

Ags Take SWC Lead With Baylor Win

By Richard Campbell
It used to rain here everyday but the only things falling Tuesday on Kyle Field were Aggie home runs as the Baylor Bears felt the full impact of an A&M hitting attack and took and 11-2 pasting behind four A&M homers.

The win gave the Aggies a brief lead in the Southwest Conference over the Texas Longhorns with a 6-0 mark while the Steers were caught idle with their 5-0 record and fell 1/2 game behind.

Boyd Hadaway flexed his muscles more than the other Aggie hitters by connecting for two homers and collected five of the runs-batted-in. Catcher Billy Hodge added another solo blast and Chris Sans socked the other, also a single tag.

Doug Rau picked up his fifth win against no losses even though he was not particularly sharp and did not go the complete way but received help from Dave Benesh after seven innings. He gave up five hits, walked two, and chalked up seven strike outs, below his season's average.

Things started off just the opposite of what they would end up to be as Baylor's John Dodgen tagged Rau for a triple in the first inning. But his Bear teammates left him stranded and the Aggie big guns went to work.

Hodge started the show with his two-run blast by scoring Dave Elmendorf ahead of him after R. J. Englert skipped home on a Bruin error. The Bears fought

back and scored the first run on the Aggies' pitching staff in 34 consecutive innings as Jerry Smith walked, went to second on a ground out and came across on Skip Bathrop's single. It was the first run scored against A&M since the third inning of the Missouri game.

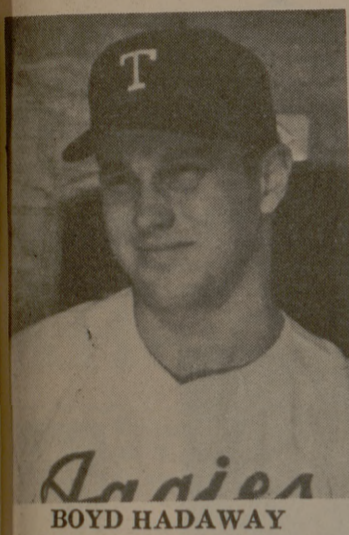
In the third, Hadaway connected for his first homer, a high shot over the center field wall, and sent Elmendorf ahead of him to give A&M an 5-1 lead. Englert kept A&M rolling in the fourth as he blooped his first of two hits into right field driving in

Danny Ragland with the sixth run. Elmendorf then beat out a infield shot over third and sent Englert to third. Hodge then singled up the middle to send Englert home. Both moved to second and third respectively after the throw to the plate that failed to get Englert.

But up stepped Hadaway again and settled the issue by teeing off with his second no-doubt shot over the right field fence to put A&M up 10-1. This meant the end for Bear chunker Rick Dusek, who took over for starter and loser Bill Duncan in the first in-

ning. But Sans greeted reliever Jim Sanders rudely by socking his third pitch over the 370-ft. mark in right center to make the score 11-1. The Bruins tacked on another tally in the eighth on Ronnie LaGrone's error but Benesh stopped them in the ninth.

This win raised the A&M season mark to 13-4 with a double header scheduled with Southwestern University of Georgetown on Kyle Field today at 1:30 p.m. Charlie Jenkins is slated by Coach Tom Chandler to start the first game and Hardy Frazier will get the nod in the second.



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A&M-TU Golf Match Tied 3-3

The Texas Aggies and Texas Longhorns, the premier golf teams in the Southwest Conference, met head-on Tuesday at Morris Williams Golf Course and the result was a 3-3 tie.

Richard Ellis and Steve Veriato teamed to win for the Aggies but Dean Overturf and William Cromwell evened the match for the Horns.

Ellis defeated George Machock 4 and 3 and Veriato nipped Tom Kite 3 and 2.

Overturf defeated Duke Butler, of A&M 1-up and William Cromwell edged Tommy Johnson 4 and 3.

Ellis and Veriato won their combined doubles point over Machock and Kite while Overturf, who finished second in the SWC individual golf championship last year and Cromwell won their doubles point over Butler and Johnson.

The two teams are again having a tight race for the crown which the Aggies won a year ago by 2 1/2 matches.

The Longhorns have had one more match and have a 12 1/2-5 1/2 record while the Aggies who host Arkansas Saturday are 7 1/2-4 1/2.



HOMERUN HAPPINESS—Boyd Hadaway is greeted by happy teammates Tuesday after his second home run of the game against the Baylor Bears. 'Bevo' drove in five runs in the Aggies' 11-2 massacre and took over the Southwest Conference lead with a perfect 6-0 record. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Ags Play SMU In Important Match at Dallas

The Texas A&M tennis team travels to Dallas for an important Southwest Conference match today with SMU and then journeys north from Big D to Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma City Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

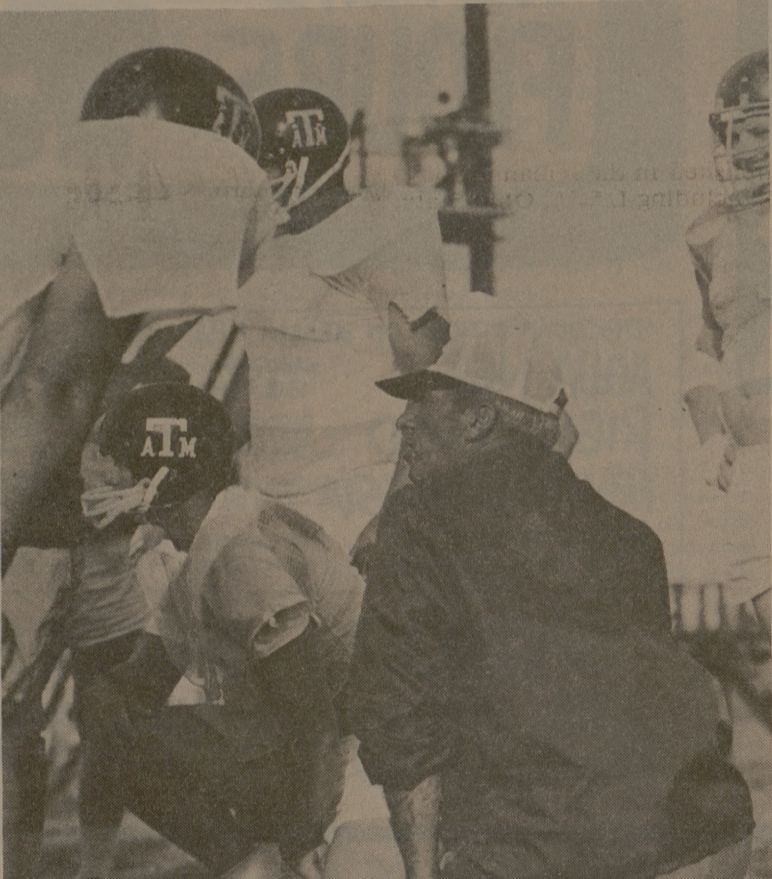
Coach Omar Smith said the Aggies performance against the Mustangs will decide whether the Aggies will be contenders for at least the runnerup spot and possibly first if Rice falters.

SMU surprised the Texas Longhorns Saturday by tying the Horns at Austin 3-3 while Texas Tech stunned the Aggies 6-0 in their opener. The Ags defeated Baylor 5-1 Monday.

Dickie Fikes, Lawton Park, Bruce Crumley, Tommy Connell and David Chastain will carry the A&M banner to the meet.

Fikes the Ags number singles player will be opposed by the Mustangs top player in John Gardner who defeated Texas' John Mozola in a number one match Saturday.

Ian Russell, Steve Brown and Barry Stetson round out the Mustangs singles team.



TALKING IT OVER—Aggie Assistant coach Charlie Bradshaw, the new offensive line mentor, talks it over in the huddle with some of the 115 gridders that reported for the start of A&M spring drills Tuesday. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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