



FROM THE

# Sidelines

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## Youthful Maroon Baseballers Ready For Workouts To Start

A major rebuilding job appears in store for A&M Coach Tom Chandler as 1965's first baseball workouts get underway.

"This will be a very young, inexperienced club," laments Chandler, "We lost our whole infield, our top pitcher, and our catcher."

Diamond practice was allowed to begin in the Southwest Conference Monday but rain kept the Cadets indoors waiting for a break in the weather.

The Aggies are the defending SWC champions and Chandler was voted the 1964 Coach-of-the-Year in the NCAA's District 6.

As the Maroons prepare to begin the defense of their title, the outfield appears to be the club's strongest area.

All three starters return: Lance Cobb, Billy Crain, and Alan Koonce. Cobb was the league's leading batsman last season and was named to the second team All-American unit. Koonce also wielded a big stick and was an all-SWC selection.

Crain had a highly successful season in the Basin League this summer. He will be tabbed for pitching duties and will see some action at first base.

Adding depth to the outfield picture are returning lettermen Freddy Carlton and Neal Thompson and impressive sophomore Chuck Malitz.

Catching duties will be shared by Odessa Junior College transfer Ed Gardner and sophomore Ralph Beckner.

Chandler labels the pitching corps "thin and inexperienced." Topping the list is lefty Steve Hillhouse, All-SWC and sophomore-of-the-year in the circuit last spring.

The mound crew will be reinforced by Crain, Billy Johnson, and Ronnie Byrd. Johnson is a prom-

ising transfer from Blinn Junior College. Top soph prospects include Dicky Valentine and Tommy Chiles.

Darrell Stovall, John Cook, Jimmy Sparkman, and Richard Barker provide depth.

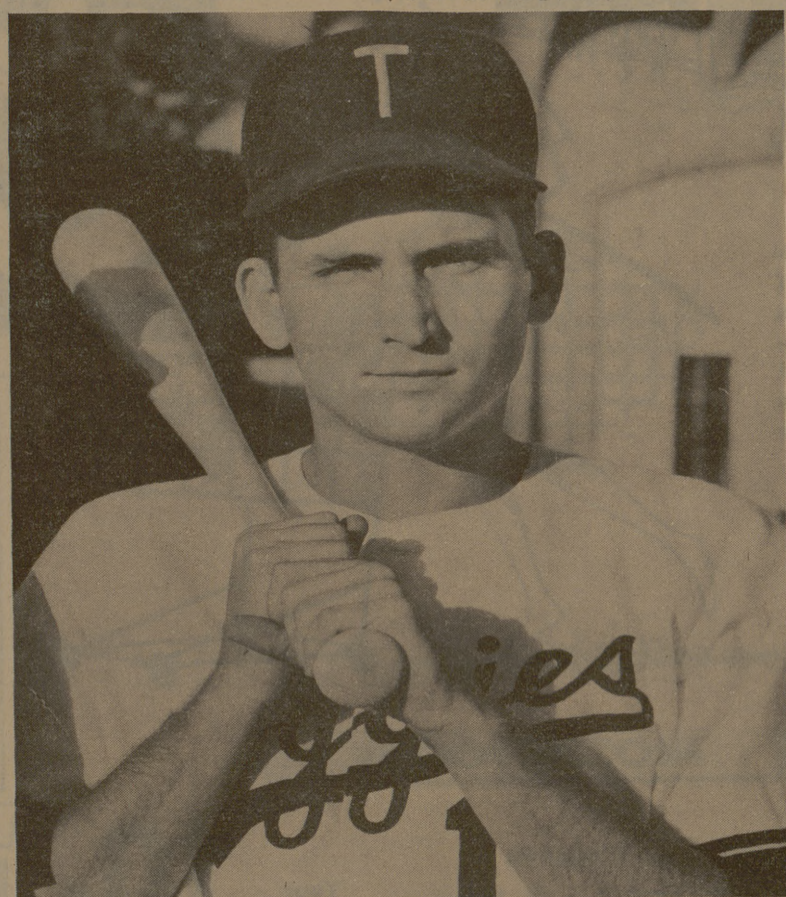
Problem spot of the club on paper is the infield, where sophomores will have to be counted on heavily.

Letterman Dewayne Stewart holds down first base, and is backed by sophomore Mike Fisher. Junior letterman Mike McClure holds down third base.

Battling for second base are a pair of sophomores, Mike Arrington, and Ray Dickerson. Sophomore Jeff Warren, leading hitter on last year's Fish nine, is contesting Dennis Williams at shortstop. Williams hails from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and is a transfer from the College of The Sequoias.

Chandler sums up his club's prospects by remarking, "I just hope we can make up for lack of experience with hustle and desire."

A&M's first outing is slated for March 3 against St. Edwards in its set at third base.



VERSATILE BILLY CRAIN ... plays first base, outfield, and pitches.

## \$400,000 Namath Pact Blasted By Browns' Boss

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP)—Arthur B. Modell, outspoken young owner of the champion Cleveland Browns of the National Football League, Wednesday termed the reported \$400,000 paid by the New York Jets to quarterback Joe Namath as "ludicrous" and a "great harm to the sport."

Interviewed at the NFL meeting here, Modell criticized the Jets for the contract they gave the Alabama quarterback.

Modell also made it clear that the Browns want no part of any cooperation with its rival American Football League, including a common draft of playing talent or

a championship game between the leagues.

"We are completely satisfied with the caliber of football played in the National League, with our public support and our television contract. Let them (the AFL) worry about themselves, we've got enough to do ourselves. We are strong and any tie-up with the other league is totally unnecessary," Modell said.

He said there has been no formal discussion of any common draft decision, nor a championship game for that matter, and none is expected.

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## Frick Breaks Off Diamond Relations Between Japs, U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—Japanese-American baseball relations were terminated, at least temporarily, by Commissioner Ford Frick Wednesday when he revealed he has ruled in favor of the San Francisco Giants in their dispute with a Japanese baseball team.

The impasse involves Masanori Murakami, a 20-year-old pitcher. Both the Giants and the Nankai Hawks claim rights to the left-hander.

"I have sent out a bulletin to every one of our clubs that there will be no further relations with Japanese baseball until this thing is settled to my satisfaction," Frick disclosed.

"I am deciding in favor of the Giants. I have heard nothing from the Japanese commissioner."

The dispute began early this month when the Nankai team said it had signed a contract with Murakami for the 1965 season. Murakami had already signed a contract to pitch for the Giants this year.

Murakami played for the Giants last year, the first Japanese in the U. S. major leagues.

Joe Stanka, an American who has pitched for Nankai the past five years, and Carl Hanta, a Nankai coach, met with Frick Monday.

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