

SPORT SLANTS

By JOE CALICOATTE

Somebody's recruiting is paying off.

Travis Reagan, All-State half-back on Wichita Falls' AAAA finalists last fall, has announced he will attend A&M on an athletic scholarship.

Coach Jim Myers announced Reagan would sign upon completion of baseball and track.

The 5-8, 170 speedster scored 176 points and picked up 1,750 yards rushing and pass receiving last season.

Since we're on the subject of recruiting, "a hats off" to the Aggie "T" Association for the efficient job they did last weekend. It seemed everywhere one looked, some letterman was leading a group of high school athletes around the campus.

Saturday was filled with plenty of sports entertainment for the prospective athletes and both the baseball and football games were handled by members of the "T" Association.

Kelly Chapman, the jumping jack of the hardwoods, has decided to put his springy ability to another use this spring.

At first Chapman was trying out for the track team as a high jumper, but bruised his heel in his first day of workouts. The same thing that happened to him last year.

After a little pondering, Chapman has decided to try the broad jump so he can jump from his toes instead of heel.

Gary Herrington, freshman baseball coach, deserves an apology.

At the beginning of the season, it was announced Herrington would

serve as assistant until Shelby Metcalf finished his basketball coaching duties, but some changes have been made and it can now be said, "there goes Coach Herrington."

The press box at Kyle Field was filled with unusual visitors Saturday night.

Top brass was represented by some of the high ranking officers who were down for Military Day, a battery of wives and one TU coed was present, numerous former students and a sizable number of Louisiana State University's coaching staff witnessed the annual Maroon-White battle.

Coach Jim Myers must be a man of efficiency. Saturday night when he was commenting on how many coaches would scout the LSU spring practice tilt, Myers said, "Why send more than one coach? After all it's only one game."

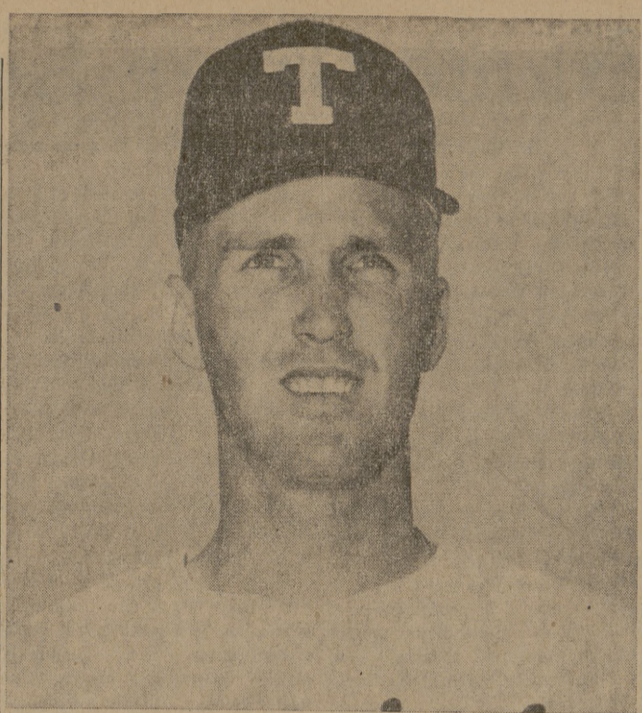
Chalk up one goof. Last week Sports Slants said Barney Welch needed some intramural softball managers, but he doesn't. He needs softball umpires and needs them quick.

Back in 1954 the Aggie basketball fans and team were shocked when the two top starters, Rodney Pirtle and Don Moon, quit after the Rice game.

The whereabouts of Moon isn't known, but Pirtle has recently been named freshman basketball coach at Texas University.

After leaving A&M Pirtle went to TU and following a hitch in the Army, became sports editor of The Daily Texan.

Everybody has had problems. . .



Top Slugger

Dink Patterson, who has collected four hits in the first three games, is leading the pack of Aggie hitters. Patterson is a second sacker and has collected two singles and two homers in 10 trips to the plate.

Rice Owls Blank Ags, 7-0; Bearcat Contest Postponed

Rice used three pitchers and the heavy hitting of Richard Kristinik to shutout the Aggies, 7-0 Saturday in a practice baseball game.

Kristinik batted across four runs with three consecutive doubles, the last with the bases loaded in the fourth inning.

Jerrold Springer, Jim Brook and Paul Timme each worked three frames for Del Morgan's Owls with Springer getting the win. A&M could manage but five singles off this trio, two each off Springer and Brock and one off Timme.

Gary Priddy, first of three A&M hurlers, gave up all seven runs, five of them earned, and seven hits, in four frames and was the loser. David Pitcock and Jack Roeder finished up and blanked the Owls the final five innings.

The Owls jumped on Priddy for three runs on three hits and an

error in the first inning. Bobby Moy singled, took second on a sacrifice and scored on Lee Raesener's double to right. Kristinik's first double scored Raesener and the all-SWC third-sacker came in when Byron Barber dropped Gary West's fly in left.

Rice scored four more in the fourth on two hits, three walks and a hit batsman. Kristinik's double cleared the sacks and he later came home on a passed ball.

A&M's only serious threat came in the 2nd when they filled the bases on a walk, single by J. B. Carroll and a walk to Don Davis. Priddy struck out to end the inning.

Today's game with Sam Houston has been postponed because of the weather and has been rescheduled for March 21.

If the weather will permit the Cadets will travel to Seguin for a

rematch with the Texas Lutheran Bulldogs.

As it was well established Saturday the big problem that faces the Ags this year is lack of pitchers, however they may get some help this week from Don Costlow who is a transfer student from Sam Houston. Costlow has fulfilled all of the eligibility requirements with the exception of being voted in unanimously by the conference.

The Cadet hitting could stand some improving since the team average is only .209. Dink Patterson, hitting .400 and Byron Barber, with .333, are the only Ags above the .300 mark.

Barring no further complications, the Cadets will open Southwestern Conference play against the Southern Methodist at 2 p.m. Saturday.

CHS Opens Baseball Today

By RUSSELL BROWN CHS Correspondent

The A&M Consolidated Tigers open their 15 tilt baseball schedule in Huntsville today at 4 p.m. when the defending District 21-AA champs battle the Hornets.

The Bengals have pulled down three straight district and bi-district championships in AA while racking up one Region III crown in the same period. The pickins' seem mighty slim this year for Coaches Edsel Jones and Ed Logan.

Only four Tiger lettermen are back from last year's squad. Missing is 21 letters worth of experience, including Edgar Feldman,

Aggie-turned-pro, who led the Bengals to victory last season.

Outside practice has been held to a minimum with the weather situation, giving Jones and Logan headaches. The four lettermen hit a composite total of .142 last year and with four first year men in the starting lineup, the Tiger bat looks like a toothpick.

Returning for pitching duty is 215 pound junior Vic Clark who worked 57 innings for an earned run average of 0.86, fanning 85 last year. Logan has been grooming soph Johnny Williams for second line duty, while Mike Denison, 2-0 last year in pinch-pitch roles, may see action.

Coach Jones has not yet named a definite nine for today's tilt but tentatively Clark will be on the mound, Jimbo Carroll behind the plate, Ben Jackson or Jim Riggs at first, Denison at second, Kelly Parker at short, and soph Bill Hagley at third. Juniors Frank Hagler or P. D. Gandy will be in left, Williams in center and juniors John Pedigo or Bob White in right. Clark and Jackson, Denison, and Parker are the four lettermen while Pedigo and White are squadmen.

Friday the Tigers try to get rid of the Brenham Cubs in College Station before meeting Huntsville at home in a re-match Tuesday.

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Maroons Blast Whites, 35-14, In Annual Intrasquad Contest

The Maroon Ags hitched their almost red wagon to a pair of spirited horses named Jack Estes and S. J. Halpin Saturday night and rolled over the Whites, 35-14.

Halpin poked away at the line and built his yardage to 53 for the night while Estes ran wild in every direction to net 92 in the annual battle.

The Maroon's first score came after they held the Whites on the first series of downs to a scant three yards following Jon Few's 24-yard opening kickoff return.

Halpin picked up most of the yardage to the one where Powell Berry, Maroon quarterback, carried the pigskin across the double stripe. Mike Clark converted.

Following the second Maroon kickoff, Sam Byer fumbled and the recovery was credited to Keith Huggins of the Maroons.

Two plays later Estes ripped 85 yards off left tackle to add another counter and again Clark added a point to his credit.

The White shirts began to pick up the pace in the second quarter and scored to climax a 74 yard drive spear-headed by the passing and running of Ronnie Brice. Bob Lindley was the score maker on a one-yard plunge. Brice was downed short of the goal as he tried right end for the two pointer.

A Maroon fumble on the kickoff gave the White another chance to even the score, but the half ran out with the Whites on the Maroon 33.

Soon after the third quarter got under way, a Maroon fumble was recovered by Wayland Simmons for the Whites but they only managed to keep it for one play when Brice squirted the ball into the air and Halpin came down with it.

Two quick passes by Berry used the majority of the yardage to the goal and Eddie Van Dyke went over for the score. Again Clark converted.

Only five plays later the Maroons turned Babe Craig's blocked punt into a score. Huggins was the man who came up with the

fumble and Daryl Keeling skirted right end for four yards and a touchdown. Clark added his fourth point of the night.

Fate must have been on the White's team as after the kickoff, Clark intercepted Craig's pass and the next play Estes trotted the remaining distance of 19 yards for another Maroon score. Clark kept his perfect extra point record and added number five to his credit.

With time running out the White staged a 73-yard drive for their last score behind Brice's passing

and running. Bobby Huntington was on the receiving end of a Brice pass to go over for the score.

Coach Jim Myers was well pleased with the Aggie's progress during spring drills despite the difficulty experienced with the weather.

"I think we had a very fine spring practice," said Myers, "we've got a long way to go, but we'll be all right."

He said that Estes and John Kent looked good in their running game as well as Brice and Berry in the quarterback spots. Myers said he was particularly pleased with Brice's running ability.

Intramurals

The Fish Rifle Team Intramural Champion this year went to Co. B-1 as they fired a sizzling 464 points over Co. A-2 in the finals. Co. A-2 was second with 421 points and Co. B-2 was third with 416 points.

The championship team was composed of Harry H. Pendry, Gervis M. Webb, James B. Briggs and David W. Harwell.

The upperclassmen are wrapping up their class as Sq. 9 posted a win over Sq. 13, 480-365; Co. 1-2 won over Sq. 11 by forfeit; A-1 won over Sq. 6, 405-299; Co. E-2 won over Sq. 10, 419-376; Sq. 5 won over Co. H-2 by forfeit; Sq. 5 won over Co. C-1, 475-442; and Co. K-2 won over Sq. 17, 400-370.

Intramural softball will start March 21 and all athletic officers should have their individual schedules, according to Barney Welch, intramural director. Welch also pointed out umpires are badly needed to officiate these games, and those wishing to officiate should contact him in DeWare Field House.



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