

# Ag baseballers will be strong again next year

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The Texas Aggies will be back. Yes Coach Tom Chandler's Aggie baseball club which just completed the best season win wise in A&M history will be back nearly intact and probably stronger.

Only three seniors played their last game with the Aggies against Texas last weekend.

Dave Benesh ended his career with a 6-4 mark after being named to the All-SWC team last year with a 5-1 record and a 1.70 earned run average that was the third best in the conference.

Benesh teamed with another of the seniors, Jim Raley when the two played for St. Thomas high school in Houston.

Raley who had problems with the bat hitting only .195 this year was a valuable asset in the Aggie defense, one of the big differences between the Aggies of 1969 that had a 7-8 conference record and the 1970 team that lost only 9 games in 34 starts all year.

He committed only 3 errors in 92 chances and at times his accurate throws and flawless fielding made him seem like a polished machine.

Boyd Hadaway one of the team leaders in home runs with five and runs batted in with 22. The silent senior finished his career with a .259 average drawing six walks in the Texas series.

The Aggies hopefully will have ample depth to replace Benesh as they have some good strength returning at the position including several junior college transfers who didn't get a chance to start because of the effectiveness of Benesh and Doug Rau.

Paul Czerwinski from San Jacinto, Pat Jamison from Blinn and Hardy Frazier from Panola all have experience as starters from their junior college days but only Frazier was given a starting opportunity.

Frazier had a 2-0 record with a 2.73 e.r.a. and Czerwinski a 1-1 ledger with a 1.59 e.r.a. Jamison who did not start a game had a 1-1 record with three saves.

Charles Kelley will be at the front of the line for a starting job next season after finishing up this season without allowing an earned run in 19 1/2 innings. His four saves was the team high and after allowing an unearned run against Sam Houston in the Aggies first game of the year

he did not allow another run all season.

Bruce Katt put his name in the Southwest Conference record book this season by striking out 19 SMU Mustangs in one game but suffered from arm trouble in the

Rocky Self and Charlie Jenkins two hard throwing righthanders saw limited action for the Ags with Self winning his only decision while posting a 3.76 e.r.a. and Jenkins had a 1-0 record in 7 innings.

But the Aggies still have one more returnee, a candidate for All-America honors, a sure bet for the All-SWC team and a top candidate for the e.r.a. crown in the conference, although official statistics have not been released, in junior southpaw Doug Rau.

Rau went into his final appearance of the year with the fourth best e.r.a. in the nation 0.26 but control bothered him for the first time this season and allowed five runs but still finished with a 0.86 showing.

Catcher Billy Hodge was a pleasant surprise for the Aggies hitting .340 cracking five home runs and leading the team with 25 rbi's. A year ago as a sophomore Hodge had batted only .171 but stepped into do a king sized job in his first year as a starter.

First baseman Chris Sans and left fielder R. J. Englert were

also surprises and any team that wins 25 games must have its share. Sans who hit .220 as a Freshman batted .282 and was well over the .300 mark until hitting a late season slump against TCU and Texas. Englert, is the

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Dave Elmendorf, did his usual steady job in center combining his speed and defense with a dangerous bat he hit .284 and knocked in 16 runs. He stole 13 bases to lead the club in that department.

Butch Ghutzman, who proved his value in the opener of the Texas series when he scored four runs in four times at bat, what a good leadoff man is supposed to do hit .261 while holding down second base for the Aggies.

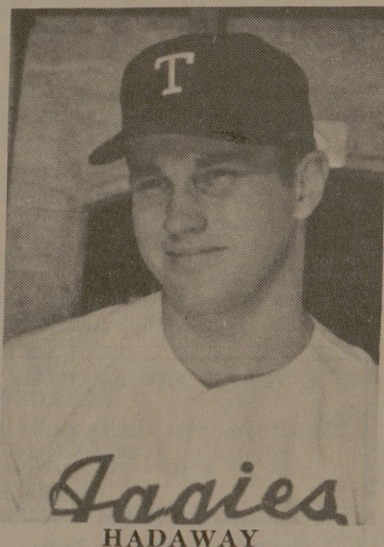
Third baseman Danny Ragland came on strong late in the season to finish with a .245 mark after struggling most of the season.

The Aggie bench was an essential part also with Rusty Howard and Larry Smith filling in in the outfield and both will be top candidates for the rightfield spot vacated by Boyd Hadaway. Howard batted .400 in part time action.

Jim Sampson could cause a shake up next year because the junior college transfer from Blinn batted only .24 times but hit .333 including 3 home runs and 7 runs batted in.

David Van Houten filling in for Hodge at catcher and pinch hitting when called upon hit .286 and batting .333 before the final series.

The shortstop spot is unsettled on, however, Ronnie LaGrone, the



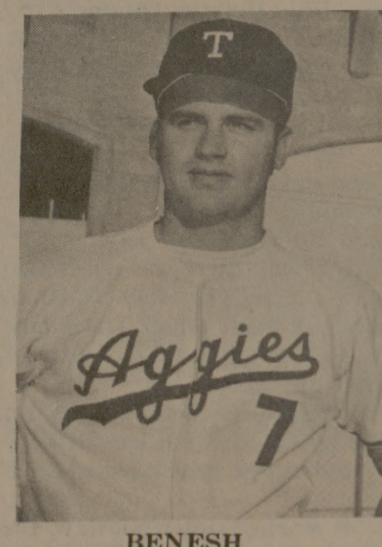
HADAWAY

latter part of the season finishing with a 3-1 record and 4.26 e.r.a. as a sophomore.



RALEY

undeclared batting champion of the Southwest Conference batting champion with a .400 average



BENESH

only returning prospect for that position had a .091 average but like Raley is great with the glove.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Menke drove in four runs and home run and a single and Rader broke a 3-3 tie in the ninth inning with a solo home power Houston to an 8-3 Tuesday night over Los Angeles and enable Don Wilson to record his first victory of the season.

Menke's first-inning home losing pitcher Alan Foster allowed a single by Jim Wynne a two-out error by Bill Grewitz which allowed Tom Davis to reach first base.

Wes Parker singled home Tony Mota with the first run of the third, Parker walked Willie Crawford singled third, Wilson, who won 16 last year but had arm trouble all spring, then batted Parker score and send Crawford to second. Crawford then third and scored on Ted more's ground out.

Rader opened the seventh his seventh home run of the season extending his hitting to 15 games.

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Milwaukee is 30,000 ahead of last season when the Brewers — then the Pilots — drew 77,223 in the first 10 dates at Seattle.

Only five games — on four dates — have been played when the temperature climbed over 50 degrees.

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