

Cadet Baseballers Bow To Gophers, Play Pair Today

The defending national champion Minnesota Gophers bombed three Aggie pitchers Wednesday in sweeping to an 11-5 victory in a drizzly, cold, Travis Park setting.

Minnesota, behind the no-walk pitching of Gerald Wickman, built up a 6-0 lead before the Aggies could put their first run across in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Gophers opened the game with two home runs in the first inning off the bats of Dave Hoffman and Dennis Zacho. In the third they added another homer by Stephen Schneider and two more runs, plus a sixth run in the fifth before the Ags scored. Minnesota knocked their seventh run across in the sixth inning, and exploded in the seventh with four tallies to completely ice the game.

A&M Coach Tom Chandler and Gopher Coach Dick Siebert agreed in the second inning to limit the game to seven innings due to the cold weather. By the seventh inning the temperature had dropped to a chilly 38 degrees and it had started misting.

In the fifth inning Lance Cobb advanced to first on a shortstop's error. Wickman tried to pick him off at first but threw the ball into the outfield, and Cobb stood safe at third. Jay Yarter hit a sacrifice fly into right field to drive across the first Ag score.

In the sixth, Mike McClure singled, went to second on a bunt by Arrington and moved to third on a fielder's choice. Alan

Koonce hit a needed single and the second Aggie run was scored.

In the bottom of the seventh inning the closest thing in the ball game to an Aggie rally developed. Cobb got a base hit and moved to second when Yarter went to first on an error. Jeff Warren singled to load up the bases, and Arrington, the Ag second sacker, poled a triple to score all men on base.

The outstanding aspect of the ball game, besides the weather, was the superb pitching by Wickman. He didn't walk a man in spite of going to a full count five times. Although he only struck out two men, he had a three-hitter going into the sixth inning, and when it was all over he had only allowed seven scattered hits.

Billy Crain pitched the first four innings for the Aggies, allowing five runs on seven hits. Dick Valentine relieved him in the fifth, and in two innings gave up five hits and two runs. Stovall had the unfortunate experience to hurl during the last frozen inning and the Gophers got four runs out of four hits against him.

In the final analysis, the Aggies pitted mainly their sophomores against the defending national champs on a blustery day and came out on the short end of the score.

Thursday the two teams meet in a doubleheader at Travis Park beginning at 1:30 p.m. Probable starters on the mound for the first tilt are James Stewart for the visitors and Billy Johnson for A&M.



COACH GENE STALLINGS
... blows whistle during first spring grid workout.

80 Ag Gridmen Turn Out For First Spring Drills

Gene Stallings ran 80 Aggie footballers through their paces Wednesday afternoon on the opening day of spring drills.

The new Cadet mentor said he was "sort of satisfied overall with everything. The effort was pretty good and it improved as the workout progressed.

"There's room for improvement but I think we'll improve with every workout. They were in good physical condition, nobody pooped out."

Stallings and his young staff sent the Aggies through conditioning drills and blocking and tackling exercises. The squad was decked out in pads and there was some brisk contact work.

The workout was cut short by Stallings because of the cold weather. About 50 people braved the chill to watch the practice.

The spring workouts will be concluded May 1 when a Maroon-White game will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Kyle Field.

A&M has 36 days in which to

conduct 20 workouts. The squad will practice Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The sessions start around 3:20 p.m.

The practices are closed to the general public. A&M students and faculty members will be admitted upon presentation of their identification cards.

The current first team donned maroon jerseys for the workouts. Strong side and weak side designations refer to the side of the line to which the strong side back shifts before the ball is snapped.

The players in maroon jerseys:

OFFENSE

Weak Side Ends—Ken McLean, Ted Sparling.

Weak Side Tackle—Jack Pyburn.

Weak Side Guard—Tom Murrar.

Center—Gary Kovar, Ken Lamkin.

Strong Side Guard—John Nilson.

Strong Side Tackle—Jim Wickham, Harvey Erms.

Strong Side End—Larry Bates, Ted Sparling.

Quarterback—Eddie McKaughan, Glynn Lindsey.

Weak Side Back—Jim Stabler

Strong Side Back—Dan Westfield, Jim Kauffman.

Fullback—Bubber Collins, Ronnie Lindsey.

DEFENSE

Ends—Rickey Whatley, Ed Breding.

Tackles—Don West, Lindy Endsley

Guards—Don Koehn, Robert Cortez

Linebacker—Joe Wellborn, Jerry Kachtik, Ken Caffey

Halfbacks—Jerry Nichols, Mike Phillips

Safety—Charles LaGrange

Whitey Ford, at 36, is the oldest active player on the New York Yankee roster.

Fund Set Up For Timmins

A special fund has been created to help defray the hospital expenses of A&M basketball captain Paul Timmins, who suffered a severe brain concussion and skull fracture last week.

Headquarters of the drive is the Bank of Commerce, located at 409 Highway 6. Contributions may be either brought by the bank or mailed in to Box BC, College Station.

Plans also call for collection receptacles to be placed in various campus locations. The drive is being headed by Bryan resident Joe Daisa.

The Campus Theatre is showing a benefit movie for the Timmins family Saturday night at 11:15 p.m. The title is "Love—The Italian Way" starring Elke Sommer.

Timmins is married and has three children. He was working as an umpire in Brenham when he incurred the injury.

St. Thomas baseball player Ewell Jackson struck Timmins after the game was over with his bat. Aggravated assault charges have been filed against Jackson.

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A&M Handballers Ready For NCAA Meet This Week

By LARRY JERDEN
Sports Staff

Another of A&M's "hobby" athletic teams will represent the school in national athletic competition this week during the NCAA National Collegiate Handball Tournament.

The meet will be held in Austin on the Texas campus Thursday through Saturday in conjunction with the National Open Handball Tournament. Entered in the meet are over 15 colleges and universities from all over the nation. A&M, Rice, SMU, TCU and defending national champion Texas will represent the Southwest Conference on the courts of Gregory Gym.

Entered on the Aggie club will be William Altman, George Behrend, Joe Depasqual, Bob Paulson, Hector Diaz, Dave Engle and Lou Stout. Behrend will be in class A, Altman in class B, and Stout and Depasqual will compete in the doubles. Diaz, Paulson, and Engle will be entered in non-team singles, competing for trophies but not for team points.

The only other intercollegiate competition the Aggies have en-

tered this year has been the Southwest Collegiate Tournament in Houston March 12, 13 and 14. In that meet Altman took second in Class A and Diaz came in third in Class B. Texas players took every other prize in the meet. The Steers are picked to repeat as national champions in the tournament this week. Altman said the Aggies should finish in the top five, but described the Cadets' chances of winning as "outside."

There has been organized handball at Aggeland in the past, but the current team dates back only to 1960. When present club sponsor Chester E. Evans organized the club that year, their home was in the old handball courts located where the outdoor swimming pool now stands. The courts were torn down in 1961, and the team operated without a playing area during 61-62. New courts in Deware Field house were opened in the fall of '62 when the club entered its present home.

In '62, the club began full-fledged operation with money from the Exchange Store fund, road trips and a letter in handball offered. The next year the club grew and became stronger, and some of its players came into their own, such as present standout and club president Altman.

During its brief history, the Aggies have annually finished behind Texas and in front of Rice in the scheduled competition. This year has been no exception. Rice visited the A&M campus only to be thoroughly trounced by the Aggies, and the A&M crew went to Austin, where they came out on the short end of the score. Altman said the main Aggie goal is to find a way to upset the TU domination of the sport. It's not always easy to upset the national champs, but it can be done!

But the main interest of the club is to give handball enthusiasts in the area a chance to practice and compete in their sport. Meetings are held only about two or three times a semester, but members get together for matches as often as possible.

The letter can be earned by any interested party in the area. All he has to do is challenge and defeat one of the five lowest-ranked men on the handball bulletin board. After winning the letter, he may move up on the board by challenging those above him.

Present club membership is about ten, and anyone interested in the sport is invited to contact either Altman or Evans to join the group.

Bearded Bill Named MVP In Pro Ball

BOSTON (AP)—Bill Russell, the bearded pillar around whom Boston has built seven championships, was named Wednesday the National Basketball Association's Most Valuable Player for the fourth time in five years.

The 6-foot 9 Celtic center was honored by a committee of the U. S. Basketball Writers Association. He was the first selection on all but one of 24 ballots.

The announcement was made by sportswriter Joe Looney of the Boston Herald, chairman of the group's NBA committee.

Each selector named eight players in 1-2-3 order.

On the basis of 12 points for a first, seven for second, six for third etc., Russell amassed 283 points to 156 for Los Angeles' Jerry West, only other player to pull down a first place vote.

West edged Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson by a single point while Sam Jones, first Celtics player ever to score 2,000 points in a season, finished fourth with 69 points.

Wilt Chamberlain, whose selection a year ago broke a three-season Russell reign, finished fifth with 60 points.

Elgin Baylor of Los Angeles followed with 56 points, then came Detroit player-coach Dave Debuschere with 41. Retiring Bob Pettit of St. Louis, Cincinnati's Jerry Lucas and Walt Bellamy of Baltimore rounded out the top 10.

Weather Kayoes UT-Bear Clash

AUSTIN (AP)—The Texas-Baylor Southwest Conference baseball scheduled Wednesday was postponed because of cold, rainy weather. Tentatively, the game has been reset for March 31, also at Austin.
Baylor is tied for the conference lead with a 2-0 record, Texas is 1-1.

Temp Hits Zero At Site Of NCAA Swimming Meet

AMES, Iowa (AP)—Shivering visitors from warmer climates bundled into their warmest clothes Wednesday as they left the Iowa State pool after their final tune-ups for the National Collegiate Swimming championship which start Thursday.

The mercury skidded to zero early in the morning. Afternoon temperatures were around 15 degrees as another snowstorm hit the area.

About 307 swimmers and divers will battle for individual and team titles in the three-day meet.

Among the contenders is Roy Saari of Southern California who will lead the Trojan's defense of their title.

Saari will defend in the 500-yard freestyle in the opening event of the championships. He also will anchor the Southern California team trying for a second straight victory in the 400-yard medley relay.

Also scheduled the opening day are the 400-yard individual medley, where the Trojans' Rich McGeagh defends against the challenge of Michigan's Carl Robie; 50-yard freestyle, with Steve Clark of Yale favored to repeat.