

Ags Top Texas Lutheran 5-4

BY GARY SHERER
Texas Lutheran leftfielder Jerry Moritz probably feels today as if there is no justice in the crazy twist of the baseball world. THE SENIOR from Stamford let a Pete Maida single go through his legs in the ninth

inning at Travis Park Monday night and it allowed Bob Long to score the winning run to give the Aggies a 5-4 win.

Moritz will be remembered most in this game for his unfortunate error. What will be forgotten will be his outstanding fielding plays he made earlier in the game in robbing the Aggie batters of sure extra base hits.

Aggie rightfielder Bob Arnold was Moritz's first victim when he (Moritz) raced over towards the foul line and caught a sliced liner off Arnold's bat. What made the play outstanding is that Arnold is a left-handed batter so Moritz had a long way to go to make the play.

IN THE second inning, Moritz struck again. Long, who recently has come on as the most consistent Aggie hitter, hit a shot to left-center. Moritz going at a full gallop hauled in the line drive to stave off at least a double for Long.

In the third inning, when the Aggies scored their first two runs, Moritz narrowly missed Joe Staples' long double but made up for this by making a fine throw to the relay man and baserunner Pat Rozypal was out at the plate.

Texas Lutheran scored all its runs in the first three innings, with Aggie errors leading to all but one of the runs. After the first ragged three innings, the

game was well-played for the rest of the way.

THE AGGIES kept pecking away after their two-run third inning and finally knotted the game 4-4 in the seventh inning.

Ricky Schwartz started the game for the Aggies and gave way to workhorse Rocky Thompson at the end of the sixth. Thompson picked up his fifth win of the year as he stopped the Bulldogs from Seguin for the final three innings.

The Aggies are now 14-8 for the season with the win, breaking their two-game losing streak that had begun with the double loss to Texas Christian at Fort Worth over the weekend.

In Friday's game the Aggies ran into some stiff pitching from TCU's Bing Bingham and two home runs by Frog sluggers Mickey Yates and Bill Ferguson. The tandem force was enough to nip out the Maroon and White at the end with a 3-2 TCU victory.

THOMPSON took the loss in this game, as he went all the way, giving the Horned Frogs just seven hits. But two of those hits were the round-trippers. The Aggies meanwhile could only manage five safeties and were unable to keep a decisive rally going although they led at two points in the game.

It was a different story in Saturday's game as the Horned Frogs led all the way and won 4-2.

TCU greeted his inaugural start rather roughly with four runs in the first four innings. Walter Varvel and Tommy Chiles finished up for the Aggies and shutout TCU the rest of the way. The Maroon and White bats, however, could only carve out two runs and the two-run deficit led to Sanders' first loss of the season.

The double loss seriously hurts the Aggies' Southwest Conference title hopes while it builds up TCU's. The Maroon and White are now 4-5 in the SWC with TCU extending their conference slate to 6-3 and second place in the league.

Friday and Saturday, the Aggies will get a chance to patch up their leaking conference ship with a two-game home stand against Southern Methodist, which is now in third place just ahead of the Aggies.



A HIT FOR THE HALFBACK
Aggie outfielder Bob Long bangs out a single in the sixth inning of the Maroon at Travis Park Monday night.

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Aggie Golfers Fall To T.U. But Retain SWC Lead

By JERRY GRISHAM

The Aggie golfers had their ups and downs Saturday as during the afternoon they lost in match play to the University of Texas linksters, 4-2, and then were honored with a dinner Saturday night by the First National Bank of Bryan.

THE AGGIES lead the Southwest Conference with a record of 19-5. The victory over the Aggies gave the Longhorns a SWC mark of 10 1/2-7 1/2.

Lee McDowell of A&M tied Chip Stewart and Mason Atkins of Texas with a three-under-par 67.

A 8-6 victory by A&M's Terry Archer over Rik Massengale of Texas was the only individual match won by the Aggies.

The results were: Lee McDowell, A&M, and Chip Stewart, Texas, halved. Mason Atkins, Texas, beat Billy Wade, A&M, 4-3. Terry Archer, A&M, beat Rik Massengale, Texas, 8-6. John Buffin, A&M, and Buddy Hamilton, Texas, halved. Atkins and Stewart, Texas, beat McDowell and Wade, 2-1. Massengale and Hamilton, Texas, defeated Archer and Buffin, 1-up.

The Fish golf team fell to the Texas freshmen by the identical score of 4-2.

THE RESULTS of the freshmen matches were: Duke Butler, A&M, beat Steve Homesley, Texas, 1-up. Dean Overturf, Texas, beat Richard Ellis, A&M, 2 and 1. Overturf and Homesley, Texas, beat Butler and Ellis, A&M, 1-up. Zack Padgett, Texas, beat Reggie Majors, A&M, 3 and 1. Mike Jerome, A&M, beat Alan Wadell, Texas, 5 and 4. Padgett and Wadell, Texas, beat Majors and Jerome, A&M, 3 and 2.

Saturday night, at the dinner honoring the SWC leaders, Travis Bryan, Jr., bank president, voiced support for the Aggie team.

"We all want the golfers to know we are behind them 100 percent," Bryan said. "We're confident they will win the SWC title."

TRACK
Despite top performances by

Randy Matson in the shot and discus in Albuquerque, New Mexico Saturday night, the Aggie track team finished third in a triangular meet with New Mexico and Kansas.

NEW MEXICO won the meet with a slight edge over the Jayhawks.

Matson lofted the shot 69-2 1/4 and sailed the discus 190-8 1/2. The double performance by the Aggie champ stole the show from world champion runner Jim Ryun of Kansas. Ryun ran the mile in 4:12 and the 880 in 1:50.2, way off his world marks.

Other Aggies with strong showings were Deward Strong who placed fourth in the low hurdles with a time of 14.3 and Willy Rodriguez who finished third in the 880 in 1:52.8.

The Aggies' sprint relay team finished third with a time of 41.4.

TENNIS

A weekend tour of West Texas by the Aggie tennis team resulted in the Aggies taking a match from the Hardin-Simmons netters, 4-2, and dropping a decision to the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

In the Hardin-Simmons match Pete Faust of A&M beat Terry Treadwell 0-6, 7-5, 6-3 in the No. 1 singles match.

Marcus Beleck of A&M beat Randy MacDonald, 6-3, 6-1 and Joe Tillerson defeated Robert Starnes of Hardin-Simmons, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Max Brownlee beat Terry Smith of A&M, 6-1, 7-5 in Hardin-Simmons' only victory in singles.

In doubles Treadwell and MacDonald beat Faust and Tillerson, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 and Beleck and Smith defeated the team of Starnes and Brownlee, 6-2, 6-1.

IN THE TECH matches Mike Beene defeated Faust 6-4, 6-4; Rudy Gutierrez beat Beleck, 6-4, 6-2; Mike Farrish downed Tillerson, 6-1, 6-4; and Pat Acton bested Smith, 6-3, 6-1.

The Texas Tech doubles team of Beene and Murphy Yates defeated Faust and Tillerson, 6-3,

6-4 and Acton and Farrish beat Beleck and Smith, 6-2, 7-5.

Today the Aggie netters are playing the University of Texas team in Austin.

FISH BASEBALL

THE FISH baseball team next outing comes April 23 when they play the Baylor Cubs on the Cubs' home field in Waco.

The season record for the Fish is 4-4. The final game for the Aggies comes May 6 when they meet with the Texas Short-horns in a doubleheader in Austin.

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