



—Battalion Staff Photo by Laney McMath

Strategy at Second

And what else could shortstop Ralph Plumlee, Coach Tom Chandler and second baseman Dink Patterson be working on? This keystone combination plus coach is one of the top duets in the conference.

Tasby, Allison Start Fast In 'Rookie of Year' Picture

NEW YORK (AP) — Off their early season performances, Willie Tasby of the Baltimore Orioles and Bob Allison of the Washington Senators loom as the leading candidates for the American League Rookie of the Year award in 1959.

Through Monday's games, Tasby had 13 hits in 33 times at bat for a .394 batting average. Allison had 12 hits in 33 tries for a .364 mark. Each had hit safely in all 8 games he played. Both Tasby and Allison had one home run, but the Senator's outfielder had 7 runs batted in to 1 for the Baltimore rookie.

Also off to excellent starts are first basemen Kent Hadley of Kansas City and Norm Cash of the Chicago White Sox and pitcher Jerry Walker of Baltimore, Rudolfo Arias of the White Sox and Jerry Casale of Boston.

Hadley has 6-for-18 and a .333 average. He has one homer and three RBIs. Cash has walloped a pair of homers and driven in 6 runs. His batting percentage is .250 with 6 safeties.

Walker, 20-year-old righthander, beat Washington 6-1 in his only start. Arias has given up only 1 run in 5½ innings of relief in 4 games. He was credited with a victory over Detroit last Friday. Casale beat the Senators 7-3 and walloped a homer April 15, before losing to Baltimore yesterday.

While the American League competition appears keen, there is little to choose from among the

National League hopefuls.

George Altman of the Chicago Cubs shows a .350 average with 7 safeties in 20 at bats. He has yet to hit a homer, although he has batted in 3 runs. Ron Fairly, Los Angeles, highly regarded first year player, has a .235 mark with 4-for-17. George Anderson, Philadelphia's slick-field second baseman, has 7 hits in 2 tries for .259. Jim Baxes of the Dodgers has a .280 average and 2 homers.

Bob Anderson turned in the best pitching job among the NL rookies. He defeated Los Angeles 6-1 on opening day.

Other pitchers who have looked good in brief stints were Dom Zanni of San Francisco, Howie Nunn of St. Louis, Mark Freeman of Kansas City and Jerry Davie of Detroit.

Sox Still Uncertain Of Williams' Debut

BOSTON (AP)—No date has been set for the return of ailing Boston slugger Ted Williams to action but Manager Mike Higgins said yesterday the big guy would not go to Florida for his conditioning program.

Williams, sidelined since late in spring training with a pinched nerve and sore shoulder and back, remains confined to his hotel room and has not begun workouts.

Aggies Trail Steers in SWC; Rematch With Rice Possible

By BOB WEEKLEY
Battalion Sports Editor

Fighting both the rain and Texas, the Texas Aggies try to stay alive in the Southwest Conference baseball race in a vital two-game series with the SMU Mustangs of

the Kyle Field diamond Friday and Saturday.

For all practical purposes, the Aggies (4-2) and the Rice Owls (3-3) are the only teams with a reasonable chance of catching the Longhorns. The other three SWC

clubs each have lost five league games and trail by four in the important won-loss column.

A sweep of the SMU series in a near must for Coach Tom Chandler's Cadets, unless Baylor could surprise the Longhorns by winning one or both of their two contests with Texas Friday and Saturday in Waco.

The Aggies currently trail the Steers by 1½ games after the Steers dropped the Mustangs last week, 9-5 and 3-1, while rain forced the Farmers to miss both of their contests with the Owls.

None of the postponed games can be made up, under the Southwest Conference baseball rules, unless they have some direct bearing on the final SWC champion.

Since A&M has missed three games so far this season because of rain (Baylor was the other postponement) they are almost certain of having to make up some portion of those missed, barring an Aggie slump in the won-loss column.

The Longhorns have missed only one tilt so far this year and have clipped team after team, while the Farmers dropped further behind in the pennant race as they fumed over the rain.

If the Aggies do have to make up some of those missed games it is doubtful which they will be forced to play. Chandler seems to think that the coaches will just get together and decide who will play who where, but there has been no final decision made. It would appear that the Aggies would face the Bears first and continue on down the list until a winner is determined for the championship.

Rice Coach Dale Morgan and Chandler could get together and work in make-ups of both games—one at Houston and one at College Station—between now and the end of the regular season, if possible. They could exchange open dates and reach an agreement.

Of course the Cadets won't be considered in the race unless they win the majority of their remaining games, including the two-game series with Texas at the end of the regular season play May 7-8.

TCU Golfers on Top, Rice Pacing Net Race

Texas Christian University took over a two-point lead in the Southwest Conference golf chase by downing defending champion Arkansas Monday, 6-0. Texas Tech is second with two weeks left to play.

Meanwhile, Rice leads the pack in the tennis race with a 17-1 record. Texas Tech is also second in the net spot with an 18-6 mark.

A&M is running fourth in the golf standings with a 12-12 mark, while Texas is third with 16-8. TCU now has a 27½-8½ showing. In tennis, the Aggies are mired

deep in the cellar, still seeking their first win after losing 18 straight matches. Loop-leading Rice has a comfortable margin at 17-1.

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The Aggie golf team defeated the Texas Longhorns, 5-1, yesterday at College Station. Al Jones and Billy Martindale of the Aggies shot 72s for low scores.



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Hamilton Player Inks Intent Letter

A&M's basketball coach Bobby Rogers signed one of the top prep school players to an A&M letter of intent Saturday when Hamilton's Jerry Windham inked the agreement while visiting the campus for Spring Sports Day.

Rogers said Windham "is a big strong kid who can really move. He's fast, a terrific rebounder and we feel he will make a very fine basketball player."

Windham is a 6-7, 215-pound athlete who averaged 23 points per game last season. He was named to the All-CenTex team and made honorable mention all-state besides being all-district three years in a row.

The prospective Aggie is a little more than just a fine athlete, though, since his average at Hamilton High School is a brilliant 94. He plans to study engineering at A&M.

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