over .300 while the team average is .290. The Bear's have one injured starter in shortstop Bob Turner. Aggies remember him for his basketball prowess—who has been out with

an injured knee. Turner is also batting over .300.

'Play Ball' Cry Today To Attract 200,000

(AP)—With the special ceremonial opener out of the way, the rest of the big league baseball teams are swinging into action today with seven games expected to draw more than 200,000 persons.

The New York Yankees, out of first place for at least one day

this season, open their bid for a 10th flag in 11 years for Manager Casey Stengel at Yankee Stadium. The Boston Red Sox, minus ailing Ted Williams, provide the opposition.

Perhaps the largest crowd of all will be the 73,000 expected at Detroit for the struggle between Chicago and the Tigers. These two clubs generally are given the best chance of upsetting the Yanks.

Kansas City opens against the revamped Cleveland Indians. After their presidential opener Thursday in Washington, the Senators and Baltimore Orioles will take the day off to resume Saturday.

Pittsburgh fans are due to turn out 30,000 strong for the Forbes Field game with the defending champions from Milwaukee. The Chicago Cubs are at Wrigley Field in their home opener against Los Angeles.

The night games round out the seven-game opening schedule. San Francisco, picked by many to beat out Milwaukee, will be at St. Louis, and Cincinnati, with one game under its belt, will be at Philadelphia.

Navy Has Problem; No Coach Signed

ANNAPOLIS (AP) — Naval Academy officials indicated yesterday they are in no rush and not particularly worried about finding a successor to Eddie Erdelatz, who resigned after nine years as head football coach.

"We realize this is going to be a very difficult problem at this time of year," said Capt. Slade Cutter, director of athletics.

"I have talked to no one about the job—directly or indirectly—but I'm not particularly worried. We have a very competent staff of assistant coaches and any one of them can do a fine job for us."



Now It's Like This, Ump!

Baseball Coach Tom Chandler goes through his umpire baiting routine against the TCU Horned Frogs Tuesday. The Aggies won the game but Chandler lost the argument.

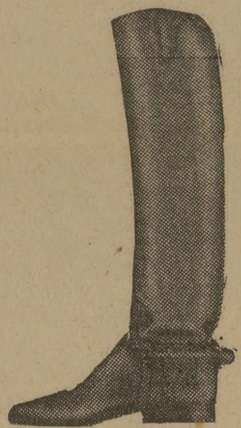
Trigon, Faculty Bowlers Challenge Bowling Squad

A top secret group from the Trigon and a well-known faculty clan will meet the second and third A&M bowling teams at the Memorial Student Center Bowling Lanes Saturday at 2 p.m.

John Geiger, spokesman for the Trigon group, declined to give the names of the "G. I. Keglers", but the faculty group readily divulged its team members. Marvin Butler, professor of economics, will spearhead the team, followed by Jack Amman, Leslie Palmer and Emil Mamaliga of the Department of Physical Education. Dickie McCasland of the Texas Transportation Institute will complete the squad.

The Aggies' team will be taking on the match team from North Texas State College at the same time, rounding out the afternoon of bowling.

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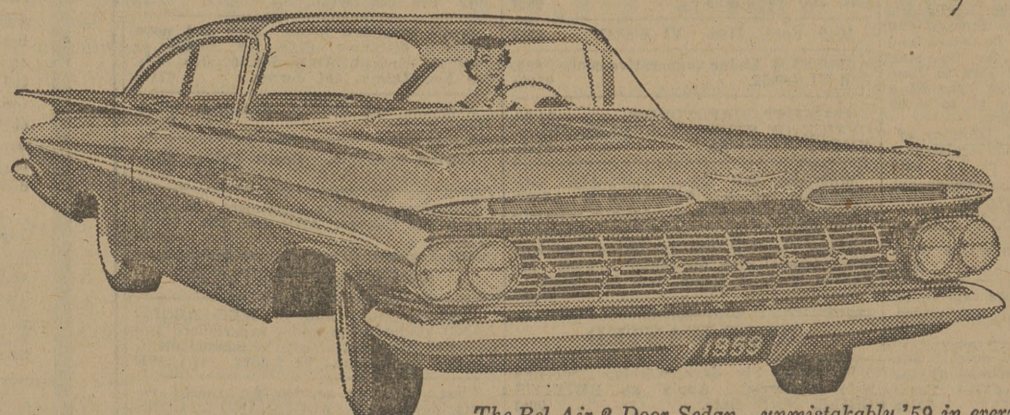
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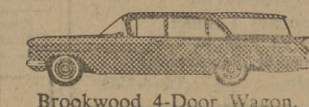


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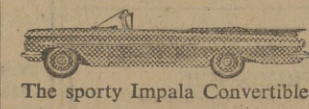
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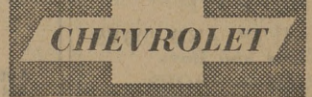
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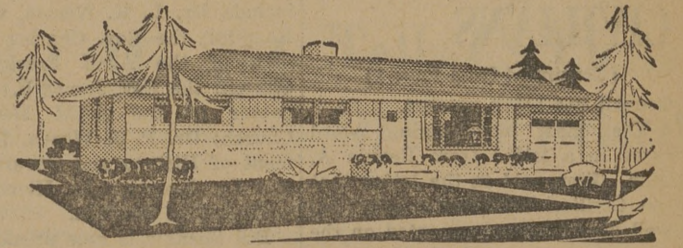
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