

Aggie Nine Tops Texas, 1-0

By GARY SHERER

Coach Tom Chandler's Aggie baseball team is in Waco today playing Baylor in the Maroon and White's second Southwest Conference game of the young season.

Saturday afternoon at Bryan's Travis Park, the Aggies started the SWC season out right with a 1-0 decision over the Texas Longhorns.

Righthander Rocky Thompson came within two outs of logging a complete game shutout. He gave way to Bob Sanders when the Longhorns got a man on base in the ninth inning.

Before the ninth, Thompson had been in a real pitching duel with Texas' starter and losing pitcher Jack Street.

Street and Thompson had been matching out-for-out for six innings. Then, in the bottom of the seventh, Aggie centerfielder Bob Long (who has had previous experience at beating the Longhorns) led off with a single.

Four pitches later, Long took off for second in a steal attempt. Longhorn catcher Tommy Harmon's throw was off target and ended up in center field. Long jumped up from his slide and went on to third, as he beat the relay throw from the outfield.

The next batter, first-year outfielder Dave Elmendorf from Houston, put the Texas leftfielder back against the fence with a fly ball and Long came in to score.

As it turned out, this was to

be all the scoring in the game. Thompson was in control all the way until he faltered in the ninth.

Longhorn third baseman Dennis Kasper reached base on an Aggie error and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by centerfielder Jack Miller. At this point, Chandler removed Thompson in favor of Sanders.

The first batter to face the Aggie reliever was catcher Harmon, who led the Longhorn hitting attack with two singles. Harmon grounded out to Aggie first-sacker Eddie Vaughn and Kasper moved to third.

Street was the next-scheduled batter but first-year Longhorn Coach Cliff Gustafson chose to go with a pinch hitter. George

Nauret, last year's Texas rightfielder, was the choice but Sanders gloved a ball hit right back to him and with the ensuing throw to Vaughn the game ended.

Fish outfielder Boyd Hadaway (also a pitcher) led the Aggie hitting attack with two of the safeties banged out by the Maroon and White. Long, Elmendorf, catcher Joe Staples, second

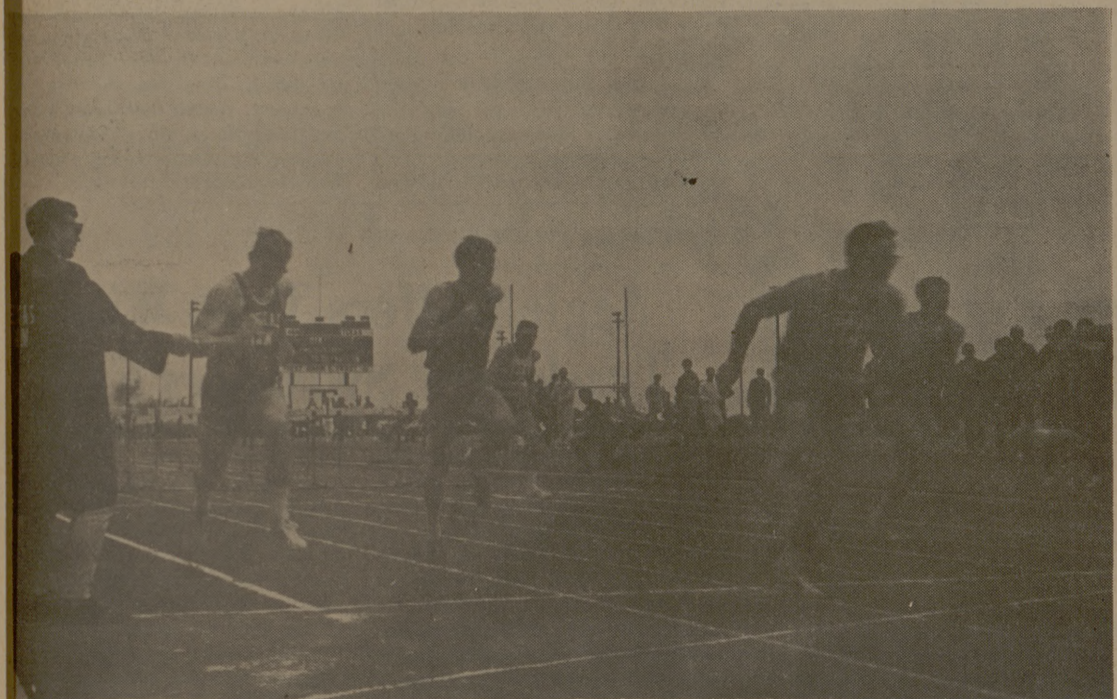
baseballer Richard Backrest and third sacker Terry Dailey also contributed hits in the Aggies' first home action.

After today's game, the next action for the Maroon and White will be at Houston this weekend. The Aggies will play the Houston Cougars Saturday in a 2:30 p.m. match. The next home game will be a week from today (Mar. 12) against Southern Methodist.



SACRIFICE BUNT

Texas centerfielder Jack Miller lays down a bunt in the ninth inning of the Aggie nine's 1-0 decision over the Longhorns Saturday afternoon at Travis Park. Aggie catcher Joe Staples lunges out for the ball and he threw out Miller. (Photo by Mike Wright)



SPORTS WEEKEND

Jack Abbott breaks the tape for his first place finish in the 120-yard hurdles win in the Aggies tri-meet Friday in Kyle Field. Also pictured in the photo above is the Aggies' second place winner Steve O'Neal and Rice's Greg Gilliland who was third. Unidentified Aggie swimmers splash down below in one of the 13 events of A&M's match with SMU Saturday in P. L. Downs Natatorium. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Garden Crowd Sees Benvenuti, Frazier Triumph

NEW YORK (AP) — Nino Benvenuti, a 2-1 underdog, sent Emile Griffith spinning to the canvas with a thunderous left hook in the ninth round and then continued to hammer away at his dazed opponent for a unanimous 15-round decision Monday night that sent the world's middleweight boxing championship back to Italy.

It was a close bout that ended in high drama, with the Italian's legs weary and wobbling under Griffith's furious fusillade in the final seconds, while a crowd of 18,000 in the new Madison Square Garden rocked the rafters with a resounding tribute.

Griffith finished gamely, scoring with terrific shots in the final round, but Benvenuti refused to go down.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Tigerish Joe Frazier connected with a short, thunderous left hook in the closing minute of the 11th round to stop king sized Buster Mathis and win a four-state piece of the world heavyweight title Monday night at Madison Square Garden.




The punch sent the bloodied giant from Grand Rapids, Mich., on his back over the bottom strand of the ropes.

Mathis barely staggered to his feet at nine but referee Art Mercante immediately halted the fight at 2:33 of the 11th of the scheduled 15-rounder.

NIT Adds Four To Growing List Of Tourney Fives

NEW YORK (AP) — The field for the National Invitation Basketball Tournament was virtually completed Monday with the addition of Bradley, Wyoming, Temple and Villanova and the remaining three berths reserved for the runners-up in the Atlantic Coast and Big Eight Conferences and, possibly, the Ivy League.

Bradley, a three-time winner; Temple, victor in the first NIT in 1938, and Villanova are old NIT hands, but Wyoming, runner-up in the Western Athletic Conference, will be making its first appearance in the nation's oldest postseason tournament.


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