

Sports Aplenty
Baseball Season Starts March 1.
 By GARY SHERER

Get out the sore-arm liniment, mama — baseball's starting again! The Aggie baseballers will swing into their 1967 season March 1, when they host St. Edwards U. of Austin at Travis Park in Bryan.

Coach Tom Chandler begins his ninth season at the helm of the Aggie team and is welcoming back several lettermen from last season.

Heading the list of lettermen is junior Lou Camilli from El Paso. The 20-year old switch-hitting third baseman was honored last year by being named All-America, All-Southwest Conference and tied with Texas Christian's Jimmy Duffy for SWC sophomore-of-the-year honors.

Another returnee is junior catcher Joe Staples who also was named to the All-SWC team last year. Senior Mike Arrington returns for his final year at shortstop, while two outfielders also return from last year's team.

The outfielders are Rick Schwartz and Chuck Malitz. Schwartz, last year's regular rightfielder as a sophomore, is from Brownsville. Malitz was a starter as a sophomore, but last year the senior from Bethesda, Md., was hampered by a leg injury. Chandler hopes that this year he can get a healthy year from Malitz.

Junior pitcher Tommy Chiles, who compiled a 9-1 record as a sophomore and last year was 4-2, will return to the Aggie mound corps.

Senior utility infielder Ray Dickerson from Galveston completes the list of lettermen that Chandler will look to for some good performances.

The Aggies have 30 games on their schedule, and include 17 home engagements. Their home games this year will be played on a home away from home, as all are scheduled at Bryan's Travis Park. The reason for the move is the Kyle Field building project.

Coach Chandler will know more about the team's future after a few more workouts, so an in-depth look at the team will be forth-coming from this column.

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I AM TAKING the last few paragraphs of this space to comment on Tuesday night's basketball game attendance.

It was the first home game since the victory over Texas. The attendance checkers kindly said there were 3,000 there, but we tend to think this might be a little excessive.

The main point is that the civilians made up the lion's share of that crowd. There was definitely a lot of spirit shown from so small a group, as evidenced from the noise they made.

But why can't all the student body come out and support this Aggie basketball team? If anybody knows the answer to this question, please write me or stop in and see me.

Louisville Beats Stubborn Drake

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Louisville's Cardinals, ranked No. 3 in the AP basketball poll, trailed as much as 10 points at one time and had the scare of their life before winning 57-54 Wednesday night over Drake, a last-place team in the Missouri Valley Conference.

After jumping to a 39-29 lead with 3:30 gone in the second half, the Bulldogs got careless and started throwing the ball away in the last 10 minutes.

A shot by Westley Unsel, who had game honors with 23 points, put Louisville ahead for the first time after intermission at 50-49 with about eight minutes left.

But Drake held on stubbornly and was ahead several times before Louisville went into a stall with 3:25 to go, leading 55-54.

Basketball Results

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Boston Col. 83, St. Joseph's 69
 Marshall 65, Kent State 61
 Northeastern 91, Boston U. 54
 Duke 69, N. C. State 65
 Colgate 75, Lafayette 62
 Catawba 73, Newberry 56
 Toledo 86, West. Michigan 76
 Syracuse 67, Niagara 65
 Fla. St. 68, Jacksonville 67
 Providence 89, Fairfield 71
 Temple 79, LaSalle 65
 Detroit 84, Canisius 64
 Butler 82, Valparaiso 72
 Lehigh 74, Muhlenberg 61
 Va. Tech 87, Ohio U. 47
 Florida 73, Miami 57
 Citadel 105, East Carolina 91
 High Point 90, W. Carolina 76
 East Texas 93, Austin College 72
 North Texas 77, St. Louis 73
 Southwestern Louisiana 110, Lamar Tech 82
 Southwestern, Tex. 73, Texas Wesleyan 58
 Oklahoma City 107, West Texas 75

Tennis And Swim Teams In Action This Weekend

By CHARLES ROWTON

Coach Omar Smith's tennis team will meet some of the top squads in the state this weekend at the Pan-American Games at Edinburgh and Art Adamson's swimmers will host the University of Arkansas in their first home appearance of the year.



Coach Smith

Smith expects entrants to include Pan-American, Trinity, Lamar Tech, the University of Corpus Christi, Houston, Rice, and, possibly, Texas.

THE AGGIES lost four senior lettermen and have only two junior lettermen to team with the sophomores up from last year's freshmen squad.

The two junior lettermen are Pete Faust and Joe Tillerson. They are seeded one-two as a result of a fall round-robin. The rest of the team, in order of seed, are Marcus Beleck, Terry Smith, Carroll Schubert and Martin Halpern. Smith, a 5-5, 125-pound sophomore, was the number two player on the freshman team last year.

Faust has been the most impressive of the netters so far and, along with Tillerson, gives A&M a potentially strong doubles team. They played at the Fort Worth tourney in the fall and defeated the top doubles team from Pan-American.

COACH SMITH expects Trin-

ity or Pan-American to win this week-end. Pan-American has several top Australian netters while always-strong Trinity has four highly-ranked junior champions. This particular meet will have an international air about it as the University of Corpus Christi has some top Mexican players and Lamar Tech has several from South America and South Africa.

The freshman tennis squad looks strong and will get their first chance to prove it Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. when they play host to Navarro Junior College.

The varsity will follow this weekend with matches at St. Edwards University and U of H Feb. 18 and 25. The Aggies' first home match will be with the University of Corpus Christi March 3.

FRESH OFF the beating they gave to Rice and Texas Christian University, the swimmers will try to do the same thing to the University of Arkansas. Led by only two seniors and three juniors, the sophomore-laden squad is looking good to Coach Adamson, despite the lack of experience.

Senior Jerry Keating, a two-letter man, and Roger Byrne, also a two-letter winner, will lead their mates against the Razorbacks. Keating swam a 22.3 in the Southwest Conference Meet last year in the 50-yard freestyle. Byrne, still improving according to Adamson, swims the butterfly.

Arkansas is somewhat of an unknown quantity because they did not compete in the 1966 Southwest Conference meet. The Aggies managed a fourth-place finish in that conference meet. They will square off at 7 p.m. Saturday at P. L. Downs Natatorium. This year's Southwest Conference meet will be at the Texas Tech pool March 9-11.

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A&M Consolidated Battles LaGrange In Final Contest

The basketball season is rapidly drawing to a close at A&M Consolidated High School and this year the race for the district championship is a close one.

The Tigers, who are 10-1 for the district, play their last game at Tiger gym Tuesday night against a strong LaGrange team. Coach Jack Churchill says that the Tigers need this game to stay in contention for the championship with Conroe. Conroe is 9-1 for the district and have two games left — Huntsville Friday night and Cypress-Fairbanks on Tuesday.

Since both teams have only lost one game, each, it would seem likely at this point that a play-off will be necessary. If such a game should become necessary, it would likely be played on a neutral court, possibly Huntsville. Two dates are being considered now; February 17 or 18. However, if a play-off is not necessary, the Tigers will probably play Corpus Christi Carroll in a preliminary bi-district game.

The winner of this district will play the winner of District 9-3A, which is West Orange. West Orange now has a record of 43 straight district wins. The regional playoff will be against the winner of the El Campo-Clear Creek game.

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