

Track, baseball open season here Saturday

By JOHN CURYLO

The track segment of this year's close A&M-Rice rivalry unfolds in Kyle Field Saturday as the defending champion Aggies meet the Owls in the season's first outdoor meet for both teams.

In football, the Houston school won here by a point, and repeated the feat by two in basketball. A&M upset the Owl cagers by one in Houston. There is every indication that activities on the Aggies' new tartan track should be just as close, with field events beginning at 1:30 p.m. and running at 3 p.m.

"This will be a great meet," said Charlie Thomas, the Aggie track coach. "I think it'll go right down to the wire. Rice has an excellent squad."

Only half of the Mills' brothers act will be in action, since Marvin is out with an injury. Thomas reports that he is coming around, but his status for next week is unknown. Curtis, however, will be in the 400 yard dash, challenged by Chip Grandjean and Denny Dicke.

Other feature events are the pole vault, discus, 120 yard high hurdles, 440 yard hurdles, the mile run, and the high jump. Rice's Dave Roberts leads the pole vault, having reached 16-8 this season. A&M enters Harold McMahan, whose best is 15-5, although he has gone over 16 feet once in practice.

Every entry in the discus is a high school state champion. The Aggies will go with Bubba Vincent (Bryan) and Tim Brown (Belton), while Rice's four entries are led by Southwest Conference champion Larry Anderson. Gary Butler, Ken Stadel, and Ken Pearson will also throw for the Owls.

Thomas said that the purpose of this meet is to enter boys in the events they seem to be best in, and to give the athletes some experience and competition. He wants to avoid injury, so there will not be too much doubling up. He used Rockie Woods as an example.

"He's in the 120 yard high hurdles," the coach explained, "but we're keeping him out of the 100 yard dash, since he's also in the 220 and the sprint relay."

Donny Rogers is the other Aggie in the event. In a close race, the Owls have Jack Faubion and Rocky High entered. The other hurdle event, the 440, could be one of the most interesting races of the day. A&M's Don Kellar has a better time than Rice's Mike Cronholm, but the latter is the defending SWC champ in this event.

Ben Greathouse won the SWC high jump a year ago, and he'll be performing his specialty again Saturday. Marvin Taylor will team up with him, and they will be pressed by Glen Ray of Rice.

Thomas will see Frank Ybarbo in competition for the first time in the mile run when he squares off against Steve Schroeder of the Owls. Ybarbo is the junior college transfer who paced the Aggie cross country team last fall.

"We're real anxious to see how he'll do," Thomas said. "He hasn't run a mile for us yet, but we feel he'll do a good job." He added that the tartan track should have an equal effect on both teams, and that the times should be a little faster overall.

Willie Blackmon, recovering from an injury, will be in the 880 for A&M. His best time in practice is 1:51.8, but the effect of his absence from action should slow him down.

The depth of the Owls showed through last year, as they downed the Aggies in a quadrangular meet here. New coach Augie Er-furth has this going for him this season, although the Owls lack strength in the sprints.



CAPTAINS for the 1971 Aggie track team and their coach are from left to right, Rockie Woods, Don Kellar, Curtis Mills and head track coach Charlie Thomas.

Ag cagers host Baylor

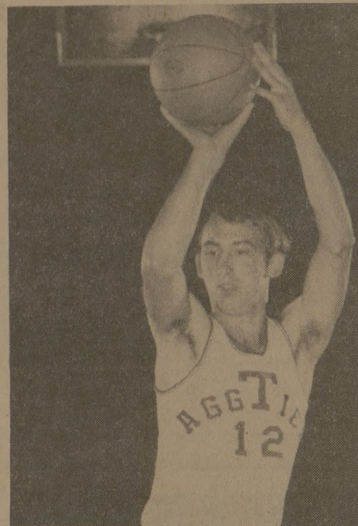
By CLIFFORD BROYLES
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The Baylor Bears, with their Southwest Conference championship hopes dropped to virtually none, invade G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday at 8 p.m. for the 119th meeting with the Aggies in their cage rivalry.

Baylor was all but eliminated from the race Tuesday when they were shelled by Texas Christian, 94-84, at Waco. The loss put them two games back of the Horned Frogs with three games to go.

The only thing that can save the Bears will be for them to sweep their final three games and have the Frogs lose their three, which isn't too likely, especially since TCU has two of their three at home and Baylor has two of their three on the road.

Baylor defeated the Aggies 103-83 in the opening conference game for the Aggies at Heart O' Texas



Bill Cooksey

Coliseum, and more than anything pride is at stake for both teams as the rivalry is magnified by the closeness in proximity of the two universities.

New life lies ahead for the Aggies, who have struggled all season long and now after two straight wins have a shot at catching and possibly even passing Rice in the league standings.

The defending champion Owls are on a three-game losing streak and lead the Aggies by only a game with three to play.

Coach Shelby Metcalf will start three sophomores and two seniors in the encounter against the high-scoring Bears, who have a 15-8 season record.

Five Baylor starters are aver-

aging in double figures, as is a sixth player, and a seventh is averaging more than eight a contest.

Willie Chatmon, who joined the Waco school for his last two collegiate seasons after a record-breaking stop over at Tyler Junior College, has already broken the one-season scoring mark for a Baylor player this season among several school records.

Chatmon, with 535 points, cracked the 506-point record of Darrell Hardy in the mid-1960's, and also has busted the Baylor record of 207 field goals that he set last year with 217.

With no chance to set the school record for career scoring because he only has been playing two years, Chatmon has 1,033 career points, while Hardy scored 1,360 in his career.

Chatmon has a shot at the season rebound record Saturday when he puts his 331 rebounds against Jimmy Turner's record of 345.

He also lacks 13 field goals of having the Baylor SWC mark of 110 field goals and needs 65 points in the last three games to become the one-season leading scorer for conference games only.

This season he's averaging 23.3, second in the league behind Gene Phillips, and is also the second leading rebounder behind Eugene Kennedy of TCU and fourth in field goal shooting.

Starting for the Bears also will be seniors Tommy Friedman 11.2, and Jerry Hopkins 11.5. Junior college transfers Roy Thomas and Bobby Thompson, also from TJC, are averaging 10.1 and 10.7 and Pat Fees, a junior, is scoring at an 8.5 clip.

The Aggies, with one more home game left on the schedule, will start sophomores Charlie Jenkins with 4.6, Wayne Howard with 6.8, and Jeff Overhouse with 12.4, and seniors Bill Cooksey with 7.8 and Chuck Smith with 8.7.

All five played without rest in the second half Tuesday as Coach Shelby Metcalf did not make substitutions.

Also expected to see a lot of action will be Steve Niles, 14.0, and Rick Duplantis 8.3 under the basket, and Bob Gobin 5.5 in the backcourt.

In the freshman prelim, the Aggie fish will meet the Baylor Cubs at 5:45 p.m.

6-7 Lee Griffin keys the Baylor

By CLIFFORD BROYLES

The Texas Aggie baseball team opens its 1971 season Saturday when it hosts St. Mary's University of San Antonio in a double-header on Kyle Field.

The action starts at 1 p.m. with the first game due to go seven innings and the nightcap slated for nine.

The Aggies are returning 13 lettermen from last year's 25-9 Southwest Conference runnerups.

The Aggies lost only shortstop Jim Raley and rightfielder Boyd Hadaway to graduation of their regular starters from last year, and third baseman Danny Ragland bowed out because of grades.

Last year, Chris Sans was the All-Southwest Conference shortstop and finished with a .282 season average and 18 runs batted in, and Jim Sampson, a muscular junior college transfer, who batted .333 in only 24 trips to the plate, was left out because of his limited time of play.

Sampson will be starting in right field. In other changes, Butch Ghutzman, last year's regular second baseman with a .261 norm, will move to third and Carroll Lilly, who missed last year after suffering an injury to his

foot that required surgery, will replace him at second.

Jimmy Langford, a transfer from San Jacinto Junior College, will replace Raley at shortstop.

Elsewhere, the Aggies will have Bill Hodge, the returning All-Southwest Conference catcher, behind the plate. Hodge, who was drafted last year by the Atlanta Braves but chose to play his senior year, batted .340 and drove in 27 runs last year.

Centerfielder Dave Elmendorf returns for his final season after batting .283 during the 1970 campaign. Elmendorf was also selected to several football All-American teams and has been drafted by the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League and last January by the New

York Yankees.

Leftfielder R. J. Englert was the defending conference batting champion when he closed with a .400 average.

Coach Tom Chandler has nominated righthander Paul Czerwinski to hurl the opener and junior Bruce Katt will draw the starting nod in the second game.

Czerwinski, a senior, transferred last year from San Jacinto, recorded a 1.58 earned run average and 1-1 record in only 11½ innings of work. Katt, who broke the SWC mark when he struck out 19 SMU Mustangs last year, finished with a 3.51 era and 3-1 record, although missing much of the latter half of the season due to an arm injury.

Chandler said whether both

pitchers would go the distance would depend on how many pitches they throw and how the weather is.

If they don't, Charles Kelley, the team's top reliever from last year; Pat Jamison, who saw limited action as a reliever; or talented freshmen—both lefthanders—Jim Wallace from Corpus Christi King and Jackie Bink from Beaumont Forest Park will lend a hand.

Also expected to see action in the field are David Van Houten, returning letterman, who probably will catch the second game; outfielder and returning letterman Larry Smith, and newcomers to the varsity, sophomore Gene Reinartz and freshmen Jim Atterbury and Jim Hacker.

Netters pull major upset

The Texas Aggie tennis team pulled the upset of the day Thursday beating ninth ranked Oral Roberts, 4-3, taking a couple of split sets in singles play and then sweeping the two doubles matches for the win at the Corpus Christi Invitational Tennis Tournament.

In a quarterfinal match later Thursday, however, the Aggies fell to 10th-ranked Brigham Young, a team which finished sixth in the national rankings last year.

The Aggies bowed in a couple of split singles matches in that match that provided the difference for BYU.

The highlight of the day for the Aggies was the play of Dickie Fikes, who returned to his home town, and won both singles matches and played on two winning doubles teams.

The star-studded tournament included five of the nation's top ten teams in the 16-team field and nine of the top 20.

The Aggies picked up split set wins from Fikes over Josef Sole in the number two singles match and Tommy Connell over Eric Ulleberg in the number four singles match.

In the doubles, Jon Ragland and Fikes defeated Peter Van Lingen and Kiyoo Panabe, 6-2 6-4. Van Lingen and Panabe just two weeks ago combined to win the doubles championship of the Pan American Tournament.

In the number two doubles match, the one that decided the final verdict, Mike Hickey and Dan Courson upended Sole and Ulleberg, 6-2 6-3 in a tough match.

After watching the decisive doubles matches, Coach Omar Smith said that both teams showed a lot of class in the match.

BYU played Baylor in the morning first round and easily defeated the Bears 7-0 and was definitely at an advantage over the Aggies, who had the tough match against Oral Roberts.

Brigham Young won two split singles matches and led 4-1 after singles play in the match.

The Aggies will meet North Texas today in the next round and will have a shot at fifth place if they can win their last two matches.

In other first round matches Thursday: Trinity 7, Texas Tech 0; North Texas State 4, Houston 3; Brigham Young 7, Baylor 0; Texas A&M 4, Oral Roberts 3; SMU 4, Pan American 3; Corpus Christi 7, Arkansas 0; Oklahoma City U. 4, University of Texas at Austin 3; Rice 6, West Texas State 1.

In quarterfinal play Thursday afternoon: Trinity 7, North Texas State 0; Brigham Young 5, Texas A&M 2; Corpus Christi 5, SMU 2; Rice played OCU late Thursday.

Results of the Oral Roberts match were:

Singles:
Peter Van Lingen, ORU, defeated Jon Ragland, A&M, 6-3 6-0.

Dickie Fikes, A&M, defeated Josef Sole, ORU, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
Kiyoo Panabe, ORU, defeated Mike Hickey, A&M, 6-1, 6-3.

Tommy Connell, A&M, defeated Eric Ulleberg, ORU, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.
Mario Pokozdi, ORU, defeated Lawton Park, A&M, 7-6, 6-4.

Doubles:
Ragland and Fikes, A&M, defeated Van Lingen and Panabe, ORU 6-2, 4-6.
Hickey and Dan Courson, A&M, defeated Sole and Ulleberg, ORU, 6-2, 6-3.

Results of the BYU match:
Singles:
Zdrako Mincek, BYU, defeated Ragland, A&M, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Fikes, A&M, defeated Mark Shires, BYU, 7-6, 6-4.

Marty Hennesy, BYU, defeated Hickey, A&M, 6-1, 6-4.
Chris DeGraff, BYU, defeated Connell, A&M, 6-4, 6-1.

Randy Trane, BYU, defeated Park, A&M, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.
Doubles:
Ragland and Fikes, A&M, defeated Mincek and Shires, BYU, 6-2, 6-1.

Hennesy and Eric Smith, BYU, defeated Hickey and Courson, A&M, 6-3, 6-3.

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