

Twin Win Over Houston Provides More Ag Records

Texas A&M's red-hot baseball team carved a couple more notches in the record book while taking a doubleheader from the University of Houston Saturday.

The twin wins lifted A&M's season record to 23-5 and made this team the winningest in Aggie baseball history. The 1951 team, coached by R. C. Bell, won 21 of

32 games while the 1968 team posted a 21-7 record.

The victories were No. 200 and No. 201 for Aggie coach Tom Chandler, now in his 12th season at the Aggie helm. In that span Chandler-coached teams have lost only 108 games for a .650 winning percentage.

But the season is far from over

for the Aggies. The most important part is yet to come with two big Southwest Conference series on tap. The TCU Horned Frogs come to Kyle Field for a three-game set Friday and Saturday. Friday's twinbill will start at 1:30 p.m. with Saturday's single game going at 2 p.m.

The Aggies have an 11-0 record in conference play and will probably have to sweep the TCU series to keep a half-game lead over Texas. A&M and the Longhorns meet in the season finale May 7-8 in Austin.

Chandler will start junior lefty Doug Rau in the first game against the Frogs. Rau has an 8-0 record this season with an 0.29 earned run average. Dave Benesh, 6-2 and 1.58, will start the second game. Bruce Katt, a sophomore lefty with a 3-0 record, will probably start the third game.

The probably Aggie batting order with averages:

Butch Ghutzman (.292), 2b; R. J. Englert (.420), 1f; Dave Elmendorf (.272), cf; Billy Hodge (.381), c; Boyd Hadaway (.286), rf; Chris Sans (.337), 1b; Jim Raley (.233), ss; Danny Ragland (.235), 3b.

Chris Sans A Good Bet For All-SWC Honors

When it comes time for All-Southwest Conference selections, there ought to be a spot for Texas A&M first baseman Chris Sans. The sophomore lefty has a couple of streaks which are pretty fair credentials.

Sans was on a 13-game hitting binge until Saturday against Houston, and it is probably no coincidence that the Aggies won all 13 of those games. Sans has driven in some key runs in A&M's 23-5 season record and 11-0 SWC mark. The Houston Lee product knocked in two runs in a 3-2 decision over Rice, then came back the next day to drive in two more in a 4-2 victory.

His average is .337 with one double, two triples and three home runs.

But Chris' other streak is perhaps more important. He has not committed an error in the last 18 ball games, a span which includes 125 chances. He has also had a hand in 17 doubleplays.

Sans gave an indication of his potential in an unusual freshman season which saw him play in 24

of A&M's 26 games without starting a single contest. Chris had the misfortune of playing behind the team's second leading hitter and run producer, Boyd Hadaway. Sans got to bat only 41 times and had nine hits for a .220 average. But as a defensive replacement he committed one error in 84 chances.

The 5-11, 180-pounder pitched in three games last year without giving up an earned run.

This year coach Tom Chandler shifted Hadaway to rightfield to make room for Sans, and it's a move he hasn't regretted. "Chris is about as good a little ballplayer as you would want to see," Chandler says. "He's good with the glove and good with the stick and can hit the long ball. Another big thing is that he hits lefthanders as good as righthanders. Chris is just one fine ballplayer."

With A&M's phenomenal pitching (1.35 staff ERA), hitting and defense were crucial for a good season. Sans has supplied a fair amount of both, at least an all-conference amount.

Rugby Club Buries Horns

The Rugby Club of A&M defeated the University of Texas, 49 to 0, Saturday before a massive crowd as the Aggies mounted an awesome attack against the visitors from Austin.

The match concluded the regular season for the Aggies, who have become known as the Wild Bunch due to their aggressive play. With the season completed the Ags have attained a 9-4-1 overall record and five of the victories have been shutouts with the score against Texas being the highest point total ever amassed by the Ags.

The Aggies scored early in the opening minutes of the match, and were never threatened afterwards. Many members of the squad repeatedly crossed the goal line with ease.

Earlier in the week, a spokesman for the Longhorns stated that they were going to beat A&M so bad that the Ags would not come out for the second half. The halftime score was 36-0 as the locals carried the first half.

In the series between the two universities, the Aggies hold the scoring edge at 111 to 34. The Texans have the match lead at 3 to 2.

Table Tennis Meet

A special table tennis tournament is on tap Friday at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

This will be a tourney open to all players except those normally classed in Class A events. There will also be a novice class open to players who have never entered a tournament and ladies are welcome to enter this class.

The cost will be \$1 for Class B and 75 cents for the novice class. The tourney will be a double elimination with each match consisting of two out of three games. Trophies will be awarded.

Further information may be obtained by calling Frank Storey, president of the A&M Table Tennis Club, at 845-6593.

FDT, Band Will Be At Spring Game

What A&M team has gone through three seasons undefeated and won three straight national championships?

That is the record of the A&M Fish Drill Team. Aggie football fans will have an opportunity to see the reason for such overwhelming success when the Fish marchers perform at halftime of the Maroon-White game May 9 in Kyle Field.

The Fish Drill Team just completed its third consecutive

perfect season with a victory in the Lone Star Drill Competition at San Antonio's Trinity University. The unit also won its own invitational meet and the Scabbard and Blade Meet at the University of Texas at Austin.

The highlight, though, was the third straight national title at the Intercollegiate ROTC Drill Championships in Washington, D. C. The Fish were the first team to ever win it twice in a row last year.

The team is commanded by Beverly S. Kennedy of Austin. The most impressive thing about the unit's record is that the team membership changes completely every year.

The drill team also performed at last year's Maroon and White game and were a big hit with the fans.

The annual spring game is slated for 2:30 p.m., May 9. Tickets are now on sale at the athletics business office at A&M.

A football game in Kyle Field wouldn't be complete without the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, even if it is just Aggies vs. Aggies.

The pride of Aggieland, all 270-some strong, will be in the stands when the annual Maroon-White game gets under way May 9. The band will not perform at halftime since the Fish Drill Team has that spot, but the band will play throughout the spring game.

Col. E. V. Adams, band director, says the game will present an opportunity to "get some of the new off" the drum majors for next fall.

The game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the athletic business office in G. Rollie White Coliseum.



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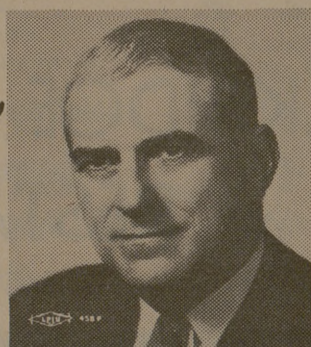
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