

Hopeful Ags Try Froggies

Righthanders Percy Sanderson and Wayne Schaper will carry the Aggie's hopes this weekend when Coach Tom Chandler's baseball team makes its desperate bid to stay in the Southwest Conference baseball race against the TCU Horned Frogs in Fort Worth.

The lanky Schaper has had a taste of the Froggies earlier this season and came out on the winning end of a 14-7 verdict. The Farmers went homerun-wild that game with leftfielder Byron Barber slamming out two round-trippers and Gary Herrington and Dink Patterson one each.

Co-captain Herrington will be missing from the contest this week

with an injured shoulder holding him out of play. The stocky catcher hurt his shoulder in the SMU game last Saturday sliding into a base and missed the non-conference Tech tilt here Tuesday.

Sophomore Randy Wortham will replace the ailing catcher with junior Don Chase ready to give him adequate relief. Wortham is batting .143 in season play and has yet to hit conference pitching. Chase has been a successful relief hitter with a solid .300 in 20 times at bat. Half of Chase's hits have been for extra bases.

Sanderson is scheduled to toe the mound for the Farmers Friday while Schaper will do his part

Saturday. Sanderson is 2-2 in the conference while Schaper has two wins and has yet to taste defeat in the SWC.

Sophomore Dick Hickerson, recovering from a batting slump that plagued him for several weeks, will be back at first base sporting a .333 season batting average. Lefty Bo Paradowski, throws left, bats right, could see some duty at that position if the Frogs throw a left-hander one day. The Aggie senior is batting .333 in conference play and has one home run to his credit.

Proud Dink Patterson, father of a girl Monday, will hold down the second base position, although Don Davis did a respectable job on the field against Tech the first part

of this week. Patterson is batting .276 in the conference and has two homers and two doubles to his credit.

Helping Patterson around the keystone position is Ralph Plumlee who is batting .280 and has 14 runs-batted-in. Plumlee has three stolen bases, one less than Hickerson who leads the team in that department.

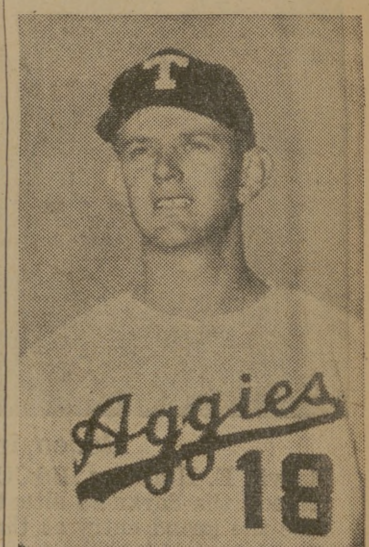
Third baseman Windel Reed will be back at his old position moving J. B. Carroll back out to centerfield. Reed is slugging at a .259 pace while Carroll leads the Aggies in conference batting with a .433 average.

Carroll, the shortest man on the team at 5-6, has 13 hits in 30 trips to the plate, four of them for extra base hits.

Completing the outfield for the Farmers will be Barber in leftfield and Stuff Davis in right. Barber is batting .226 and leads the team in homers with three. Davis is batting .304 and has four doubles.

Looking at the team statistics the Aggies are outbating their op-

ponents, .275 to .260 and have scored 58 runs on 76 hits. The Aggies swing a bit more wildly than their opponents, striking out 51 times to 36 for the opposition.



Wayne Schaper ... other hurler



Javeline Hurler

John Long cocks his arm back and strains before releasing the javeline during practice on the Kyle Field track. Long and teammate Newton Lamb are rated highly in their specialty for the coming SWC meet.

SPORT SLANT S

By BOB WEEKLEY

If the Aggie nine hope to keep their hats in the Southwest Conference baseball ring, they're going to have to do something they've done only once this season . . . beat the TCU Horned Frogs.

The Frogs romped all over the Farmers in football and basketball, winning the SWC race in both sports, but the Aggies got some measure of revenge from the Toads April 7 when they dumped their baseball squad, 14-7.

TCU is mired in the mud in the baseball race, sunk in last place while the Aggies can't afford to lose a single remaining game this season if they are to cop the flag. A&M currently holds a 4-4 conference mark and a 11-7 season record.

The Longhorns hold the lead in conference play with a 9-1 win-loss mark, but must face the grim Rice Owls this weekend at Austin. A sweep of the two-game series by the Owls would bring them even with the Longhorns in the important losing column and set up a fight to the wire among Texas, Rice and A&M. Just a split of the Rice-Texas series would all but clinch the crown for the Steers.

A&M and Rice are slated to play a doubleheader next week to make up two SWC games rained out earlier this month, even if Texas should clinch the title by Saturday.

"Tom Chandler and I both want to make 'em up since we're close by and travel is no problem," relates Owl mentor Dell Morgan. Chandler, the Aggie baseball coach, voiced the same sentiments last week in this column.

Of course, if Rice does somehow upset Texas twice in the coming series the make-ups would be required, since they would have a bearing on the title.

Final agreement on a date for the twin bill won't be made until Sunday after the important weekend games, but the logical time to play is Tuesday since Rice has a final game with Sam Houston Wednesday and the Aggie tackle Texas the following weekend in their final games of the series.

While their varsity brothers are in Fort Worth after the Horned Frogs the freshman nine will end a three-week baseball drouth by playing the Wharton County Junior College team Friday on Kyle Field.

The frosh team has been defeated only once this season, by the Allen Academy squad, but has been rained out of three games. Policy on rainouts for the frosh is no games are replayed.

Game time is 3 p. m. with righthander Bill Vincent due to toe the mound for the Aggies.

Former A&M Student, Coach Takes Wharton Mentor Slot

Tom Pickett, former A&M letterman and freshman coach, has taken a position as head coach and athletic director at Wharton Junior College, replacing Johnnie Frankie, who became Rice Institute's head basketball coach this week.

Pickett came to A&M from Temple where he won All-State and All-Southern honors in 1937-38. He played and lettered in 1939, but did not participate in 1940 due to an injury. He returned in 1941 and lettered that year.

He served three years in the U.S. Army, returning to A&M in 1946, when he lettered again. He served as freshman backfield coach in 1947-48, although he had one year of eligibility left. He met Frankie here for the first time. Pickett graduated in 1948, and accepted a job as assistant coach at Wharton under Frankie. The pair had a 35-3 record during their first three years.

Coach Pickett went from there to Boling High School. He piled up a record there in six years of 41 wins, 18 losses and three ties. His teams took district championship one year, co-champions another and a basketball district championship.

Pickett also teaches physical education courses along with his football coaching. During the fall semester he serves as scout and in the spring semester he coaches the baseball team.

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