



FROM THE

# Sidelines

By Larry Smith

"Stuffy" Davis, star centerfielder for the Aggies, is out of action for an indefinite period of time and possible the remainder of the season due to an injury received in the game before the Easter holidays.

One of the best hustlers on the team, Stuffy got a badly bruised shoulder as he was giving a fruitless chase to Jim Fox's long fly in the sixth inning. He crashed into the left-center field fence, hitting square on one of the steel posts scattered around the outfield.

Davis' injury is definitely going to hurt the Aggies chances in winning the Southwest Conference title. He has played in 10 games this season and is sporting a .382 batting average which is the highest average for any regular. First-batter Dick Hickerson is a close second with a .380 average. Incidentally, Stuffy and Hickerson are two of the best major league prospects to play for the Ags since Short-stop Ralph Plumbie signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Golf Coach Henry Ransom is probably the best coach in the nation. Lou Kretlow, former major league pitcher, was at Aggeland at the start of baseball season to help the Cadet pitchers and while he was here Ransom taught him a few tricks of the trade in the game of golf.

About two weeks ago, Kretlow sunk what is possibly the longest hole-in-one in the history of the game. It covered the distance of 437 yards.

No questions have been asked, but it is supposed to be official.

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The big weightman on the Fish track team, Danny Roberts, is one of the best track prospects to hit Aggeland in quite some time.

He is excelling in the shot put, discus and the javelin, and is doing a tremendous job in each department. In the Fish's only meet of the year, he lacked only one-half inch in breaking Dallas Long's freshman national collegiate record in the shot put. His toss measured 53-6 1/2. In the discus throw, he hurled the plate 148 ft. and threw the spear 187 ft.

This weekend he gets his second chance of the season to break more records at the Texas Relays in Austin.

Not all of Danny's life has been a bed of roses; he has two big red scars—one on his right knee and another on his left shoulder—both being the results of operations to remove cartilages.

## Chicago Cubs Have Leader For 2 Weeks

By The Associated Press  
Relief pitcher Ed Roebuck may be all through—again; the Chicago Cubs have a leader—for two weeks, anyway; and the exhibition tour finally hits a major league park today as baseball closes in on the start of the 1961 season.

Roebuck, who hasn't pitched an inning this spring because of shoulder trouble, was placed on the disabled list by the Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday, pending approval by Commissioner Ford Frick. It's the second time in three years that Roebuck, 29, has been hit by shoulder miseries.

The Cubs, meanwhile, picked Vedic Himsel from their coaching group to open the season as quasi-manager. It's owner Phil Wrigley's idea to go with a leader instead of a definite manager this season, shifting the head man role among the four coaches who will be with the club at any one time.

With the season set to open Monday, and President Kennedy now officially scheduled to throw out the first ball at Washington when the Chicago White Sox meet the new Senators, the exhibition trail led the New York Yankees

to the St. Louis Cardinals' Busch Stadium today for the opener of a three-game series.

Both were idle Thursday while the Cincinnati Reds again clipped Milwaukee, 6-5; the Dodgers belted San Francisco 14-7, the Cubs defeated Boston 9-5, the Detroit Tigers trimmed Chicago's White Sox 7-2, the Cleveland Indians beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-5 in 12 innings and Kansas City smacked Minnesota 9-4.

In a night game at Miami, Baltimore whipped Washington 8-1 with right-hander Steve Barber blanking the Senators on four hits in the seven innings he worked.

The Reds came from behind with two runs in the ninth to win at Columbia, S.C., against the Braves' Buhl, who went the distance for the third time although giving up 12 hits.

Sad Sam Jones of the Giants was tagged for nine runs in four innings at Phoenix by the Dodgers, who finished with 13 hits—including a double, three triples and home runs by Duke Snider, winning pitcher Don Drysdale and Charlie Smith.

## Pair of Veterans Honored at Relays

AUSTIN—Two veteran track coaches with over 70 years experience behind them have been named honorary referees for the 34th annual Texas Relays here today and tomorrow, Director Froggie Lovorn announced.

The two are Ralph Higgins of Oklahoma State and Uncle Joe Turner, who retired last year at Reagan High School in Houston after coaching in Texas for 46 years.

Higgins, beginning his 26th year at OSU, Stillwater, will be in charge of the University-College division while Turner will handle the high school portion of the Relays.

Lovorn also announced that the Relays will be dedicated to the five Texans who competed for the United States in the Olympic Games at Rome last summer. They are Stone Johnson of Dallas, sprinter from Grambling College; David Clark, pole vaulter from North Texas; Earl Young, 400-meters, from Abilene Christian College; Jay Arnette, basketball All-American from The University of Texas, and Humberto Barrera, boxer from Robstown. Of the five, only Johnson and Young will compete in the 1961 Relays.

## College Station Organizes Teenage Baseball Association

The College Station Recreation Council took another big step for the area teenagers this week as they formally organized a new summer baseball league—the College Station Teenage Baseball Association.

For some time there has been a need for such a league for older boys since they run over the Little League age limit of 13 years old. Plans have been set forth for a regular high school baseball team and at least two Babe Ruth teams whose age qualifications are from 13-15 years of age.

The main problem that faces the new organization is that of building a playing field. A field has been planned for regulation size with lights. There will be approximately 300 feet from home

base to both right and left field and almost 400 feet to the center field fence. At least 100 lights will be used to light the field that will be surrounded by a six-foot chain link fence. Dugouts will be of concrete and concession stands will come at a later date.

Estimated cost of the field is \$10,000 at a minimum and right now the association needs money. They have \$2,000 and need \$3,000 more. The rest of the money can be borrowed.

Construction of the field will be from labor donated by the men of College Station and surrounding areas as it was in the construction of Little League parks in the area. The land for the field will be donated by the A&M Consolidated School Board.

Business firms and individuals of Bryan and College Station will be contacted and asked to pledge any amount they can over a five-year period. A pledge card will be given each contributor and pledges may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. A permanent name placard of charter contributors who donate over \$50 will be placed at the entrance gate of the field, and other contributors will be duly recognized.

Officers elected at this week's meeting were Marshall Miller, president; Jack Fugate, Bardin Nelson and Flake Fisher, vice presidents; Edsel Jones, treasurer; Walter Varvel, secretary; and J. E. Loupot is in charge of publicity.

# It Looks Like Yanks, Bucs Will Be Champs

By The Associated Press  
New York—Well-balanced Pittsburgh will win a five-team battle in the National League and New York's power will beat Baltimore's pitching in the American League to set up another Pirate-Yankee World Series in the fall.

Los Angeles, Milwaukee, St. Louis and San Francisco appear capable of formidably challenging the Pirates. The American looks like a two-team race with Cleveland and Chicago on the outer fringe.

After six weeks of spring training, here is the way it looks from here:

- National
- 1. Pittsburgh
- 2. Los Angeles
- 3. Milwaukee
- 4. St. Louis
- 5. San Francisco
- 6. Cincinnati
- 7. Philadelphia
- 8. Chicago

- American
- 1. New York
- 2. Baltimore
- 3. Cleveland
- 4. Chicago
- 5. Detroit
- 6. Minnesota
- 7. Boston
- 8. Kansas City
- 9. Los Angeles
- 10. Washington

Naturally, any crippling injury to a front line regular could ruin the Pirates with their strong starting lineup but weak punch. The Dodgers, knee deep in young and veteran talent, could stand adversity better than the Bucs.

The Pirates have a solid defensive club—with the exception of first base—a strong outfield and a persistent attack. The addition of relief man Bobby Shantz to bolster the starting pitching lineup of Vern Law, Bob Friend, Vinegar Bend Mizell and Harvey Haddix should ease Roy Face's job.

Los Angeles has a brilliant rookie in Willie Davis, solid bench depth and strong pitching but may lack the punch to put them over.

Milwaukee has the big home run bang in Eddie Mathews, Hank Aaron, Joe Adcock and Del Crandall, an improved infield with Roy McMillan and Frank Bolling but may be short on pitchers behind Warren Spahn, Lew Burdette and Bob Buhl.

St. Louis still is trying to solve

its center field problem and must open the season without injured Larry Jackson. However, the Cards showed the most improvement last year and should be better.

Alvin Dark must prove he can weld all the diffuse elements into a whole at San Francisco where the talent is available.

Cincinnati banks on young pitching but lacks a second base combination. Philadelphia is going all the way with hustling kids who will make their share of mistakes. Chicago's multi-manager setup has Glen Hobbie, Ernie Banks and Hope.

Ralph Houk steps into Casey Stengel's man-sized shoes at Yankee Stadium, knowing that he must win. New York has not been hitting in the south and only Whitey Ford has looked good among the starters, but the club is favored because Baltimore does not appear to have the punch to back up its sturdy young pitching.

Johnny Antonelli could make the Cleveland staff one of the toughest in the league. The addition of Willie Kirkland and Antonelli give the Tribe a good shot at the

big prize if Gary Bell comes back strong.

Chicago has plenty of age in its pitching staff and must count on rookie J. C. Martin making it at third base. The White Sox still will be dangerous as long as Early Wynn can keep on mowing them down.

Detroit has a fine outfield, plus two newcomers in the infield but lacks pitching behind Jim Bunning, Don Mossi and Frank Lary. Minnesota has Camilo Pascual and Pedro Ramos to pitch and Harmon Killebrew and Jim Lemon to hit homers. Much depends on the shortstop play of 20-year-old Zorro Versalles.

Boston has a promising rookie in Carl Yastrzemski to take over for Ted Williams in left field but lacks a top-flight shortstop. Kansas City aches for pitching after Bud Daley and Ray Herbert. The new Los Angeles Angels seem to have power and a good park in which to use it but the pitching is strictly second rate. Washington's new Senators also have the same pitching problem and lack power.

## Fry Couldn't Make Baylor Cage Team

By The Associated Press  
LAWRENCE, Kan.—John Fry failed to make good on his basketball scholarship at Baylor, but he has become the greatest shot-putter in Southwest Conference history.

Figures released today by the NCAA track and field service bureau show Fry with the third best mark in the nation in the young outdoor season—58-10 1/2.

The 213-pound senior from Peoria, Ill., has been topped only at 62-6 1/2 by Dallas Long of Southern California and a 58-10 1/2 by Mike Lindsay of Oklahoma.

Also representing the Southwest—a region heretofore reserved almost exclusively to great sprinters—are Buddy Tyner of Baylor, 10th at 56-6, and Jim Allison of Texas, 9th at 56-7 1/2.

One world record already has

been tied and one intercollegiate mark bettered.

Dennis Johnson of San Jose State twice has run 100 yards in :09.3 to gain a share of the world mark now held by nine others.

Abilene Christian's foursome of Dennis Richardson, Pat McKennon, Olympian Earl Young and Bud Clanton ran 3:08.9 in the San Angelo Relays last Saturday to prune two-tenths of a second off the listed intercollegiate mile relay record set by Texas in 1958.

Other early leaders include: 220—Bill Kemp, Baylor, :20.5; Ralph Alspaugh, Texas, and Dennis Johnson, San Jose State, :20.6. Mile—Burlison, 4:01.2; John Cooper, North Texas, 4:07.2; John Lawlor, Abilene Christian, 4:09.2. 220-yard low hurdles—Ray Cunningham, Texas, :22.6; Cal Cooley, Abilene Christian, :22.7.

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