

TCU Hurlers Throw Blanks At Ag Title Hopes Twice

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The University of Texas at Austin Longhorns moved to within a win of the 1970 Southwest Conference baseball title Friday when the Texas Christian pitching staff put the blanks to the Texas A&M basebatters in a doubleheader while the Longhorns who had been rained out in Houston watched.

Senior Jim Chase, making his first SWC start, turned in a 2-hit gem against the Aggies in the opener allowing only two singles to Danny Ragland as the Frogs were victorious 1-0.

TCU managed only one run off Doug Rau who continued his

phenomenal pitching despite losing.

Rau bobbled a bouncer by the Frogs catcher Ted Fay to put him on first and he was sacrificed to second and scored on a bad hop single that bounced into the Aggie dugout.

The ball bounced off the chest of Ragland and then went into the dugout. Fay moved to third on the single and was awarded home when the ball went in the dugout.

Rau gave up only 4 singles while striking out 11 and not walking a batter. The unearned run lowers his era to 0.26 which is fourth in the nation.

Another Frog senior, Rod Mon-

ahans allowed only five hits in pitching the 3-0 win.

Aggie starter Dave Benesh tossed the first seven innings before retiring for a pinch hitter for Charles Kelley.

TCU scored in the second inning as Jeff Newman walked and was moved up on a sacrifice by Dickie Turner. He was forced at third for the second out but Glen Monroe's bloop to left bounced off the leg of R. J. Englert and was retrieved in center field after Mike Marion had crossed the plate.

Monahans drove in a run in the sixth with a bases loaded sacrifice fly after an Aggie error

had helped the Frogs load the bases with none out.

Monroe knocked in the final Frog run in the seventh, the first earned run they scored in the doubleheader, as he singled in Don Bodenhamer who had been singled and sacrificed to second.

Kelley stopped the Frogs in the final two frames but the Aggie bats remained silent and it was to no avail.

Several members of the Texas baseball team, including ace pitchers James Street and Burt Hooton, catcher Tom Harmon and coach Cliff Gustafson watched the twinbill after coming from Houston where they were rained out

in the third game of the series with Rice. Texas won the first two games Thursday, 2-1 and 5-1.

The Aggies came back Saturday to salvage one game in the series as Hardy Frazier, a transfer from national Junior College baseball champion Panola Junior College, won his first SWC start with a seven hitter as he went the distance in the ten inning game.

Chris Sans brought the Aggies the victory with a double in the bottom of the tenth to score R. J. Englert who had reached on an error by the Frogs leftfielder.

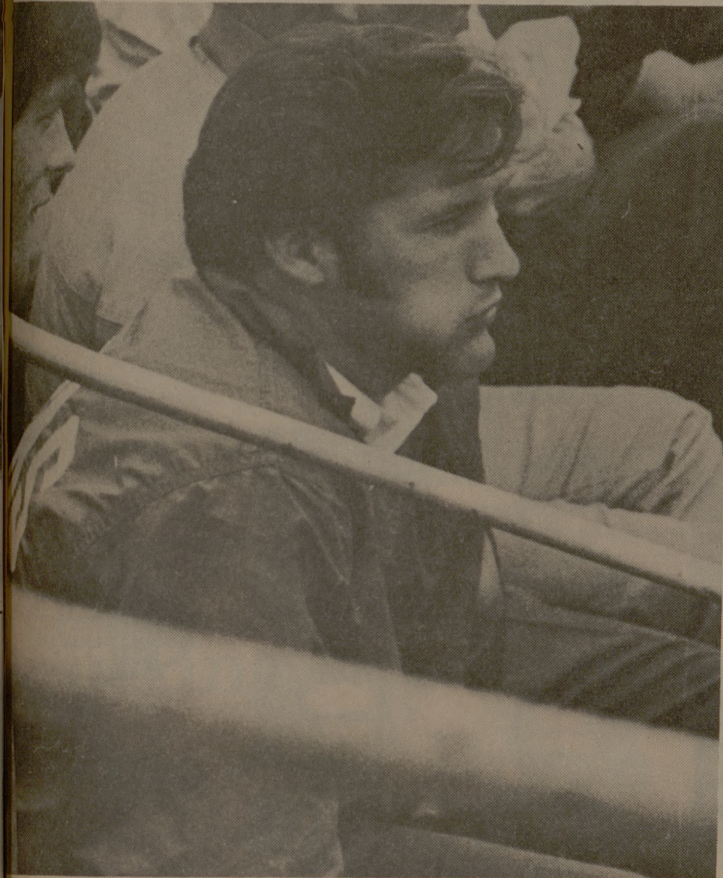
A&M was on the verge of losing

the whole series until they tied the game in the bottom of the ninth on a pinch single by Rusty Howard that scored Sans who had walked and moved to second on a sacrifice by Jim Rayley.

A&M had taken the lead at 1-0 but the Frogs came back with runs in the seventh and eighth to take the lead before A&M came

back to win its twelfth conference win against two losses.

The Aggies, despite losing the two games to the Frogs, still have a mathematical chance to win the SWC crown, but to do so they must win their three game series with Texas in Austin Thursday and Friday. Thursday's doubleheader will start at 1 p.m.



JAMES STREET—University of Texas at Austin right-hander James Street looks on Friday at the Texas A&M-TCU baseball doubleheader on Kyle Field. Street and several of his teammates came from Houston to watch the twinbill after the Longhorns single game with Rice was rained out in Houston. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Ag, Longhorn Hurlers Face Top Hitters In Title Series

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The Texas A&M and University of Texas baseball series to decide the 1970 Southwest Conference championship this Thursday and Friday is billed as a pitcher's series with such outstanding hurlers as the Aggies' Doug Rau and Dave Benesh, and the Longhorns' Burt Hooton and James Street, but before these men can take their bows they must face some dangerous hitters as both teams claim potent attacks from the offensive side.

Texas, with six hitters over .300 and 7 of 8 starters over .290, claims a .300 team average, and the Aggies have one hitter at .400 and two more above .300 while batting .280.

R. J. Englert leads the Aggies and is the top hitter of the two squads with a .400 average and his counterpart Mike Markl boasts the second highest average for the Horns with a .351 mark. Both Markl and Englert are the lead-off hitters for their teams.

Catcher Billy Hodge, of A&M, and the Longhorns' Tom Harmon are tough hitters and rank among

the best as catchers. Hodge is swinging the bat for a .359 average and leads the Aggies with 24 runs batted in in 31 games. Harmon is hitting .320 and has 4 home runs and 21 rbi's in 36 games for Texas.

Boyd Hadaway and David Hall will man the rightfield area for the two teams with Hall batting .294 for Texas and Hadaway .277 for the Aggies.

Hadaway has cracked 5 home runs and knocked in 20 runs for A&M while Hall has hit only one home run but has knocked in 35 runs while leading the Longhorns with 9 doubles and 4 triples.

Dave Elmendorf, the Aggies' centerfielder, is still looking for that big day to get him on the right track. He is batting .270 with 13 rbi's but has been unable to return to his form that made him All-SWC and All-Region 6 two years ago when he was a freshman.

Veteran Jack Miller, a senior, plays center for the Horns and carries a .311 average with 24 rbi's.

First base could provide the toughest individual battle in the series with the Aggies' Chris Sans

and the Longhorns' John Langerhans, both sophomores, battling it out for the All-SWC team.

Sans from Houston Lee is hitting .312 with 3 homers and 18 rbi's while Langerhans from South San Antonio High is hitting .320 with a team-leading 7 home runs and 37 rbi's.

Lou Bagwell, the Longhorns' shortstop owns a large advantage with the stick over his Aggie counterpart, Jim Rayley, but Rayley is invaluable with his glove at shortstop.

Bagwell is hitting .290 and Rayley .207.

Third baseman David Chalk of Texas, one of the top threats in the league, leads the Longhorn hitters with a .353 mark and has 22 rbi's. Danny Ragland, the Aggie third baseman, had three hits in the TCU series and is hitting .242 but he, too, is a valuable asset with his glove and rifle arm.

Butch Ghutzman is hitting .269 for the Aggies at second base and the fiery competitor leads his counterpart, Pat Amos, by a good margin as Amos is hitting .245 but he has 22 rbi's.



ROUNDING SECOND — Aggie second baseman Butch Ghutzman rounds second after single by R. J. Englert in second game of TCU doubleheader Friday but the Aggies were unable to drive him or any of his mates in as they were defeated twice, 1-0 and 3-0. (Photo by Mike Wright)

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