

Aggies Bomb Cougars

Homers By Crain, Koonce Pace Cadets To 9-1 Win

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For the first time in a year and a half, the Texas Aggies played at the Kyle Field diamond and they made the change on a winning note.

Coach Tom Chandler and his Aggies warmed up Thursday afternoon for Saturday's first Southwest Conference game by blasting the Houston Cougars, 9-1, behind the home run hitting of first baseman Billy Crain and left fielder Alan Koonce.

The Aggies will open conference play in Fort Worth against the Texas Christian Horned Frogs at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Frogs and the Aggies have been picked as pre-season favorites and their non-conference shows why.

A&M WILL carry an unblemished 7-0 record into Saturday's contest, while the Frogs have lost only once. Both teams have played one common opponent — Trinity of San Antonio.

The Aggies bombed Trinity, 11-1, while TCU was edged by the San Antonians, 7-5. Saturday's game will be broadcast over Radio Station KORA with Mike Mistovich calling the play-by-play.

While Crain and Koonce were displaying their power hitting against the Cougars, Aggie pitchers Ken Perrin and Hank Deviney continued A&M's superb pitching.

A&M pitching has not allowed an earned run for the last 34 innings. The last time Aggie pitchers allowed an earned run was eight days ago against Texas Lutheran. Since, A&M has beaten Sul Ross three times and the Cougars.

SUL ROSS DID score three runs against the Aggies in the game of the three-game series but all three were unearned. In the other two games, Aggie pitching shutout the Lobos.

Houston's run Thursday was also unearned and it broke a string of 22 scoreless turned in by Chandler's pitching corps.

The Cougars broke the scoreless innings string in the sixth inning when right fielder Jim Payne, who had doubled into left center field, scored on a

throwing error by Aggie reserve right fielder Richard Schwartz.

Crain, who in Tuesday's doubleheader against Sul Ross broke out of an early season batting slump, continued his hot hitting against the Cougars.

THE HOUSTON Bellaire product promptly put the Aggies out in front in the initial frame by drilling a low, inside fastball over the 330-foot sign in left field for a two-run blast. Third baseman Lou Camilli, who had led off the inning with a single, scored ahead of Crain.

Koonce pushed the Aggies to a 3-0 lead leading off the fourth with a blast into the left center field trees. His wind-blown drive carried approximately 400 feet.

The Aggies added two more runs after Koonce's blast on singles by center fielder Chuck Maltz and right fielder Neil Thompson and a Cougar error.

But A&M's big inning was the fifth as they sent eight men to the plate and scored four of them.

SHORT STOP Mike Arrington led the inning off with a sharp single to left. Then, the Aggies followed with three straight base hits.

Second baseman Lance Cobb lined a single to left, Crain followed with a single that hit the third base bag and scored Arrington for the Aggies sixth marker and Koonce dropped a Texas Leaguer into center field to score Cobb and Crain.

The last Aggie run came as Koonce moved to third on an error by Houston's first baseman and scored as catcher Joe Staples grounded to second.

Perrin, sophomore from Sherman, and Deviney, junior from Houston Jeff Davis, combined on a four hitter. Perrin, who hurled the first seven innings, gave up three of the hits.

While the two young Aggie pitchers were stopping the Cougars, A&M was blasting three Houston pitchers for 13 base blows.

Cobb led the Aggie parade with three singles in four tries, while Crain and Koonce had two hits apiece.



AGGIE RELIEF PITCHER

Hank Deviney, junior from Houston Jeff Davis, displays his pitching form against the University of Houston Cougars. Deviney got credit for a save Thursday as the Texas Aggies blasted the Cougars, 9-1.

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