

Rice Returns Today Aggies Win, 2-0

By LARRY UPSHAW
Neil Thompson owned the base-paths and Tommy Chiles claimed the mound as the Texas Aggies beated Rice, 2-0, at Kyle Field Wednesday.

The win kept A&M firmly atop the Southwest Conference with a 4-1 mark. The Owls return for more today with Ronnie Henson drawing mound duties, while lefty Steve Hillhouse will hurl for the Aggies. Hillhouse has two league shutouts and has yielded only two walks and seven hits in 19 innings.

In Wednesday's contest center-fielder Thompson stole home for the first run and rode a Ricky Schwartz single to tally the other mark for A&M. Chiles scattered six Owl hits over the nine innings to pitch the Ags' fourth shutout in five conference clashes.

The righthander kept his head above water until the ninth inning, when Owl centerfielder Andy Rooker and third sacker Doug Nicholson popped back-to-back singles and Rooker stood on third with one away. Aggie mentor Tom Chandler promptly called in reliever Billy Johnson, who granted only a pop fly and an easy grounder to end the game.

"We're really getting good pitching," noted Chandler. "Chiles pitched well until that last inning and Johnson came in and shut the door on them."

Rice righthander Bill Palmer threw to Aggie bats eight times, but these hits were also scattered. He found the road rocky at the start, with Mike Arrington singling and Billy Crain swatting a two-baser for Aggie style kicks in the first stanza. With one out, a run looked certain. But a strike-out and a groundout pulled the Owls above board.

Thompson led off the second by drawing a walk. Revving up his spikes, the Aggie speedster pulled a rare one. Running on a pitch to Joe Staples, Thompson advanced to third on an infield putout. After Schwartz grounded to second, pitcher Chiles came to bat. Unknown to Chiles, Thompson charged home plate on an un-wary catcher.

"Tommy, don't swing," yelled Thompson, fearful of losing his head. Chiles complied by stepping back and Thompson slid in safe for the greater heroics of the day.

Commented Chandler on the play, "We have a sign which I flash to someone like Thompson who can run. If he feels he can make it, he flashes the sign back and takes off."

Thompson got nary a hit all day, but drew a walk and reached base on an error by the second sacker and a fielder's choice. And once he got there, no one could stop him.

He stole three bases in three attempts—a feat unknown in the conference this year—and leads the league in that category. In the sixth inning, Crain grounded out and Alan Koonce whiffed before Thompson reached the plate.

Sitting on first after a boo-boo by second baseman Bill Russell, he claimed third on a Staples hit and marched home on a one-base blast to shallow left by Schwartz. Chiles started the game slowly, letting the Owls hit the long ball.

A&M To Compete In Karate Meet

HUNTSVILLE—Thirty karate teams from all over Texas will be on the Sam Houston State College campus Sunday for the first annual state karate tournament. Eleven colleges, five armed forces bases and 14 independent karate schools will take part in the championships, co-sponsored by the college and the Sam Houston karate team.

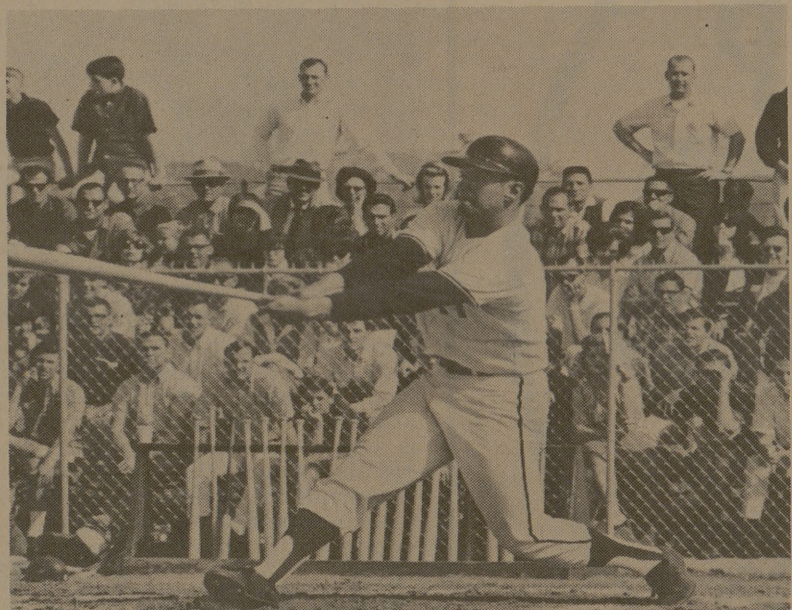
Collegiate teams from Texas A&M, Trinity University, the University of Houston, San Antonio College, East Texas State, Texas A&I, University of Texas, Lamar Tech, Texas Tech, Stephen F. Austin State and Sam Houston will participate.

Robert Trias, an eighth degree black belt and director of the U. S. Karate Association, will represent the USKA Phoenix office as the guest chief official. State finals will be held in six divisions at the meet, set for 5:30 p.m. in Bearkat Gymnasium. Championships in the black belt, brown belt, green belt, white belt, women's and junior divisions will be decided, Tournament Director Robert Moore said.

A special demonstration of all phases of karate and judo will also be presented, Moore said.

But luckily, an Aggie was usually under it. He soon began to throw past batters and had easy going until his trouble in the ninth. He struck out six while walking only one.

Aggie shortstop Mike Arrington swung a mean bat for the second straight contest with two hits in four appearances, and



AGGIE LEFT FIELDER GETS A HIT ... Alan Koonce rifles single into right.

Aggie Water Polo Squad Gets Ready For Nationals

The Texas Aggie Water Polo team will compete in the 1966 version of the AAU National Water Polo Championship.

The Water Polo team has received word that it will be able to participate in the championship in Albuquerque, N.M. on May 13-15.

Arthur D. Adamson, who coached the team to the National Junior Championship last year, added that the positions on the team are now being contested.

Adamson said he will take 11 men to Albuquerque, seven of whom will start. He added that

he will not know the starting lineup until a week before the match.

Of the players who are going out for this year's team, forwards Tom Holder and Jim Hooten, backs Mike Offner, George Staples and Jerry Keating and goalie Gary Desilets played on last year's team.

Adamson said that others having a chance of making the team are Ken Bethe, Roger Byrne, Colin Dunn, David George, Ron Keiser, Mike Pettit and Jerry Patterson.

Adamson also said there will be from 12 to 14 teams in Albuquerque battling for the championship. The Aggies will be the lone representative from Texas.

"If we did win it, we'd be the first college team to do so" commented Adamson on the Aggie's chances. "We'll give a good account of ourselves though."

The tournament, traditionally dominated by club teams who practice a great deal more than the collegiate teams, was won last year by Nupike, a team from California.

"Water polo is a lot like basketball, you need to practice a lot," Adamson replied. He added that the college participants could have much better teams if they practiced as much as the club teams.

TORONTO (AP) — Cassius Clay left town Wednesday with new respect for George Chuvalo's cement jaw and a bruised right hand to remind him of his unexpectedly tough fight with the plodding Canadian heavyweight champion.

"I knew we'd have a rough fight," said Angelo Dundee, manager of the unbeaten world heavyweight champ. "But I thought he would get him out of there in the late rounds. That Chuvalo has a great chin."

Dundee said Clay left in early morning for Chicago after an examination of the swollen middle knuckle of his right hand showed the injury to be only a bruise and nothing serious.

Clay's immediate future was in the hands of his Louisville draft board which has reclassified him 1-A. Ed Jacko, Clay's personal lawyer, said he understood a registrant who has been out of the country had an extended period of time — 30 to 60 days — to appeal his case.

Arthur Grafton, attorney for Clay's sponsoring group in Louisville, said the champ hoped to get in another fight in the next 60 days. Henry Cooper, the British champion; Ernie Terrell, the World Boxing Association champ, and Chuvalo were possibilities for bouts in Toronto. Nothing was definite. The next fight probably will be on home television on a Saturday afternoon.

Top Schoolboy Track Stars Set For Relays

AUSTIN (AP) — Some of the state's top schoolboy track stars will be competing Friday and Saturday in the 39th Texas Relays.

Texas' best high hurdler, the No. 1 and 2 shot putters and the top high jumper head up the field for the eight high school events.

Clarence Johnson of San Antonio's St. Peter Claver is given a good chance to wipe out the 20-year-old 6 foot-5 high jump record, set in 1946 by Houston Lamar's Vern McGrew. Johnson had a brilliant 6-8½ lead at the Border Olympics. He should be pushed toward a record this weekend by Doyle Lawhorn of Carthage, who has cleared 6-6.

Mike Robbins of Waco's University High is poised to attack the 14.1 high hurdles mark which he shares. Robbins, who last spring tied the existing mark owned by Houston's Johnny Morris, owns the state's best hurdles time 13.6 and is a big favorite to defend his 1965 championship.

There should also be a two-man duel in the high school shot, with Bill Elfstrom of Galveston and defending champion Ronnie Lightfoot of Copperas Cove. Elfstrom has the state's best throw this spring at 60-5½. Lightfoot, who has tossed the iron ball 60-1½ this spring, had a winning throw of 58-8¼ in 1965.

Although the 9.6 record appears safe, the 100-yard dash should be one of the top high school events of 9.8 this season—Tommy Colgin of San Marcos, Joe Hutchison of Austin Anderson, Roy McKinney of Austin Anderson and Ronnie Harris of Austin McCallum.

In the 440 relay, Baytown, which has the state's third best time (a non-winning 42.3 at the Border), is the top entry. Its closest competition should come from San Marcos, which has run a 42.6.

San Marcos is favored in the mile relay, having a best this season of 3:22.2, and with defending Conference AAA quarter-mile champion Charles Callihan running the anchor leg.

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