

# Aggies Tied For Second In SWC Baseball Battle

The Aggie baseball team finished the first third of the Southwest Conference season in a second place tie with Baylor, a game and a half behind the TCU Horned Frogs.

The Frogs posted a 5-1 record with both the Aggies and the Baylor Bears posting 3-2 records. Texas is in third place with a 2-2 showing, followed by Rice with a 2-3 record. Southern Methodist is in last place and has yet to win a conference game.

LEADING THE Aggie nine in the hitting department in conference games is Jerry Ballard, sophomore shortstop from Bryan, with

nine hits in 27 times at bat for a .333 average. Sophomore Gary Cavasas, outfielder from Houston Jones, is second with a .300 average.

Thirdbaseman Bill Hancock leads the team in home-runs for conference games with two. The junior from Shreveport, La., is also leading in total bases with 14. Robert McAdams, junior outfielder from Houston Spring Branch, is the current leader in the rbi department with six. He is also second in total bases with 12. Hancock is second in rbis with four.

JOHN CRAIN, junior from Hous-

ton Bellaire, is leading the pitching staff in innings pitched with 25 and ERA with 1.44. He also leads in strikeouts with 11. Crain's record stands at 1-1. Ed Singley has the best record of the pitchers at one win and no defeats.

# Aaron Leads, Nicklaus Second In Houston Golf Tournament

HOUSTON (AP)—Tommy Aaron, an Army supply clerk six months ago, built a 6-under-par 64 with six birdies Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over Jack Nicklaus for the first round lead in the \$50,000 Houston Golf Classic.

Nicklaus, the Masters champion had a record-tying 5-under 30 on the front nine but saw a back nine par 35 drop him to a 65. A 12-foot final green putt that would have permitted him to tie Aaron

stopped a foot short. KERMIT ZARLEY, the national collegiate champion from the University of Houston, also saw his last putt stop short but he took over third place with a 33-33-66.

Jerry Steelsmith, a red-haired Californian who missed three championships by a total of five strokes last year as a sophomore on the pro tour, finished minutes ahead of Nicklaus with a record-tying back nine 31 for a four-way tie at 67.

Aaron finished early and had practically no gallery as he posted a 31 front nine and came in with a 33 for the Classic's lowest round score since Jimmy Clark had a 65 in 1951.

MOST OF the 18,000 spectators a first day Classic record—swarmed behind Nicklaus and Gary Player, the co-favorites.

Player, with 16 pars and two birdies, had a 34-34-68 for a four-way tie four strokes off the pace. Arnold Palmer, the third member of golf's Big Three, did not enter the Classic this year.

Nicklaus' 30 tied a course record set by Walter Burkeme in 1954 and tied by Jack Burke Jr. in 1959 and Arnold Palmer in 1960. Nicklaus three-putted the third hole for a bogie but had birdie putts of 12, 15, 15, 16, and 14 feet before making the turn.

"The wind was tricky," Nicklaus said. "I did alright, but, I guess, that record is rather meaningless."

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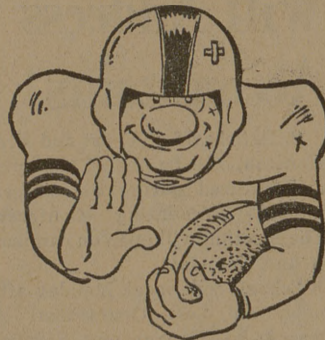
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## SPORTS SECTION



### FROM THE

## Sidelines

By Jim Butler



Barlow "Bones" Irvin, assistant athletic director who does an excellent job of managing the finances for the athletic department and keeping them in the black takes a lot of good natured ribbing about being a close man with a dollar.

Last Tuesday at the A&M-Baylor dual track meet, "Bones" was in attendance keeping a sharp eye on the stop watches, measuring tapes and other equipment. Shortly before the start of the running events, it was found that the box of blank cartridges for the starter's gun was almost empty and another box would have to be opened. It is rumored that "Bones" called the starter over to him and inquired.

"Say Doctor, how are you at snapping your fingers?" Another story is told on Mr. Irvin concerning the result of an Aggie baseball game. An inquisitive ex asked Irvin how the baseball game came out. "Bones" turned to the inquisitor and replied without cracking a smile, "Excellent. They only lost one ball."



The urge has been present in the dingy corner of the Batt cave, known to the world as the sports department and to the rest of the staff as the trash barrel, to make a prediction on the outcome of the major league pennant races.

We would preferably like to pick the New York Mets and the Washington Senators since this would be the best for baseball, the best for Casey Stengel, the best for the U. S. Congress and the worst for all the other sportswriters. However, an argument arose among the members of the staff debating whether the Mets were really a baseball team or a vaudeville act that got lost on the subway and wandered into a baseball park by mistake.

So after three broken typewriters, a sports assistant with the letters asdfghjkl embedded in his forehead and a telephone taking the place of a light fixture, decided that baseball forecasts would be passed up for this season.

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# Track, Tennis, Golf, Baseball See Action This Weekend

Four of the Aggie sports teams are in action this weekend as conference activity has passed the halfway mark.

The track team of Coach Charlie Thomas is in Dallas Friday for a triangular meet with Southern Methodist and Rice. The thinclads have only two more meets after this one before the SWC meet in Fayetteville, Ark., May 9 and 10.

COACH OMAR Smith's tennis team travels to Austin for a match with the Texas Longhorns. The racket men have posted a 9-8 record in matches thus far this season.

Richard Barker, sophomore from San Saba, will play in the number one singles position and Carroll Kell, junior from San Antonio, will occupy the number two position. The other singles players will be junior Doug Sasmann and sophomore Ricky Williams.

Barker and Williams will team for the number one doubles and Sasmann and Dean Dyer will play

the number two doubles. THE FISH tennis team will also test the Shorthorns in Austin. Mike McCarty and Bob Nichols will comprise the frosh squad. They will each play a singles match and then combine for a double match.

The golf team joins Coach Henry Ransom in Houston Saturday for a match with the Rice Owls. Ransom is in Houston for the Houston Classic golf tournament.

In other action, the baseball team hosts last place Southern Methodist in a two-game series Friday and Saturday. Game time for both contests is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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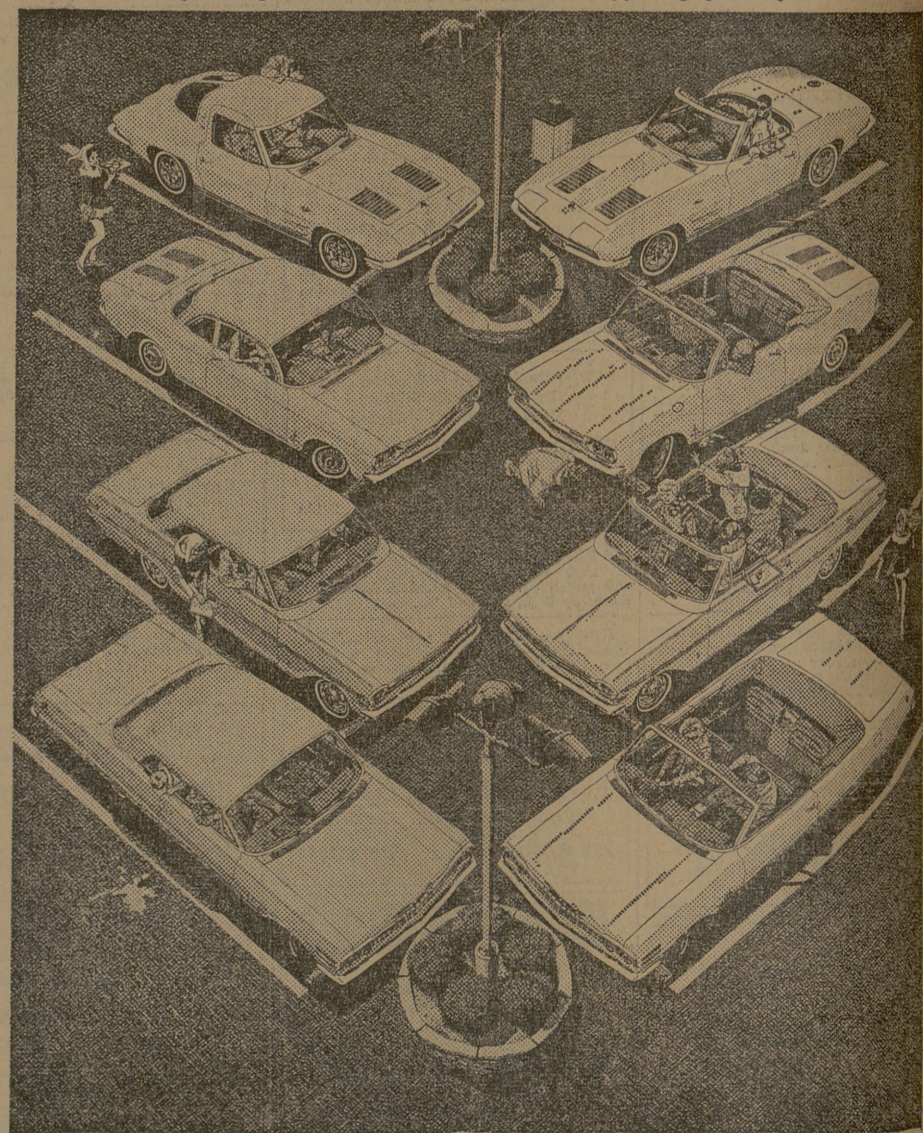
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