



TOM CHANDLER

Baseball Practice Begins Today

Ten lettermen will be among Texas Aggie baseball candidates who'll greet Coach Tom Chandler for the opening day of practice here today.

A lot of gaping holes must be filled, despite the 10 lettermen because five of that group are pitchers.

The only returning starters are all-SWC catcher Joe Staples from Houston, pitcher Rocky Thompson from Houston, second baseman Richard Backest from Denison and centerfielder Bob Long from Paris.

Two all-America junior college

transfers are expected to fill starting infield berths. They are Eddie Vaughn, from Odessa JC, at first base and Terry Dailey, from Blinn JC, at third base.

In addition to Staples, Thompson, Backest and Long, the returning lettermen include pitchers Bob Arnold, El Paso; Bob Sanders, Houston; Walter Varvel, College Station and Rick Schwartz, Brownsville; utility man Jim Batson, from Hearne and infielder-outfielder Pete Maida Jr., from Beaumont.

Chandler's thumbnail outlook: Good catching, thin pitching, problems at second base and shortstop, especially in hitting; good defensive outfield but unproven offensively; improved team speed but overall personnel very inexperienced.

A&M opens the season with a three-game series against Pan-American in Edinburg Feb. 23. The first SWC game is against Texas in College Station March 2.

All of A&M's home games will be played at Kyle Field this year. There will be no night contests.

SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb. 23, Pan-American at Edinburg (2 games), 12 noon.
 Saturday, Feb. 24, Pan-American at Edinburg, 1 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 29, St. Mary's here, 3 p.m.
 *Saturday, Mar. 2, Texas here, 2 p.m.
 *Tuesday, Mar. 5, Baylor at Waco, 3 p.m.
 *Saturday, Mar. 9, Rice at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
 *Tuesday, Mar. 12, SMU here, 3 p.m.
 *Saturday, Mar. 16, TCU at Fort Worth, 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, Mar. 20, Minnesota here, 3 p.m.
 Thursday, Mar. 21, Minnesota here, 3 p.m.
 Saturday, Mar. 23, Oklahoma State here (2 games), 1:30 p.m.

Spring Schedules

1968 TRACK SCHEDULE
 Feb. 9, Fort Worth Indoor, Lubbock.
 Feb. 23, Baylor, Waco.
 Mar. 1, Texas-Rice-Texas A&M College Station.
 Mar. 9, Border Olympics, Laredo.
 Mar. 16, LSU-Rice-Texas A&M, Baton Rouge.
 Mar. 23, Texas Tech-SMU-TCU-A&M, College Station.
 Mar. 30, Dallas Invitation, Dallas, A&M, SMU, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Nebraska.
 April 5-6, Texas Relays, Austin.
 April 12, Texas, Rice, Texas A&M, Austin.
 April 20, Arkansas, TCU, Rice, Texas A&M, Fayetteville.
 April 26-27, Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa.
 May 3-4, Southwest Conference, Fort Worth.
 May 25, State Federation Meet, Beaumont.
 June 1, Meet of Champions, Houston.
 June 7-8, National Federation, To be announced.
 June 13-16, NCAA, Berkeley, Cal.
VARSITY TENNIS SCHEDULE
 Fri.-Sun., Feb. 9-11, Pan-American Tourney, at Edinburg.
 Sat., Feb. 24, Houston at Houston.
 Fri., Mar. 1, Lamar Tech at Beaumont.
 Sat., Mar. 2, LSU at Baton Rouge.
 Fri., Mar. 8, Corpus Christi U. at Corpus Christi.

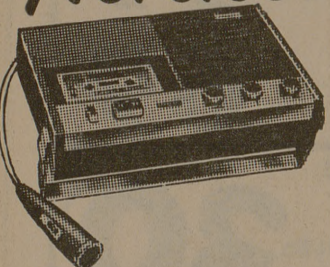
Villanova Scares St. Bonaventure

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bob Lanier, 6-foot-5 sophomore saved fifth-ranked St. Bonaventure's unbeaten basketball record Wednesday night with a pair of clutch baskets that beat Villanova 66-62.

The Bonnies gained their 16th straight victory and snapped Villanova's 9-game string after blowing a nine-point lead in the second half.

Villanova 10-6 surged ahead 59-58 with 4:22 remaining on an 18-foot jump shot by Bobby Melchioni. The 265-pound Lanier, who grabbed 18 rebounds and scored 22 points, scored on a 5-footer to give St. Bonaventure a 60-59 lead.

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 Thurs., Mar. 14, McNeese State (La.) at College Station.
 Sat., Mar. 16, Hardin-Simmons at College Station.
 *Tues., Mar. 19, Rice at Houston.
 Wed., Mar. 20, Minnesota at Houston.
 Thurs.-Sat., Mar. 21-23, Rice Tournament at Houston.
 Tues., Mar. 26, Oklahoma City U. at College Station.
 Fri., Mar. 29, Pan-American College at College Station.
 *Sat., Mar. 30, Texas Tech at College Station.
 *Fri., April 5, SMU at Dallas.
 *Sat., April 6, TCU at Ft. Worth.
 Fri., April 19, Houston at College Station.
 *Sat., April 20, Baylor at College Station.
 *Tues., April 24, Texas at College Station.
 Tues., April 30, S. F. Austin College at College Station.
 Thurs.-Sat., May 2-4, SWC Meet at Fort Worth.
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