

Streaking Aggies Clobber Southwestern Pirates Twice

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The Texas A&M baseball team scored in every inning but the sixth here Wednesday to walk away with a 16-1 win over Southwestern in the first game of a doubleheader and then turned the second game over to the reserves

who responded with a 5-3 win. Coach Tom Chandler, who has been unable to get a good look at his relief pitching staff because of the outstanding work of Doug Rau, Dave Benesh and Bruce Katt, used the balance of his nine-man staff in the twinbill. Charlie Jenkins, Hardy Frazier

and Pat Jamison combined for a three-hitter in the first game. They retired the last 18 Pirate batters in the game. Jenkins, who went the first four innings, was credited with the win. Paul Czerwinski, Rocky Self and Charles Kelley pitched the nightcap and surrendered only

two hits but some below par fielding by the Aggies sent the game down to the wire.

A&M racked starter Ken Holley and reliever Romie Maxey for 19 hits and 16 runs in the opener. Seven of the eight regulars had two hits and Billy Hodge was the leader with four hits including his fourth home run of the season. The Aggie catcher knocked in 4 runs tying him with Boyd Hadaway for the team RBI lead with 16.

Dave Elmendorf started the Ags first rally with a triple over the leftfielder's head with two out in the first.

Hodge ripped a grounder to shortstop Mark Hodgkins but when he hesitated as to whether to throw to home or first he fumbled the ball and Elmendorf scored.

Southwestern tied the game in the second as Ken Sadler singled to right and moved to third on a long double to right center by Larry Haynes with nobody out.

Jack Sharp drove the run across with a sacrifice fly to short leftfield.

Haynes with his double was the last Pirate runner to reach first safely in the seven inning contest.

The Aggies took command for good in the second scoring three runs. Hadaway led off with a walk and moved to third on a single by Chris Sans.

One out later, Danny Ragland drove in the first run with a bunt and Jenkins used the same avenue for an RBI after that.

R. J. Englert singled to right to score Ragland but he was picked off first and the rally

died. Hodge slapped his home run to initiate a two-run third.

Jim Raley drove in the second marker with a double to right center that scored Sans who had singled.

A&M put it all together in the fourth sending 13 men to the plate and scoring 8 runs.

The blow that started the ball rolling was a high pop fly in the infield that was allowed to drop about five feet from the pitchers mound with one out by Butch Ghutzman.

Given this break, the Aggies countered with singles by Englert and Elmendorf to load the bases and set the stage for a three-run double by Hodge.

The Pirates committed three errors shortly thereafter to help the Ags ring up their biggest inning of the year.

Hodge continued his spree with a single in the fifth and went to third on a groundrule double by Hadaway.

Sans knocked in Hadaway with the final Aggie run with a sacrifice fly.

Coach Chandler used only two of his regulars in the second game.

Jim Sampson who replaced Sans at first provided the fireworks with a couple of towering home runs in the fifth and sixth innings that helped the Aggies win, 5-3.

Southwestern scored the games first run without a hit in the second.

Haynes was hit by a pitch, moved to third on a pair of A&M errors and then scored on fielder choice by Sharp.

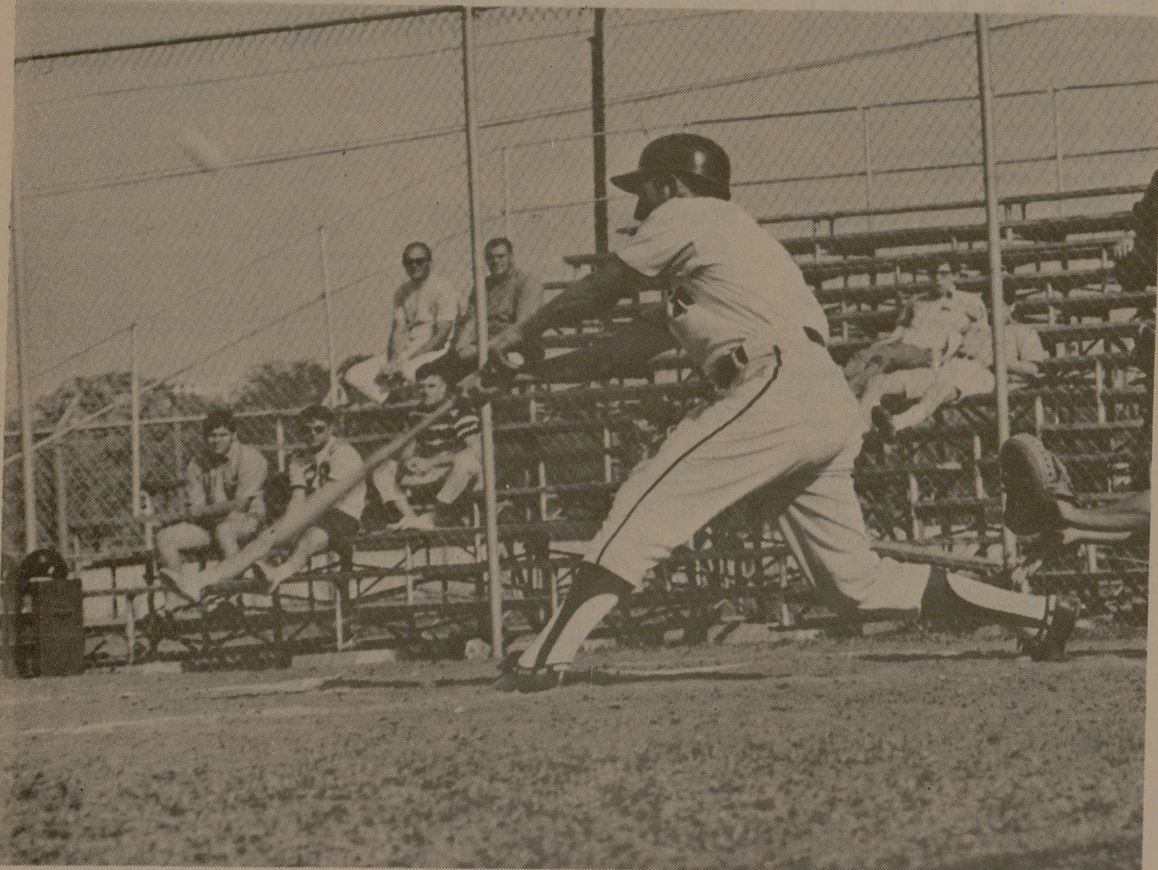
A&M, which had been blanked for three innings, tied the game in the fourth as Ronnie LaGrone knocked in a run with bases loaded chopper to third that was unplayable.

Sampson then provided the heroics with a two-run homer to center in the fifth and then after Southwestern had scored twice in

the sixth to tie he repeated his act in the sixth to right field.

Charles Kelley relieved Rocky Self who had pitched three innings and retired the side in order in the seventh.

The Aggies now 15-4 for the season play Rice in a crucial Southwest Conference series this weekend.



LAZY BLOOPER—Butch Ghutzman pops up to the pitcher to start an eight-run rally in the fourth inning. The blow was allowed to drop about five feet from the pitcher's mound. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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A&M Signs 3 Cage Stars

Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf announced today three top high school basketball players have signed letters of intent to attend A&M.

The three are Jack Vest, 6-8, from Kerrville; Johnny Mayo, 6-7, from Taft; and Bruce Ott, 7-0, from Livingston.

Vest, who led Kerrville Tivy to two straight Class 3A state titles, was named one of the top five prospects in the state by the Dallas Morning News in a poll of Southwest Conference coaches. Vest was co-captain of both state

championship teams and earned honorable mention All-America honors.

He was all-state as a junior and a senior. His field goal percentage was 60.5 as a senior and he pulled down 409 rebounds, including a high game of 27. His three-year scoring total was 1,314 points.

Mayo led Taft to the Class 2A finals this past year and was a unanimous all-state selection. He is also the defending state high jump champion and has cleared 6-6 in a meet this spring. Mayo

also ranks No. 1 in the senior class.

As a senior, Mayo made 308 of 596 field goal attempts for a 51.7 percentage and hit 199 of 247 for 80 per cent from the free throw line. He scored 815 points and grabbed 599 rebounds as Taft posted a 28-4 record. During Mayo's three-year career, Taft won 80 games while losing 14.

Ott led his team to the district title while averaging 18.7 points per game. His field goal percentage as a senior was 77 per cent.

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Netters Fall To SMU, 5-1

The Texas Aggie tennis team fell to SMU, 5-1, Wednesday at Dallas and were virtually eliminated from title hopes for the 1970 season.

The win for the Mustangs was keyed by a 3-1 edge in the singles and sweep of the two doubles matches.

Lawton Park won the only match for the Aggies defeating Barry Stetson in the number four singles match, 6-8 12-10 6-3. The match took over 2 hours and 45 minutes to complete.

A&M now 6-12 in conference play trails Rice by a wide margin as the Owls who won the league last year with a 30-4 mark are sailing along with a 11-1 mark.

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