

All-American Ag Turns Pro

Mike McClure, junior Aggie third baseman, was named to the first nine of the All-American baseball team last week but forfeited his last year of college eligibility by signing a professional contract with the New York Mets over the weekend.

The 175-pounder signed with Met scout Red Murff after the Williamsport, Pa. club, a Met farm, selected him in the recent Eastern League draft.

McClure batted .424 in SWC play this season in leading the Aggies to a surprising second place finish behind Texas. The 21-year-old was previously named to the all-conference team and was voted MVP on this year's A&M nine.

The amount of McClure's bonus was not indicated, either by the Mets or by McClure.

He was one of the three selections made by Williamsport, a AA club. Teams in the AA bracket held their draft after the AAA and major league clubs made their choices.

The announcement of McClure's All-American selection climaxed a remarkable comeback by the Poth product. As a sophomore on last year's SWC championship club, McClure was a reserve infielder who saw only limited action. Playing behind George Hargett, McClure hit only .148 for the season.

He quickly nailed down the third base slot this past season, winding up with a .443 average for the season, the highest in the league.

McClure is the first bona fide Aggie All-American baseballer since pitcher Pat Hubert was selected in 1951.

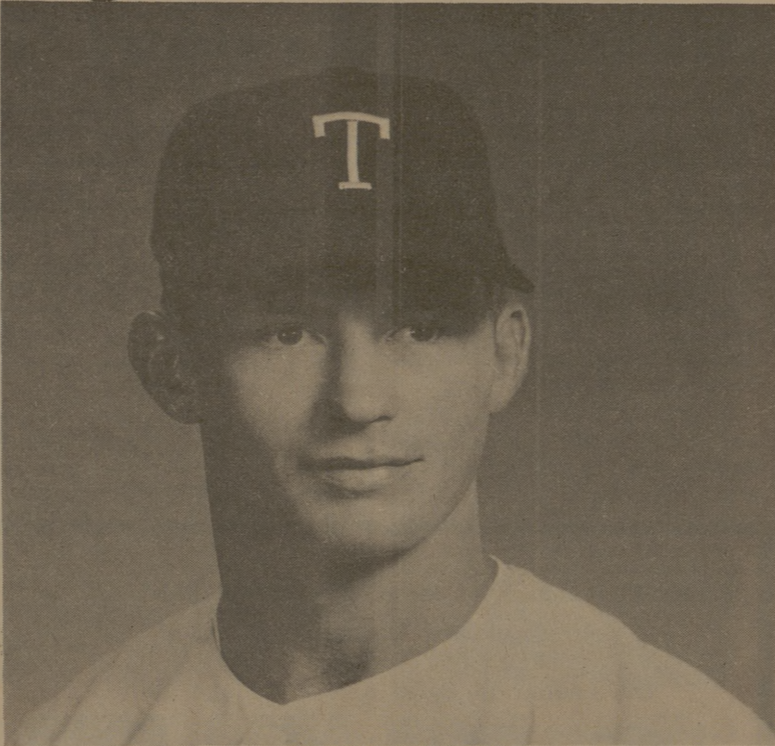
Other All-American selections this season included Rick Monday, chosen No. 1 in the major leagues draft, and Louis Lagunas, both of Arizona State University; Bill Guerrant of Western Michigan; Steve Arlin of Ohio State; John Marcum of St. Louis; Pete Middleauff of Stanford; Archie Roberts of Columbia; Billy Wolff of Cincinnati; John Olerud of Washington State; and Fred Mazurek of Pittsburgh.

McClure was scheduled to play summer baseball in Springfield, Ill. until he signed with the Mets.

One other Aggie, sophomore pitcher Tommy Chiles, was selected in the draft. He was picked by the Baltimore organization but has not announced a decision yet on whether or not he plans to sign with them.

Aggie coach Tom Chandler has lost several outstanding performers to professional clubs since he has been at A&M.

The list includes Ralph Plumlee, Dave Johnson, and most recently Jerry Ballard, all shortstops at A&M.



MIKE MCCLURE
... A&M All-American signs pro contract.

A&M To Host Tennis Camp

Top flight tennis players from all areas of Texas are expected for the 7th annual Texas Tennis Camp scheduled June 20-26 at Texas A&M.

At least 120 youngsters, ranging in age from 10 through 18, will participate in the clinic headed by Clarence Mabry of San Antonio and Tut Bartzan of Fort Worth.

Mabry is the tennis profes-

sional at San Antonio Country Club as well as tennis coach at Trinity University. Two of his players, Chuck McKinley and Frank Froehling, are on the United States Davis Cup team.

Bartzan, formerly ranked as the No. 1 tennis player in the nation, is the tennis professional at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth.

They will be assisted by other

top coaches, including A&M's Omar Smith, and outstanding tennis players from throughout the state. Among them will be Richard Barker and Joe Tiller-son of the Aggie tennis team.

Participants will be divided according to age groups. Basically, instruction will be for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Approximately eight hours of instruction is given each day.

The clinic will be climaxed by a tournament for the various age groups. Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up in each group during Parent's Night Saturday in the Memorial Student Center.

Awards also will be made to "most improved players" and "ideal campers."

Exhibition matches for instructional purposes will be played by the coaching staff from time to time during the clinic.

Lessons will be given on A&M's 22 courts south of Kyle Field.



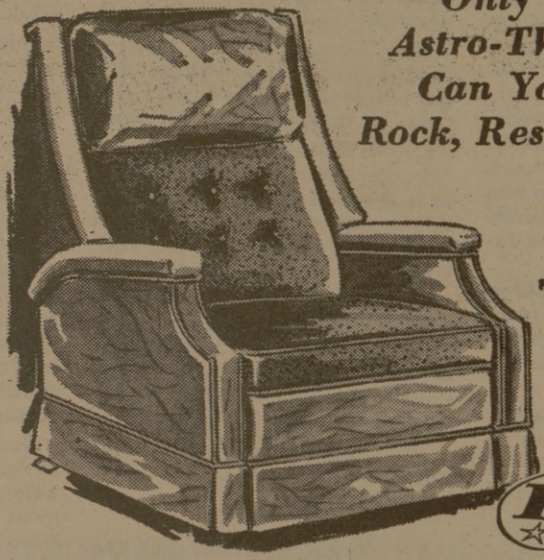
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