

# Raiders Next Test For Charging A&M Baseballers

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The Texas Aggie baseball team, riding the crest of a 10 game winning streak and perfect 9-0 Southwest Conference record, travel to Lubbock Thursday for an important three game series with the Red Raiders Friday and Saturday.

A&M, leading the SWC race by two games over favored Texas, will face a Red Raider team that

is coming around to form late after a rash of injuries hurt in the early going.

Tech has won only one conference game this season while losing seven but in their last three starts have got some good pitching from their aces, Gary Washington and Jack Pierce. Both pitchers however lost to TCU by scores of 1-0.

Last year the Raiders finished third behind Texas and TCU and again as they returned 15 of 17

lettermen, but injuries have kept them from getting back into winning form.

Third baseman Johnny Owens and outfielder Don McKee have missed most of the season with injuries but both will be available for the series.

Owens, who batted .306, suffered a broken collar bone in pre-season practice and McKee, who batted .325, suffered a crack were expected to finish high ed bone in his arm.

The only two lettermen to graduate were second baseman Jerry Haggard and shortstop Jim Montgomery but Coach Kal Segrist went out and recruited two talented junior college stars, John McGuire and Doug Thorley from Glendale JC in Phoenix, Arizona.

McGuire holds down second base and Thorley the shortstop spot for the Red Raiders after guiding the Arizona junior college to the NJCAA finals two years in a row. Those two trips resulted in one title and last year second place behind Panola Junior College of Carthage, Texas.

A&M relief ace Hardy Frazier was a pitcher on that Panola championship team.

Catcher Max Martin and centerfielder Randy Walker form a veteran nucleus for the Raiders with Martin hitting .344 last year. Martin was one of three Tech players selected to play on "The Texas Cowboys," a team of baseball players that will tour Italy this summer to help promote baseball interest in that country.

McKee and Montgomery, who is serving as an assistant coach now that his playing days are over, are the other two players.

Tech's pitching is anchored by senior righthander Gary Washington who compiled a 5-3 record last season, and Jack Pierce, a sophomore righty who had a 3-1 record.

Washington put the stops to the Aggies last year when he beat them 1-0 in the only meeting of the two teams. The other two scheduled games were rained out.

That shutout gave the right-hander three straight shutouts en route to 30 consecutive scoreless innings.

He is expected to start one of the games, probably Saturday's single game.

Two southpaw newcomers, Gilbert Vasquez and Ruben Garcia, are expected to get the other two starting assignments for Tech.

Vasquez is a junior college transfer from Odessa and Garcia is a freshman who won Tech's first game this season.

Coach Tom Chandler of the Aggies will go with his same group that seems to do nothing but win, having won 10 in row and 18 of 22 for the season.

The big three, Doug Rau, Dave Benesh and Bruce Katt, will start for the Aggies, whose pitching

this season has been better than good.

The nine man pitching staff has a 1.32 earned run average with Rau leading the starters with a 0.38 average. Benesh is second with a 1.24 and Katt 1.64.

Charles Kelley, Paul Czerwinski, Hardy Frazier, Pat Jamison, Rocky Self and Charlie Jenkins anchor the bullpen that has recorded 9 saves in 14 games.

Kelley and Czerwinski have not allowed an earned run this season and Kelley came up with the biggest relief job of the season Monday when he hurled 1 1/2 scoreless innings against Rice after coming in with the tying run at third and none out.

R. J. Englert, the Aggies' left fielder who hits the ball where the opposition usually isn't, leads the Ag hitters with a .434 average for the season. The Big Spring sophomore has a knack of hitting the ball just hard enough or just soft enough, depending on the occasion.

Boyd Hadaway and Dave Elmendorf are the Aggies' other two outfielders, with Hadaway packing a .324 average and five home runs with 17 runs batted in, and Elmendorf, who broke out of a king size slump with a couple of solid hits Tuesday, is batting .253.

Elmendorf will be returning to

the place where he enjoyed one of his more prosperous series as a freshman where he hit four home runs in three games with three of them coming back-to-back in one game.

The Aggie infield adds their share of the offensive punch with first baseman Chris Sans currently owning a 10 game hitting streak and a .333 average.

Shortstop Jim Raley has been playing some major league shortstop at his position this season, and Danny Ragland holds down third with a shotgun in his right arm. Butch Ghutzman, the Aggies' handyman, is batting .270 in the leadoff spot for A&M.

Catcher Billy Hodge has been one of the keys this season for the Aggies, batting a hot .379 and leads the team with 18 runs batted in.

The A&M-Tech series is the most important facing the Aggies this season since the Rice Owls have been taken care of. It is also the last road trip the Ags have before their confrontation with the University of Texas at Austin May 7 and 8.



HADAWAY INTO THIRD—Boyd Hadaway, affectionally known as Bevo by his teammates because of his size, slides into third base during the Rice series to break up a force play. This weekend the Aggies travel to Lubbock to battle the Red Raiders of Texas Tech. (Photo by Mike Wright)

## A&M Golf Champ Opens New Shop

Bill Wade, former championship golfer for Texas A&M, has returned to College Station as owner of a new service business for the campus and community.

The new business, known as Bill Wade Laundry and Dry Cleaners, fits well with the 1968 graduate's background. He worked part-time for a local dry cleaning company as an undergraduate business student. Since earning his degree, he has been manager of a large clothes care plant in New Orleans.

A native of Freeport, 23-year-old Wade was state Junior Golf Champion in 1961. He played on

the 1967 and 1969 SWC Championship teams at A&M and was team captain in 1968 and 1969.

Wade described the new venture as a great challenge.

"As an athlete, I lived for the challenge of competition," Wade explained. "In business, I've found there are the same rewards for careful preparation, mastery of the fundamentals and extra effort. I look forward to finding new ways to be of service to the campus and community."

Wade, his wife, Shirley, and their daughters, Traci and Robbie, moved to College Station earlier this month.

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- MONDAY — RESIDENCE HALL DAY**  
Noon - 6 p.m.—Auto Show - Quad between Sbis & Davis-Gary  
6 p.m.—Egg Throw Contest - Quad between Sbis & Davis-Gary  
6 p.m.—Molasses Drop Contest - Quad between Sbis & Davis-Gary  
6 p.m.—Open House, Program Halls  
7:30 p.m.—AGGIE CINEMA - "The Great Race" - Grove or-if rain-Room 113, Biological Science. Admission—35c
- TUESDAY — ACADEMIC DAY — AGGIE MUSTER**  
Noon—Outstanding Faculty Awards Luncheon - MSC  
5 p.m.—MUSTER - System Building lawn  
7 p.m.—Black Awareness Rap Session - Lounge A-2 - Between Moses and Hughes Hall
- WEDNESDAY — EARTH DAY**  
All Day—Environmental Teach-In  
5 p.m.—Voter Rally - Drill Field  
5 p.m.—Mud Football, Horseshoes @ Intramural Field at West Gate  
6 p.m.—Pool - Aggie Den  
8 p.m.—Spades, Chess tournaments - location to be announced
- THURSDAY — GET OUT THE VOTE DAY**  
7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Elections - Sbis Newsstand, Library, MSC, Guard Room - Dorm 2  
5 p.m.—Mud Football, Horseshoes @ Intramural Field at West Gate  
6 p.m.—Pool - Aggie Den  
8 p.m.—Spades, Chess tournaments - location to be announced

- FRIDAY — DATE ARRIVAL DAY**  
5 p.m.—Mud Football - West Gate  
8 p.m.—Dance - KC Hall with Z-Z TOP. Tickets are \$2.50 advance at the Student Co-op and \$3.00 at the door  
8 p.m.—MSC basement Coffee House  
INDIVIDUAL HALL ACTIVITIES
- SATURDAY — RACE DAY**  
9 a.m.—Mud Football, Tug of War, Push Ball - Intramural Field at West Gate  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.—Model Airplanes National competition for your enjoyment - Drill Field and East of Kyle Field  
12 noon—Barbeque - Grove  
One ticket to spring dorm activity card holders. All others are \$1.50 (Pick up tickets from hall counselor on or before April 20)  
2 p.m.—"Grand Prix" go-cart race - Law Hall parking lot  
3 p.m.—Rugby Game - Drill Field - Texas A&M vs. Texas  
7 p.m.—"Town Hall" presents "Smith" and "Tony Joe White". Free with University activity cards. Date tickets \$2.00.  
9 p.m.—Presentation Dance - "Club Sbis" annex. One ticket to fall dorm activity cards holders or \$3.00 per couple.  
9 p.m.—MSC basement Coffee House
- SUNDAY — CHURCH SERVICES**  
11 a.m.—Services in All Faiths Chapel with Ed Donnell, Civilian Chaplain

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