

# Ag baseballers win pair from Rattlers

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The Texas Aggie baseball team used a base on balls to provide the winning margin in one game and a nine-run outburst in the first two innings in the other as they defeated the St. Mary's University Rattlers in a doubleheader Saturday at Kyle Field.

A bases-loaded walk to catcher Billy Hodge in the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game provided the margin of victory in a 2-1 first game.

The Aggies stroked Florencio Pena, who shut out Rice earlier this week, for 8 runs before the righthander could retire four batters. They led 9-1 after two turns at that plate and went to win the game 12-5.

In the first game, righthander Paul Czerwinski fired five scoreless innings at the Rattlers, allowing only singles in the second and fifth innings.

Coach Tom Chandler, taking early season precautions with his pitchers, relieved Czerwinski after the fifth although he was leading 1-0.

That lead was provided in the third inning when Butch Ghutzman stroked a single, moved to second on a walk and scored when second baseman Andy Reninger threw wildly to first base.

Righthander Charles Kelley replaced Czerwinski in the sixth for A&M, and after pitching a scoreless frame allowed the tying run when Daryl Acker singled, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on a single to left field by Jesse Causey.

Jim Grotta, the Rattlers' starting pitcher, was removed for a pinch hitter in the rally in the sixth and relief Stewart Cooper, a freshman in his first college game, was greeted by waiting Aggie bats and first game jitters.

Cooper's first opponent — Carroll Lilly — singled to center but was out trying to stretch the hit to a double. Then pinch hitter Jim Atterbury and Ghutzman drew walks as Cooper fired six straight balls and eight in nine pitches.

Dave Elmendorf followed one out later and his liner between short and third although not making it to the outfield loaded the bases and then Hodge walked after fouling off one pitch with a three-two count to break the tie.

In the second game, Ghutzman, R. J. Englert, Elmendorf and David Van Houten, the first four batters in the Ag lineup, reached base and scored their first two times at the plate as Pena was tagged for 8 hits and 8 runs before departing with none out in the second.

The first three singled with Elmendorf driving in the first run. Then Van Houten reached on an error loading the bases, which was followed by Jim Sampson whose opposite-field double drove in two more. Lilly followed a couple of ground outs with a double that notched two more runs in the first innings.

Ghutzman and Englert again delivered in the second with singles and Elmendorf doubled down the left field line driving home Ghutzman.

Van Houten walked and Chris Sans knocked home the second run with a single and then Lilly finished the rally with another double.

Then, after Pena left, the Aggies got to Julian Villareal for three runs in the fifth with Jimmy Hacker starting the rally with a walk. Hodge then batted for Bruce Katt, who started the game but was being relieved after five strong innings, and

doubled knocking home the freshman from Temple.

Englert then drew a walk and Elmendorf cracked his second double of the game driving in two runs.

Elmendorf led the team with five hits and four runs batted in. Ghutzman and Lilly had four hits apiece and Englert and Sans three apiece as the Aggies showed a .328 team average at the plate.

Coach Tom Chandler went to his subs after the fifth inning of the opener and only first baseman Sans played all the second game.

Katt, who was troubled with a sore arm last year in the latter stages, allowed only two hits and

a run in his five innings of work, and said that he felt okay after the first inning.

"My arm was a little sore in the first innings but that was because I didn't warm up for 10 minutes. After I got warm I was doing okay."

Freshman lefthander Jackie Binks suffered through a shaky college debut, allowing three runs in his first inning on three walks and two singles, but his second frame was perfect as he began to settle down.

Pat Jamison hurled the final two innings and was tagged for a run on two hits in the eighth inning before retiring the side in order in the ninth.



Dave Elmendorf helps the Aggies open their 1971 baseball season with a pair of wins over St. Mary's as he strokes one of his five opening day hits. (Photo by Mike Rice)

## A&M rugby teams split two weekend matches

The Texas A&M Rugby Club, coached by Roger Boos, Saturday captured one match in Houston, 25-9, against the Houston Rugby Club, while dropping a second game here against the Texas Maritime Academy, 15-12.

The team that won, A&M I, now is 1-0 for the season while A&M II is 1-1.

A&M I managed to cross the goal line five times and gained the other 10 points via penalty kicks. Scoring for the team were Donald Barr, Steve Sturman, John Gunn, Bob Elmore and Butch Preston, all with three points apiece.

A&M II lost its game in the last few minutes of the confrontation because of an offside call resulting in a penalty kick for the Maritime Academy, resulting in three points for the season.

Coach Boos, who is from the island of Trinidad, played rugby in England, where he was captain of his team, and in France. He is attending A&M as a graduate student and working on his master's in agricultural engineering.

"The boys have great potential," Boos said. "They don't know all the rules yet, but they are very eager to learn. I think we may have the most unbeatable team in the union which consists of teams in Houston, Dallas, Austin, and College Station.

"Not having seen the first team play in their match against Houston, I can't really comment on the fine playing they must have done. But I was a referee at the second team's game and can say that that game should have been won but stupid errors cost us the game.

## Ag swimmers lose twice

Steve Prentice, freshman backstroker from Pasadena, turned in two first-place finishes in the 200-yard backstroke last weekend but was one of the few bright spots as the Aggies' swim team fell to national powers SMU and UT-Arlington in its last two dual swim meets of the year before the Southwest Conference championships March 12-13.

Prentice swam a winning time of 2:01.89 at SMU Friday and then took first in the UTA meet with a time of 2:01.9.

The only other first place the Aggies managed in the meets they lost to SMU, 86-27, and UTA, 71-42, was in the 400-yard freestyle relay against Arlington.

Mike Hicks, Gordon Taylor, Tom Sparks and Eric Wolff teamed for 3:35.2 time in that event.

Taking second places were Wolff in the 1000-yard freestyle, Sparks in the 50-yard freestyle, Prentice in the 200-yard individual medley and Greg Rippey in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving against UTA.

Second places against SMU were by Wolff in the 1000- and 500-yard freestyle, Bobby Wiloughby in the 200-yard butterfly and Duncan Cooper in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving.

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