

Aggies play four games on road during break

By CLIFFORD BROYLES
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The Texas Aggie baseball team worked out under the lights of Bryan's Travis Park Tuesday night as it prepared for its only regular season appearance at night Thursday.

The team will travel to San Antonio for a two-night doubleheader with the St. Mary's University Rattlers.

The twinbill is set for 5 p.m. at Keefe Stadium with the first game slated for seven innings and the second to go nine.

The Aggies will have the rest of the weekend off before traveling to Houston for a doubleheader against the University of Houston Tuesday afternoon.

A&M, 22-3 for the season and 9-0 in SWC play, is ranked fourth in the weekly collegiate baseball newspaper poll which is picked by the coaches.

Centerfielder Dave Elmendorf is expected to receive clearance from his doctor to resume play Thursday morning, and if so will be available for the twinbill, although coach Tom Chandler has indicated that he would start the regular lineup of the past few weeks.

The Aggies defeated the Rattlers twice in a season-opening doubleheader on Kyle Field, 2-1 and 12-5. St. Mary's is the defending Big State Conference champions and opened defense of their crown with a doubleheader win over Texas Wesleyan Saturday. It pushed their season record to 10-8, although the Rattlers played University of Nebraska-Omaha Tuesday night in San Antonio.

The Rattlers are expected to send their two ace pitchers against the Aggies—Florencio Pena and Jim Grota, who also started the first twinbill, are due to go. Pena beat Wesleyan 1-0 with a two-hitter and Grota defeated them 3-2 with a three-hitter.

R. J. Englert, the Aggies' regular left fielder, who has played center in the absence of Elmendorf, had a wisdom tooth pulled Tuesday and was in considerable pain while viewing Tuesday night's workout from the stands. He is expected to be ready to go Thursday.

Englert is the hottest thing going as far as hitting, with an uncanny ability to constantly get the base hit, either with the line drive in the right spot, the extra base hit between the outfielders, the bloopers just out of the reach of a fielder, or the safe bunt. He has a .422 average for the season but since the Rice series has had 18 hits in 32 at bats for a .566 average—including 15 for 26 in conference play—for an overall .577 mark.

That pushed the Big Spring junior's average to .463 in league play for the top hitting spot. Seven of eight Aggie regulars

have a better than .300 average for league play and six of eight in SWC action.

Coach Tom Chandler said that he will use at least six pitchers during the twinbill, letting his regular hurlers get in some work during the week off from conference play.

He hasn't nominated his starters yet but will use his regular starters, Bruce Katt, Paul Czerwinski and Jackie Binks, his two top relievers, Pat Jamison and Charlie Kelley and probably Charlie Jenkins and Jim Wallace.

The probable starting lineup for the Aggies will be: Butch Ghutzman, shortstop, .319; Englert, centerfield, .422; Larry Smith, leftfield, .349; Billy Hodge, catcher, .390; Jim Sampson, rightfield, .324; Chris Sans, first base, .265; Carroll Lilly, second base, .371; Jimmy Hacker, third base, .293; and the pitcher.

Aggies meet Owls again in Houston

By JOHN CURYLO
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It's another session with the Rice Owls this Saturday, as the Aggies travel to Houston for a quadrangular meet.

This will be the sixth meeting this year between the two, being joined this time by Arkansas and TCU, as A&M gets ready for its defense of the Southwest Conference title in three weeks.

Coach Charlie Thomas' squad will be at a definite disadvantage this week, performing without the services of ace sprinter and hurdler Rockie Woods, who was injured in the Texas Relays.

However, the outlook is a little brighter due to the full recovery of Marvin Mills. He has been slowed by a pulled hamstring, but he will run the 100, 220, and anchor the sprint relay team. Also back in action will be Don Kellar. The senior will run the 440 and the mile relay, but he will be held from the hur-

dles to allow him to recover fully from his leg injury.

Rice and TCU should pick up points in the hurdles, because freshman Gary West will not compete, and he has been hot in both events lately. The Horned Frogs will push the sprints, but other than that, the meet will be mainly an A&M-Rice affair.

As has been the case whenever the Aggies go for a meet, the big attraction will be world record holder Curtis Mills. The Lufkin senior will run in the sprint and mile relays in addition to his specialty, the quarter mile.

Another drawing card will be Rice pole vaulter Dave Roberts, who was named outstanding individual performer in the Texas Relays university division in Austin Saturday. The field events will also feature the high jumping of Marvin Taylor and Ben Greathouse, and the javelin throwing of Marc Black.

For weeks now, Owl quarter miler Chip Grandjean has been dueling with Curtis, pushing him to new meet and track records in Baton Rouge four weeks ago. The two also run the anchor legs of their respective squads' mile relay unit. The Rice team ran a 3:07.6 in Austin, the best in the SWC so far this season. It should be another good match this week, but the Aggies may be at a disadvantage without Marvin in this event.

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A&M Rugby Iwins fourth straight

Downing the Dallas Harlequins 27-3 Saturday, the A&M I rugby team made it a four game streak which may indicate that this team, with a 4-0 record may be the next champion of the northern division of the Texas Rugby Union.

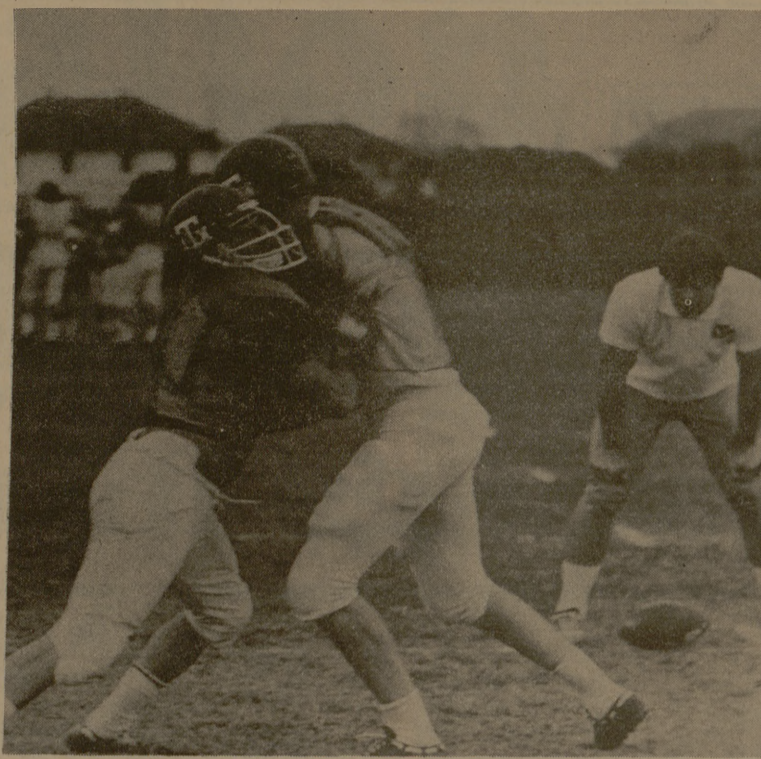
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Scoring for the Aggies were captain John Rayton with nine points; John Gunn and Mark Fisher with six points apiece; and Steve Sturman and Bob Elmore, each with three points.

The A&M II, which played the Austin I team, was defeated 23-6. Scoring for the Aggies were Randy Harju and George Olden, each with three points.

Though suffering several losses this season the second team, Boos said, has been steadily improving and gaining more unity in its game.



TWO AGGIES BATTLE for position in a linebacking drill in workouts on the Kyle Practice field during spring training. The Aggies completed their ninth spring workout Monday, then broke up for the Easter break. (Photo by Mike Rice)

Prentice at Pan Am trials

By MICHAEL RICE
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Freshman swimming ace Steve Prentice left early Tuesday morning for the Pan American Trials in Pullman, Washington. The trials are slated to get underway Thursday afternoon and the meet will last through Saturday.

Prentice will be entered in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events, his specialties for A&M.

Prentice holds the school record in both events, setting a record in the 100 yard event at the NCAA Nationals two weeks ago. His best in the 200-yard backstroke was timed earlier in the season at the Southwest Conference Swimming Championships.

Coach Dennis Fosdick is not too optimistic about Prentice's placing in the meet. He said he feels the competition in Washington will be "much rougher than the competition at the NCAA's because everyone will be trying to make the Pan Am Team."

"He has really been in a taper too long," Fosdick continued. "It's really been hard for him to not work out hard, we just shouldn't have tapered him for the conference meet. Just the same, I think Steve might be able to bring his 100-yard backstroke time down."

Fosdick said he also feels the competition this year should make Prentice more mentally prepared for the nationals next year, as this is his first time to compete nationally.

"I've had comments from some

of the more well-known coaches," said Fosdick, "saying that Eric Wolff and Steve Prentice are going to be great swimmers. These were coaches who saw them swim in the NCAA meet. I suppose we've made an impression on somebody."

While in Washington, Fosdick said he hopes to be able to do some recruiting among some of the high school seniors who are competing in the meet.

SMU signs two Dallas cagers

Southern Methodist landed two hometown "blue chippers" Tuesday on the first day schoolboy basketballers could be signed to letters of intent.

Coach Bob Prewitt of the Mustangs greeted 6-foot-5 Jimmy Murphy of Carrollton Turner and 6-4 Bill Marcellus of Dallas Thomas Jefferson. Both were on the Dallas Morning News' blue chip list of the cream of Texas schoolboy basketball stars.

Texas Tech announced the signing of 6-foot-5 Forward James Derkowski of Houston Spring Woods. Derkowski averaged 20 points and 13 rebounds per game.

Outside the SWC, the University of Texas at Arlington signed 6-10 center Harry Dickhaner of St. Louis, Md. Cleveland High School. Dickhaner averaged 17 points and 14 rebounds per game.

Ags ranked 4th in baseball poll

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Pan American College, Edinburg, Tex., moved into the No. 1 spot today in the weekly collegiate baseball newspaper poll.

Coaches gave Pan American an eight point bulge over Florida State, which was No. 1 in the season's first poll a week ago.

Pan American won 26 of its first 29 games, while Florida State was winning 16 of its first 20 contests.

Arizona State remained in third, close behind, with Texas A&M a solid fourth. Mississippi State rounded out the top five, with Michigan State, Southern California, Dartmouth, Minnesota and Ohio University following.

Florida Southern was voted No. 1 in the season's first college division poll.

Here is the college baseball top 10 listing:

University Division	
1. Pan American	279
2. Florida State	271
3. Arizona State	268
4. Texas A&M	253
5. Mississippi State	240
6. Michigan State	238
7. Southern California	224
8. Dartmouth	198
9. Minnesota	197
10. Ohio University	170
College Division	
1. Florida Southern	211
2. Central Michigan	205
3. Cal Poly	181
4. Grand Canyon	170
5. Nicholls State	153
6. Northeast Louisiana	149
7. New Haven	135
8. Southern University	131
9. Pembroke	109
10. Livingston, Ala.	106

Golfers snowed out

The Southwest Conference golf match between the Texas Aggies and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville was postponed Tuesday due to snow.

The match will be played at a later date, but the site could be determined by the outcome of the Arkansas-Texas Tech dual meet Friday at Fayetteville. The Hogs and Raiders are the top two teams in the circuit with Tech holding down a 19½-4½ record and Arkansas an 11-7 record.

A decisive Tech win would eliminate the Razorbacks and the A&M match could possibly be played during the All-America Invitational at Houston. If Arkansas wins, then the Aggies would have to travel to hills for the match.

A&M is third in the league with a 14-10 record.

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Aggies help youth in CS cage league

The College Station boys basketball League completed nearly four months of play Tuesday night and without the help of several Texas A&M students, success of the league would have been lessened.

Ten Aggies served as volunteer coaches for the league which started play Jan. 18 only two days after the start of the spring semester—approximately 165 boys from ages 6 to 12 participating in the league. Twelve teams were divided into two leagues, according to Stanley Cass, league commissioner for the College Recreation Committee.

He also pointed out that several other Aggies served as officials. A&M students who served as coaches were Dave Lechel, Terry Palmer, John Othertness, John Frederick, Bob Eshenbaug, Mike Huslage, David Nava, Joe Posern, Sandy McKinley and Harvey Dayton.

Teams coached by Frederick Dayton won their leagues, Cass said.

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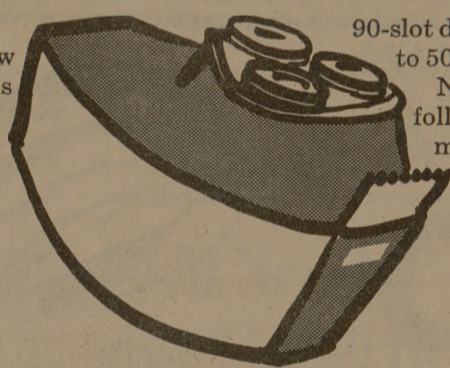
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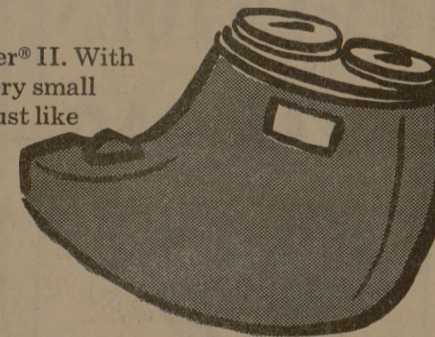
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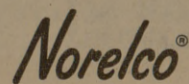
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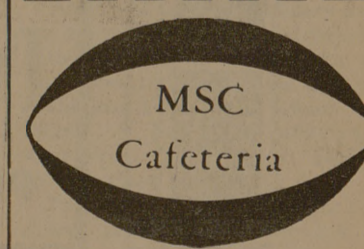
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