

# SWC-Leading Aggies Host Cougars Thursday

Southwest Conference leading Texas A&M, winner of 12 straight games, faces University of Houston in a pair of doubleheaders

this week while taking a break from league action.

The Aggies, 11-0 in SWC play and a game-and-a-half ahead of second place Texas, swept a twinbill from Texas Tech Saturday in Lubbock. The victories lifted Texas A&M's season record to 20-4.

Pitching again was the key for the Maroon as brilliant lefty Doug Rau hurled his second straight two-hit shutout for a 3-0 victory in the seven-inning opener. Rau's season record is now 7-0 while his earned run average dropped to a remarkable 0.33.

Dave Benesh won his fifth game against two losses in the 6-4 second game. The senior right-hander needed eighth inning relief help from Hardy Frazier in picking up his fourth SWC win against no losses.

First baseman Chris Sans, catcher Billy Hodge and centerfielder Dave Elmendorf paced the Aggie hitters. Sans extended his hitting streak to 12 games going 1-for-3 in the first game and 3-for-5 in the second. Sans is now hitting .351.

Hodge had a triple and two singles, driving in three runs in

the twinbill. Elmendorf had a double, two singles and two runs batted in.

The Aggie defense turned in three doubleplays for its contribution to the wins.

Houston comes to Kyle Field for a 1:30 doubleheader Thursday. The Aggies return the favor in Houston Saturday. A&M coach Tom Chandler hasn't named his pitchers yet, but his little-used relief corps will probably see most of the action.

R. J. Englert, the sophomore from Big Spring, kept his position

as A&M's top hitter after 24 games. Englert is hitting .421 and ranked third in the nation in the latest statistics release.

Billy Hodge is hitting .384 and leads the team in runs scored (19), total bases (50) and runs batted in (21). Hodge is tied with Elmendorf for the lead in doubles (6), and with Sans and Elmendorf in triples (2). Elmendorf leads in stolen bases with eight. The

top home run hitter is Boyd Hadaway with five.

The Aggies maintained their fine team earned average of 1.35. A&M pitchers have walked 54 and struckout 166 in 193 innings.

Following the four HWC games, A&M returns to SWC action against TCU in Kyle Field May 1-2. The Aggies close out the season May 7-8 against Texas in Austin.



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## 6 Relay Units Will Run

The Texas Aggies are scheduled to compete in six relay races this coming weekend in the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa.

The Aggies' featured four-somes, however, should be the 440 and 880 relay units where world record times are not out of the question.

In addition to those, the Aggies will compete in the sprint medley relay 220-220-440-880, mile relay, shuttle hurdles relay and the distance medley relay (440, 880, 1320, mile).

The high jump field is so crowded that there will be two divisions. Ben Greathouse has been invited to compete in the special high jump while Marvin Taylor and John Taylor will compete in the regular high jump.

Aggie entrants, by events:  
440 Hurdles: Don Kellar and David Prince.  
440 Relay: Scotty Hendricks, Curtis Mills, Marvin Mills, Rockie Woods.  
880 Relay: Donny Rogers, Rockie Woods, Marvin Mills, Curtis Mills.  
Sprint Medley Relay: Scotty Hendricks (220), David Morris (220), either Tony Munson or Harold McMahan (440) and either Willie Blackmon or Dennis O'Brian (880).  
Pole Vault: Harold McMahan.  
Mile Relay: Don Kellar, Harold McMahan, Marvin Mills, Curtis Mills.  
Shuttle Hurdles Relay: David Prince, Glen Blahuta, Donny Rogers, Rockie Woods.

Distance Medley Relay: Tony Munson (440), Willie Blackmon (880), Dennis O'Brien (1320), Sam Skinner (mile).  
Special High Jump: Ben Greathouse.  
Regular High Jump: Marvin Taylor and John Taylor.  
Preliminaries begin on Friday morning and continue most of the day. Most of the meet's finals will be Saturday afternoon.

## Owls Take Title By Smacking A&M

The Rice Owls clinched the Southwest Conference tennis title in Houston Tuesday afternoon by defeating the Aggies, 6-0. Rice is 24-6 with one meet left with Baylor, while the Aggies wound up the season with an 11-19 record.

In sweeping the meet, Rice's Zan Guerry defeated Dickie Fikes 9-7, 6-2; Mike Estep defeated Bruce Crumley, 6-2, 6-1; Tico Carreror blasted Tommy Connell, 6-2, 6-0, and Lawton Park was beaten by Gus Tellizi, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

In the doubles, Estep and Carreror beat Fikes and Mike Hickey 6-3, 6-1, and Tellizi and Jorge Bernas outlasted Park and Connell 6-3, 8-6.

## Cager Signs

Coach Shelby Metcalf has added a potential floor general to his list of basketball recruits for Texas A&M.

Latest to sign with the Aggies is Bobby McKey (pronounced MACK-ee), a 5-11, 160-pounder from Dallas Thomas Jefferson.

"We use a one-guard system and he can move the basketball," Metcalf said. "We're not particularly interested in the size of that guard. We're interested in movement. He's a tremendous competitor."

McKey averaged 14 points per game as Jefferson advanced to the 4A state meet where it lost to eventual champion Houston Wheatley.

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