

Highlights-Sidelights of 58-59; Baylor-A&M Tilt Heads List

With the curtain slowly closing on the last act of A&M 1958-59 sports seasons fans can look back over the past months and see that it was an exciting, surprising nine months of athletics.

Only one Southwest Conference crown was copped, but that's one more than the Cadets have won in several years. Coach Tom Chandler's baseball team was the sole victor.

Highlight of the football season came on a Saturday night in Waco October 25 when Aggie lightning struck four times in the last half to defeat the Bears, 33-27.

Baylor led 27-7 when the debacle started midway in the third quarter. The Farmers scored on a pass by Ed Dudley, a one-yard drive up the middle by Luther Hall, a pass by Milstead and a 50-yard pass-completion play by Hall that went all the way for the final score.

Basketball had its hour at Aggie-land in the fading days of De-

cember when the Aggie five came out of nowhere to capture the Southwest Conference Tournament crown and achieve the 19th spot in the Associated Press's national standings.

Three individual records were broken by the basketball team, the outstanding one being Neil Swisher's new mark of most points made

during three seasons. The grand total was 983.

Archie Carroll set the other two marks of total conference scoring in one season and most field goals in one season. The new marks were 220 points and 142 field goals.

Track started rather slowly, but the fans certainly have to stand up and cheer for the fine

third place finish in the conference made by Charley Thomas and his boys, a distinction no one thought they could achieve.

And then comes baseball and the conference championship. The final chapter still has been written here since the team has entered the NCAA playoffs against Arizona.

College Station Little League Opens Season Monday Night

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College Station Little Leaguers will get a chance to "show their stuff" Monday night when the season opens at the College Station Little League Park.

The eight teams that make up two leagues, minor and major, have been preparing for the opening tilt during practice that has been going for the last two weeks.

This year the major league has about sixty boys and the minor league has about one hundred.

The major league has the White Sox, Senators, Red Sox and Orioles. Minor league teams are the Cubs, Indians, Pirates and Dodgers.

Major league teams will play double headers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, with the minor leagues playing on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Both teams will play regular schedules until July 18 when there will be a one week break.

On Wednesday night the "B" squad of the minor league will play.

Directors for this year's teams are Wayne Hall, president; Walter Varvel, vice president; Russel Beamer, vice president of the major league; Billy Kling, vice president of the minor league; Bob Skrvanek, treasurer; and Dick Harvey, secretary.

Equipment manager is W. S. Edmonds, score keeper is Russel Brown and Judson Loupot is in charge of selling signs for the park fence.

Managers who are presently working with the clubs are Billy Hemphill, Hank Mills, Manuel

Garcia, Wayne Smith, Tommy Letbetter, Wilson Bradley, Joseph Hornsey, Bruce Thompson, W. W. Gilpin, Billy Oxley, Kelly Parker and P. D. Gandy.

The major league is sponsored by Marion Pugh Lumber Co., Garner Student Co-op Store, Bryan Office Equipment Co. and Ridgecrest Pharmacy.

The minor league is sponsored by College Station Lions Club, the College Station Kiwanis Club, Fitch Contractors, and the College Station State Bank.

Also the College Station Recreation Council makes a grant to the little leaguers each year and the money from fence signs helps support them.

Varvel said that there is still a shortage of managers and more work to be done on the park. He added that anyone interested in helping with the teams should contact one of the directors.

Varvel also said that there would be no admission charged at the games this year, but instead a membership drive would be held next week. In this drive the boys will sell memberships to individuals in the area who wish to help support them.

After the regular season is finished a winner will be declared from one of the leagues. There will be an area and district play-off. The teams that win there will pursue a state title and go from there to a national play-off.

Arizona Bested Farmers In 1955 NCAA Series

Four years ago the Aggies, 1955 Southwest Conference Champions, played Arizona a three-game series in Bryan's Travis Park.

All three games were good, the Aggies dropping the opener, 6-2; winning the second game, 5-0 and losing the final game, 2-1.

There were some good players in that 1955 series here. A&M had Pitchers Jerry Nelson, Joe Hardgrove and Dick Munday

Hardgrove pitched the opener for A&M but Don Lee, son of the former Chicago White Sox great, Thornton Lee, bested him for the Wildcats. Jerry Nelson, fireballing righthander, won the second game for A&M over Carl Thomas. Nelson held Arizona to four hits and fanned 11 during his great shutout effort. Munday then pitched a heartbreaker in the fi-

nale losing on an error in the top of the 9th, 2-1.

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Banda's Dropped Fly Gave Ags SWC Life

The story of the Aggie Southwest conference baseball championship can be summed up as follows:

Hustle, clutch play and George Banda's error.

All are important including the patience and hard work under the smart coaching of Tom Chandler in his first year at the job. But it was the little TCU shortstop's muff of a pop-fly on May 2 at Fort Worth in the 9th inning that sent the Aggies on their successful drive to the flag.

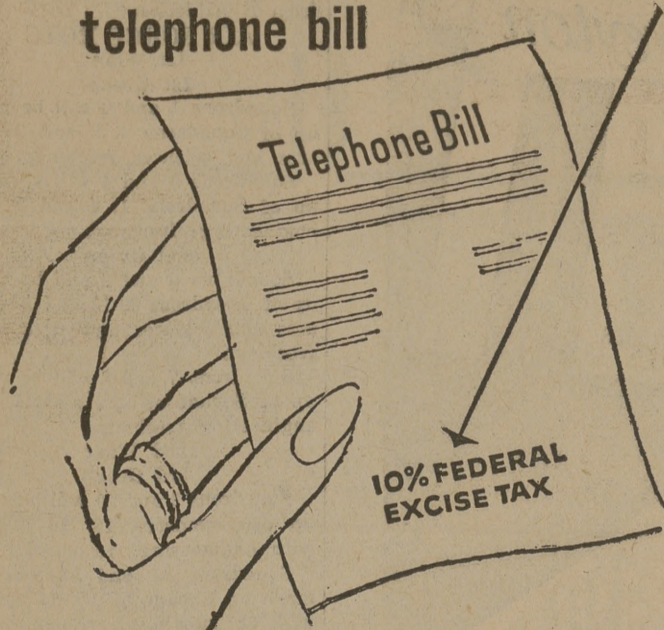
TCU was leading the Aggies, 7-5, going into the final inning. Randy Wortham led off for the A&M 9th taking a called third strike. Dick Hickerson then rolled out, pitcher to first. Ralph Plumlee hit a pop fly to shallow short

and the Aggie bench was sacking up the bats when Banda let the ball dribble out of his glove.

Before you could say Arizona or Omaha the Aggies were back in the ball game. Bo Paradowski singled to center, Dink Patterson singled to left to score Plumlee, Don Davis walked to fill the bases and J. B. Carroll walked to force in the tying run. Patterson stole home to give the Cadets an 8-7 lead. TCU tied it up in the ninth but A&M scored the winner in the 10th and returned home with new life and a 6-4 record good for a tie for second place with Rice.

Texas had opened the season with a 6-7 loss to A&M at Austin, then had won nine consecutive games before losing to Rice the same day of the Banda muff.

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