In the next 10 days, Coach Tom Chandler's Aggie baseballers cannot afford any extra-inning games, the likes of the one produced in Houston's Astrodome Monday night. Chandler hopes that none of the upcoming games will go even 10 innings (let alone 24) as the Maroon and White nine will play three doubleheaders in this period.

lows up the Aggies' recent success, a two-game sweep of the Houston Cougars at Houston Monday afternoon. Both games were non-pitchers' duels as the Aggies and Cougars combined for 39 hits in the two games.

THERE WAS, however, some good pitching.

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In the first game, won by the Aggies 6-4, Rocky Thompson was

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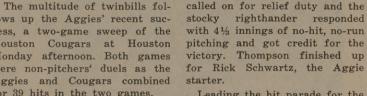
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Leading the hit parade for the Aggies were outfielders Dave Elmendorf and Bob Arnold. Elmendorf, an outstanding performer for this season's Fish football team, collected five hits for the day. Arnold, the Ags' leading hitter, had four base hits.

THE SECOND game, a 9-6 Aggie victory, put the Aggies at 13-5 for the season. Dave Benesh got credit for the victory in the second game.

A trip to Lubbock Friday will kickoff the Aggies' doubleheader string. The Texas Tech Red Raider nine will provide the competition both in Friday's twinbill and a Saturday single game. The Aggies will be looking to improve on their 4-3 Southwest Confer-

NEXT TUESDAY, the Aggies will once again meet the Houston Cougars for a doubleheader. This one will be played, however, at Kyle Field. The Aggies will follow up with another twinbill on April 26 at Dallas, against Southern Methodist.

The doubleheader with the Mustangs comes as a result of the rained-out Aggie-SMU game of Mar. 12. The Aggies will complete their season series with the Mustangs the next day (April 27) with a single game

Schwartz will probably get the starting call from Chandler for the first game, with Benesh set for the second contest. Either Doug Rau or Walter Varvel will start for the Aggies on Saturday. Varvel, a College Station product, will be getting back into action after being sidelined with a shoulder injury early in the



ROCKY THOMPSON



DAVE ELMENDORF Top pitching performance Leads Aggies hitting attack.

Spring Training Workouts Begin

are expected for the opening of spring football drills today.

Primary problems facing coach Gene Stallings and his staff are finding capable replacements to fill the gaps left by defensive end Grady Allen, offensive tackle Dan Schneider, offensive guards Robert Cortez and Mark Weaver and fullback Bill Sallee. Those five seniors also supplied the 1967 SWC champions with vital field leadership which must be replaced.

In addition to the five seniors, six other lettermen will be missing. Wingback Bob Long is engaged in baseball; reserve linebacker Roy Gunnels has decided to take his degree this spring; defensive end Gary Kitchens is sidelined with mononucleosis and defensive linemen Bill Kubecka, Tom Chaffe and Walter Mohn

Stadium Nears Completion For Home Opener

Kyle Field's 48,100 seats are practically ready for occupancy for Texas A&M's 1968 home football opener Oct. 12 with Texas

University officials made a preliminary inspection of the expanded stadium Wednesday. Heavy construction work on the Aggie athletic plant has been completed. Cranes, booms and other equipment have been removed to reveal the stadium's final outline.

Walter H. Badgett, physical plants manager, said Kyle Field is "basically complete."

"The contractor has a few loose ends to tie up," he explained. The A&M system official indicated minor work should be cometed before the Aggies play their spring football game.

Spring drills open Wednesday. Plumbing, under-stadium lighting, alterations on some seats, paving and fence erection are to be completed, Badgett said. He noted the Maroon seats spelling "Texas Aggies" in the north end of Kyle Field will be replaced but that the large block letters will be retained.

"The seal coat on these seats is peeling," he commented. "These will be replaced in mid-summer.

Between 90 and 100 candidates have dropped football to concentrate on classroom work.

Otherwise, there are 31 lettermen. Thirteen are seniors-to-be and 18 will be juniors next fall. Seniors: Harvey Ashenbeck, Tom Buckman, Jerry Campbell, Curley Hallman, Edd Hargett, Leroy Hauerland, Bill Hobbs,

Wendell Housley, Ivan Jones,

Rolf Krueger, Tommy Maxwell, Steve O'Neal and Charlie Riggs. Juniors: Buster Adami, Jimmy Adams, Winston Beam, Vance Brack, Ross Brupbacher, Mike Caswell, Arthur Cooley, Lynn Fister, Carl Gough, Barney Harris, Jack Kovar, Lynn Odom, Jim Piper, Tom Sooy, Larry Stegent, Javier Vela, Gaddy Wells and

Jack Whitmore. Barring bad weather, which would force changes in schedule, the Aggies will work on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Controlled scrimmages likely will be held on Saturdays and the final spring Maroon and White game is slated for the afternoon of Saturday,

Major League **Standings**

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0 1.000 Detroit .600 Cleveland Oakland .600 Baltimore .500 Boston .400 California .400 Washington New York National League Pittsburgh San Francisco 3 Chicago eous scorecard and finished second. (AP Wirephoto) x-L. Angeles 2 x-Philadel.

x-Late game not included

Tennis Men Busy At Home
By JOHN PLATZER Ragland won over Rico to Bobby Brien 6-2, 6-1. The west Conference golf champions defeated Baylor 4-2 Monday to other Aggie entered, Mike Hic lost to Hugh Sweeny in the hand the Bears their first home

THE BATTALION
College Station, Texas Wednesday, April 17,

SWC Golf Race Tightens;

Spring Sports

Texas A&M's defending South-

The win moved the Aggies into

second place at 19½-10½ behind

the league leading Bears at 16-8.

Texas University is third at 151/2-

81/2 while Texas Tech is fourth

This year's conference crown

may well ride on the outcome of

Monday's matches when the Ag-

gies travel to Lubbock to play

Texas Tech and Baylor is in

Bill Wade of the Aggies won

his Monday match over Rick

Rogers 2 up while Richard Ellis

defeated Robert Brow 2 and 1.

Reggie Majors split with the

Bears' David Smith while the

Aggies' Duke Butler lost 4 and 3

The Aggie team of Wade and

Individual scores by the Aggies

Coach Henry Ransom's golfers

are currently in the All America

Invitation in Houston. The tour-

nament, which begins today and

ends Sunday, also involves Bay-

lor, Rice, Southern Methodist

University, Tech, Texas and Ar-

Tennis

Jon Ragland won his first

kansas of the SWC.

the second round.

were a 68 by Ellis, 71 by Wade

Majors won 3 and 2 while the

team of Ellis and Butler split.

and Majors and 75 by Butler.

Austin to test the Longhorns.

at 141/2-91/2.

to Ben Hagan.

course defeat in four years.

round 6-3, 6-2. Next SWC action for Omar Smith's netters o Saturday when they host Ba The Aggies are home for a conference match Friday aga

the University of Houston. Rice, considered to be on the two best collegiate team the nation, could sew up the ference crown with a win week. They stand at 18-0 in 8 and have yet to lose a m this season.

The Aggies are in the leag seventh slot with a 4-18 mark Track

Coach Charley Thomas' Ag tracksters invade the hills Arkansas Saturday for a m with Rice, TCU and Arkan

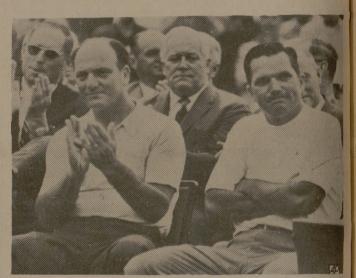
The Aggies finished beh Rice and Texas last Thurs in a tri-meet in Austin. Ronny Lightfoot edged

teammate George Resley for first in the shot while fresh Curtis Mills recorded a win or Rice's vaulted Conley Brown the 440. Dave Morton of Ter won the event forcing Brown settle for one of his rare t place finishes.

Fish Baseball

A long rest awaits the baseballers before squaring against Texas May 11 in Col Station in the season's

round match in the River Oaks Invitation Tournament in Hous-The Fish, 5-1 on the sea had a game with Baylor ton Monday but was defeated in Wednesday rained out.



LOSER AND WINNER OF MASTERS Bob Goalby, right, sits with a wry expression as Roberto de Vincenzo applauds the new Masters golf champion at Augusta, Ga. De Vincenzo lost tie when he signed erron-



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