

Aggies, Baylor Tangle Friday

The Aggie baseballers head for Waco this weekend and an all important Southwest Conference series with the Baylor Bears.

A&M is currently in a third place tie with Rice in the SWC and must sweep the Baylor series to regain a chance for the championship. Texas is well out front in conference play at the moment with an 1-0 record while Texas Tech is in second with a 5-2 mark. The Aggies and Rice are each 4-3.

A big setback was dealt the Aggies last weekend as they dropped a 1-0 decision to Texas Tech and pitcher Gary Washington. It was Washington's third straight shutout in SWC play. The two other scheduled games in the series were rained out and because of conference rules cannot be made up.

In their last outing, the Aggies took a 5-4 ten inning non-conference win over the University of Houston. The victory gave A&M

a 12-4 record on the season.

The Bears are paced by first baseman Billy Dykes, a first string all-SWC selection as a sophomore last season. The Shreveport, Louisiana, product hit .353 for the Bears last year.

Other top hitters for Baylor are outfielders Larry Boone and Fred Barton. A senior from Houston, Boone hit .311 last season while Barton, a junior from West, posted a .273 mark.

Ricky Dusek, a junior from

Dallas, was one of the Waco team's top pitchers last season as he fashioned a 2-1 record with a 1.75 earned-run average.

The Aggies are expected to start Doug Rau and Dave Benesh in Friday's doubleheader which begins at 1 p.m. Coach Tom Chandler is as of yet undecided about his pitcher for Saturday's 2 p.m. contest.

Coach Chandler is expected to go with his regular starting line-up of catcher Billy Hodge, first baseman Boyd Hadaway, second baseman Pete Maida, third baseman Eddie Vaughn and shortstop Jim Raley.

A&M's outfield consists of Dave Elmendorf, Bob Long and Bob Arnold.



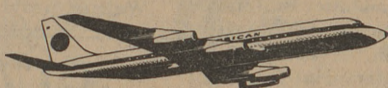
HE'S LOOSE
Marc Black, a 206-pound sophomore, breaks through the line in the "meatgrinder" Wednesday as the Aggies met for their second spring training session. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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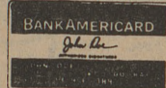
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AL Pair Recover Sight

BOSTON (AP)—Frank Robinson and Tony Conigliaro, two of baseball's top sluggers, are showing signs of recovery from the eye problems which have plagued them for the past two seasons, but neither sees any real similarity in the cases.

"I have sort of an idea what Conigliaro went through but I can't really know the extent of it," Robinson said before their teams met at Fenway Park Wednesday in the finale of a three-game series.

"His was much more serious"

said the Baltimore right fielder who is off to a brilliant start this year after suffering through the worst season of his career in 1968.

Robinson, who suffered a head injury in a baserunning collision in mid-1967, came back late that season but still couldn't see properly and had double vision at times.

"Last year that was gone, but I still had trouble seeing things clearly," said the only man ever to win Most Valuable Player honors in both leagues.

This season he says he's 100 per cent again, and the early evidence backs him up, as he has already smashed four homers, driven in 10 runs and hit .413 in his team's first eight games.

Conigliaro, whose career was feared ended when he had to hit out almost a season and a half with impaired vision after an Aug. 18, 1967, beaming, also says his eyesight is now 100 per cent again.

Conigliaro hasn't demonstrated his recovery quite so convincingly as Robinson as yet, but the young slugger did lead the Red Sox in home runs during the exhibition season and also hit one on opening day. He has played regularly and hasn't had any apparent problems seeing the ball either at bat or in the field.

Sports Car Club Stages Texas' Richest Autocross

After many loud lamentations, heroic efforts, and reverse rain dances by Texas A&M Sports Car Club members, what looked at first to be a rained out event turned into the richest autocross ever to be held in the state of Texas.

With prizes and trophies worth well over \$800.00, the Texas International Speedway Autocross put the Ag sports car club back in the spotlight again, as seventy cars braved the cloudy skies to run for the \$50.00 first overall trophy.

The winners of the various classes were as follows: Class I, Ed Smith from Dallas, who was first overall with a run of 1.533 over the 1.5 mile course, Ed drove a 427 Corvette. Class II and Class VII were won by George and Patsy Eby in their Lotus Elan, George's time of 2.00.0 was good for second best time of the day.

Class III was taken by Phil Dering of Corpus Christi in an Elva. Class IV, taken by Ken Edwards in the A&M Imports sponsored Sprite. Class V was won by former Aggie Rick Renaud driving a Mustang. Class VI, won by Andy Robbins from Houston in a Lancia and the Modified class was grabbed by S. W. Derryberry in his Porsche powered dune buggy, appropriately called the Blue Max.

T.A.M.S.C.C. invites anyone who is interested in sports car activities to attend the meeting tonight in room 107 of the Military Science Building, at 7:30. Visitors are recognized and welcomed by all members.

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