

Benesh Paces Ags To Split With TU

Dave Benesh pitched and hit the Aggie baseballers to victory in the second game of a double-header Tuesday on Kyle Field, 5-2, after Texas had captured the opening game, 2-1.

The season-ending split left Coach Tom Chandler's team with a 16-10 season record and a 7-8 Southwest Conference mark. Texas, which had clinched the SWC title earlier in the year, is now 25-4 for the year and 14-2 in conference.

Benesh, a junior from Houston, broke a 1-1 deadlock in the second inning of the finale with a homerun and the Aggies were never headed. It was the third straight homerun for the 6-3, 193 pounder who homered in his only two trips to the plate in A&M's game against Houston on April 29.

The Aggies added to their lead in the fifth with two insurance runs. Billy Hodge singled and was forced at second when Benesh attempted to sacrifice. Consecutive singles by Bob Arnold and Jim Raley loaded the bases with one run scoring on a single by Bob Long and another coming home on an error.

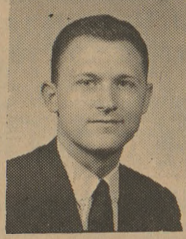
Long's hit was his fifth straight of the afternoon. The former Aggie footballer from Paris ended the day with 5 for 6.

A&M scored their last run of the day in the seventh to up the margin to 5-1. Benesh opened with a double and scored on a single by Arnold. Texas made the final score 5-2 with a run in the eighth. A&M jumped out in front of Texas and pitcher James Street in the opening inning of the first game but a late Longhorn rally added up to a 2-1 defeat. The Aggies' run came when Raley was hit by a pitch and Long doubled him home.

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Sports Desk



Dilemma At Dead Grass

by John Platzer

Some things are best left unexplained. Just ask the University of Texas. (The one at Austin).

The story was proudly proclaimed throughout the state this weekend, that UTA's (no, not Arlington's) Board of Regents had appropriated the money for the installation of AstroTurf in Memorial Stadium.

Left out of the story entirely, however, were the reasons behind the sudden and expensive decision.

Had DKR discovered a synthetic quarterback?
Had Austin, instead of California, fallen into the ocean?
Had Bevo gone on a diet?

Now at last the true and complete facts in the case (known as "Dilemma at Dead Grass") have come to light through the efforts of a well-placed, reliable source. The story you are about to hear is TRUE!!

It seems as if those in charge at TU were more than slightly upset at the growing capacity of the grass in Memorial Stadium and the Longhorns' practice field.

Always quick with a ready solution to any problem, the Austin Tribe promptly added no less than 3,000 pounds of fertilizer to the aforementioned grounds.

Unfortunately a few matters of nature interceded to prevent the desired results. First, there is no tile drain in Memorial Stadium and this causes the fertilizer to remain longer; second, the grass which USED to be in Memorial Stadium was turf grass (very similar to that on a golf course) which does not take as much fertilizer as regular grass; and finally, 3,000 pounds is just a helluva lot of fertilizer.

Upon seeing their half-million dollar mistake materialize before their eyes, Texas (like Little Bo Peep) sent out their SOS: "Where, oh where, has our Memorial Stadium grass gone?"

The recommendation was quickly returned. "Use no more fertilizer until 1971!"

Not satisfied with this, TU pressed for another alternative. This time they were told to plow up the field completely and to keep washing and using it until the excess fertilizer was expended. By doing this they may have been able to grow something on it by September.

Because of such incidentals as spring football drills, however, this solution was also found to be unsuitable.

Only one avenue of escape remained for the Steers and it was announced over the weekend.

TU's above tale of woe reminds us of a press release received from the Austin school earlier in the year.

The three-page story concerned Texas' basketball team, or at least the final two pages did. Aside from the beautiful Longhorn letterhead, the front page of the release was completely blank and the second page began in the middle of a sentence.

Never did find out what they were trying to tell us in that front page.

The moral of this column is that Aggies may make plenty of mistakes, but they have lots of company just 90 miles to the west.

Hard Hitting Marks Ag Grid Practice

The Texas Aggies romped through a hard-hitting football session Tuesday, their 13th practice of the spring, and Coach Gene Stallings afterwards observed that "They're getting a little better, aren't they?"

In the latter stages of the practice, simultaneous scrimmages were going on, pitting the first defense against the second offense on one field and the first offense against the second defense on an adjacent field.


The first defense, led by the solid tackling of senior line-backer Buster Adams, stifled the second offense throughout the session.

The first offense, on the other

hand, scored several touchdowns and generally moved the football well. Jimmy Sheffield and Rocky Self alternated at quarterback and both threw touchdown passes. Sheffield hit tight end Ross Brupbacher with a scoring toss while Self connected with wingback Barney Harris for another.

Steve Burks, the 170-pound freshman tailback, reeled off some long gainers, getting timely blocks from fullback Marc Black. Another tailback, Gary Armbrister, also romped for good gains.

The Aggies climax spring drills with their Maroon-White game at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 17th, at Kyle Field.

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Celtics Celebrate Usual Title

BOSTON (AP)—The leprechauns are dancing, Red Auerbach and Bill Russell are smiling — and the amazing Boston Celtics still are champs.

"We never thought of losing," Russell said after the Celtics became the first team ever to lose the first two games of a final series and come back to win.

"Yet I think it was the biggest of all thrills. This has to be one

of the greatest comebacks of all time.

"Time and again, all seasons, we had to bounce back — and did. We've had more talent in other years, but none with more guts."

Sam Jones, the 36-year-old sharp-shooter who hit for 24 points before fouling out in his career finale, called the Celtics the "greatest team in the world."

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