

Chandler's SWC Champions Began Workouts Yesterday

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Yesterday didn't start out exactly like baseball weather as the rain poured in the morning and the afternoon was quite chilly, but nevertheless Coach Tom Chandler put his Aggie baseball team through their paces to mark the beginning of the season.

Most of the first practice session was spent in running and general conditioning drills fol-

lowed by several pepper games.

Last year Chandler guided the Aggies to a championship in his first season at Aggieland but lost two heart-breakers to Arizona in the NCAA district playoff.

Eight lettermen off that club return including six regulars but nine are gone including four all-conference stars—Catcher Gary Herrington, Shortstop Ralph Plumlee and pitching aces Wayne Schaper and Percy Sanderson.

Only Herrington and Schaper completed their eligibility. Plumlee was signed to a huge bonus contract by the World Champion Los Angeles Dodgers while Sanderson, along with Pitcher Larry Ayres of Paris, failed to make their grades. Other losses include Windel Reed, Lloyd Stone, Donnie Hullum and Bo Paradowski.

Chandler was expecting some help on the mound from Joe Brooks Thompson, but it was learned today that he too was

lacking in grades.

The mound staff now consists of Olan Jordan and David Pitcock, both junior college transfers; Gary Priddy from the freshman team and Don Costlow, a transfer from Sam Houston State. Last year Priddy, a lefthander, posted a 5-1 record for the Fish.

The Fish team turned out 35 strong yesterday and will be coached by Gary Herrington until Coach Shelby Metcalf finishes his basketball chores.

Oklahoma is making a sizeable contribution to the Fish with three boys out for the team. Jack and Ed Singley, twins, and Bill Puckett, all from Oklahoma City, were on their home state's All-State team.

One twin is an infielder and the other is a pitcher. Puckett is a catcher.

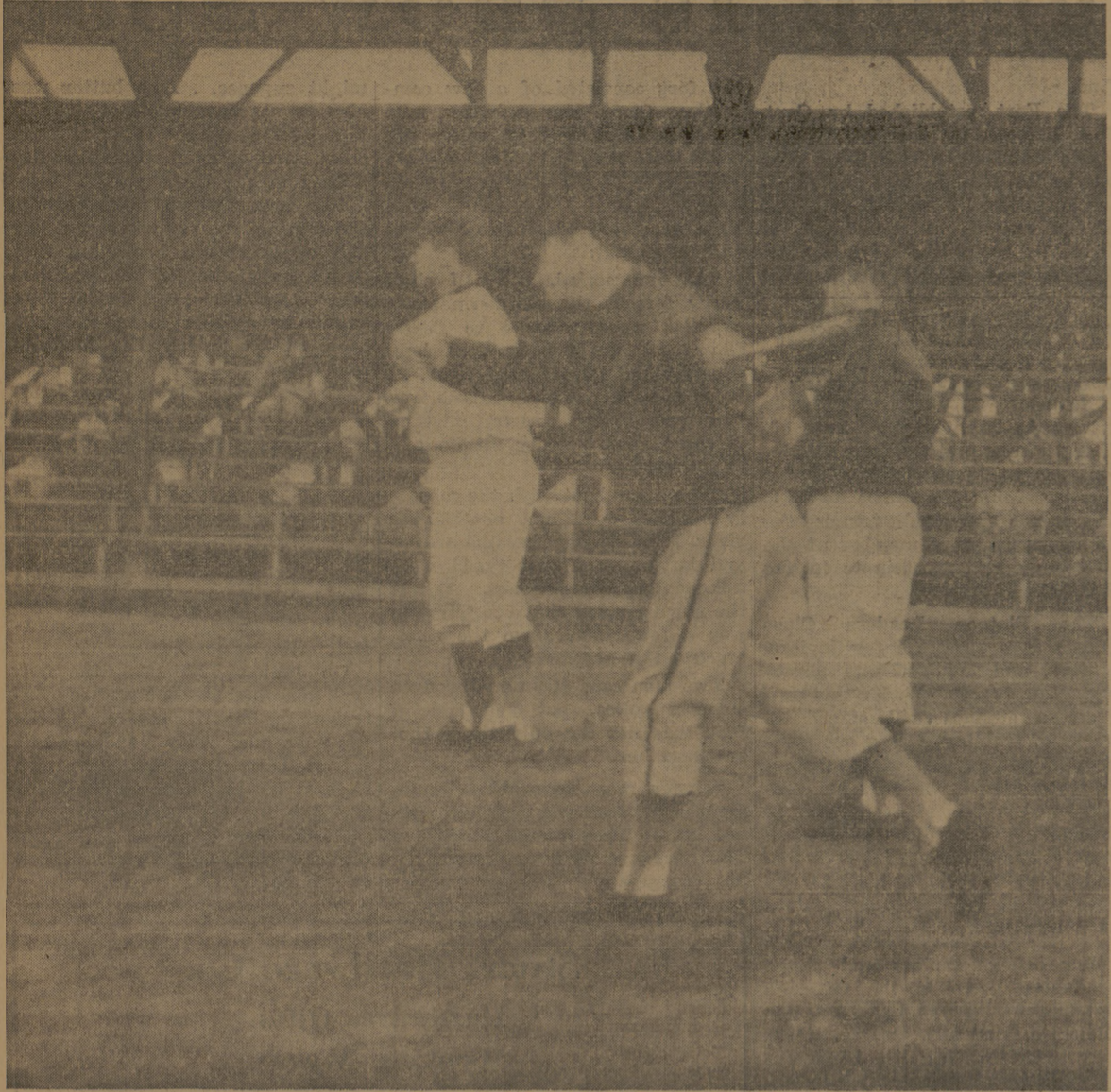
Fort Worth's contribution to the freshmen are Jerry Carter who

plays infield and Roy Hall, an outfielder.

Jerry Warren, a Galveston pitcher, and Billy Musmuche, a Houston infielder, are considered top prospects.

Chandler said that today's practice would follow the same pattern as yesterday's and batting practice would start later in the week.

He said that in case of bad weather the team would move inside to take a look at films of last year's World Series games.



Chandler in Action

Coach Tom Chandler, Aggie baseball mentor, puts some of his players through their paces yesterday at their first practice session this spring. He was hitting grounders

to the Cadet infield. Catching up for Chandler is Randy Wortham of New Boston and Don Chase of Houston, both catchers.

Broussard Closing Scoring Margin

Carroll Broussard, who is presently 11 points behind leading Southwest Conference scorer, Jay Arnette of Texas, will have his chance to pull into first place as individual top scorer tonight when the Aggies meet the Longhorns in Austin.

Broussard is presently hitting 48 per cent from the floor and has averaged 18.2 points per game. He has 123 rebounds to his credit and boasts a 77.6 per cent on charity tosses.

The Aggies, who have been considered the top defensive team of the conference, hold a 73.8 average score per game over their opponents' 56.6, and have recently exploded with a 94-53 win over Rice and an 89-59 win over Texas Tech.

A constant dominance of the backboards by Pat and Don Stanley, Kelly Chapman, Wayne Lawrence and Wayne Annett has certainly helped in piling up these large scores. The team has a total of 369 rebounds to their opponents' 328 in conference play and an 856-711 rebound lead in season play.

The Aggie cagers have attempted 517 shots from the floor and have hit 222 for a 42.9 percentage. They hold a 73.7 percentage lead over their opponents' 60.9 in conference play, and a 68.3-64.8 percentage lead in season play in free throw shooting.

The Ags go into tonight's game with a 7-1 won-lost conference record and a 16-2 won-lost record for season play. One loss came in conference play with SMU and the other in season play against Santa Clara.

Tigers End Season Friday

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The A&M Consolidated Tigers fell victim to old man Winter Friday as the Tigers were "snow-bound" and unable to journey to Cy-Fair for an encounter with the Cy-Fair Bobcats in an important District 21-AA tilt.

Although snow was at a minimum in Tigerland, roads were slick between Navasota and Cy-Fair, so the game was rescheduled for Friday.

Tuesday, the Bengals try to spoil the Humble Wildcats' 21-AA slate in Tiger Gym, hoping to keep themselves in the mathematical race for top honors. Humble has

racked up six wins without a blemish while the Bengals have won four, but have fallen to the Wildcats and the Navasota Rattlers.

The contest will feature a foreseen scoring battle between the Tigers' ace, Bruce Thompson and Humble's Hershel Archer. Both are nominees from 21-AA to the All-State squad. Thompson is a 6-2 high post man in Coach Jack Churchill's tandem-post offense while Archer is a jumping jack guard, standing 6-0.

Churchill will probably go with a starting five consisting of Thompson at high post, Virden Smith at low post, Kelly Parker

and Condy Pugh at forwards and P. D. Gandy at guard.

The Wildcats, who bounced the Tigers 47-33 in their earlier meeting, will counter with Archer, Larry Brown, Joey Brown, Lloyd Long and Roy Smith.

In the prelim, the Tiger "B" squad will seek revenge of a 36-24 defeat at the hands of the 'Cats, with a five of Larry Randolph, Bob Adams, Fred Brisson, Danny Garner and Russell Welch.

Friday's tilt with Cy-Fair will close out the basketball season for the Tigers with baseball beginning its action immediately after.

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