

Aggies, Longhorns square off with SWC title at stake

By CLIFFORD BROYLES

The Texas Aggies and University of Texas in Austin Longhorns have played 76 games between them this season, but the next three are the most important of all as the two teams collide on Kyle Field Monday and Tuesday, with the Southwest Conference championship going to the winner.

The Aggies and Longhorns will tangle in a 1 p.m. doubleheader Monday and a 3 p.m. single Tuesday. A&M extended its season record to 31-6 with a 7-2, 12-1 sweep of the University of Houston Thursday afternoon, pouncing out 26 hits. The Longhorns have a 30-9 record following a doubleheader win over Dallas Baptist Tuesday.

The Longhorns have won 22 of their last 25 games after having a slow start. They had to replace five starters from last year.

The transition period cost the Horns a 8-6 record to start out the season, but they have been buoyed since then by three returning veterans and a transplant.

First baseman John Langerhans has a .421 average for the season with an amazing 12 home runs and 58 runs batted in. Third baseman David Clark is hitting .408 for the year with five homers and 54 runs batted in. The junior from Dallas has a school record of 62 hits.

Second baseman Mike Markl is hitting .357 for the season and just returned from a broken wrist injury.

The transplant is rightfielder Walt Rothe. Rothe last year worked as a pitcher but had a .318 batting mark. They moved him to rightfield and he now has a .391 average with nine home

runs and 40 runs batted in.

Those four have taken up most of the slack but the newcomers have improved steadily. Take shortstop Amador Tijerina. The 5-3 transfer from Odessa JC is batting only .250 for the year but since SWC play has started he is hitting .409.

Jimmy Crouch and Charlie Crenshaw have taken over in the outfield. Crouch owns a .258 average but has a .286 mark against SWC competition. Crenshaw is a .306 batter for the season but less than .200 in league play.

The number one strong point of the Longhorns is, however, Burt Hooton. Hooton, the junior righthander from Corpus Christi King (Aggie baseballer Larry Smith, Jim Atterbury and Jim Wallace are from the same high school), has a remarkable 34-2 record since coming to the Austin school and this year has 10-1 standard with a 0.77 era for 81 innings in which he has struck out 126 men.

Hooton will start the first game of the series and if needed will pitch in relief later or possibly if he has to may start two games in the series. Lefthander Mike Beard and Donnie Horne are the Horns other scheduled pitchers.

Beard has a 5-2 record with 3.90 era and Horne, unbeaten in 5 SWC decisions has a 5-1 record with 2.82 era.

"They are a well balanced ball club," Aggie coach Tom Chandler said of the Longhorns. "It's going to be a great series."

"They've got the number one college pitcher in the country in Hooton," he said. Hooton beat the Aggies last year in the game that decided the conference title 8-0.

But Chandler looks at the series from his side of the fence and says he can't worry about who Texas is going to pitch. He's got to worry about his own club.

"We've got them in our ball park. And we've got to beat them two out of three to prove we're champions."

Chandler feels that pitching and defense are the keys to the series and is yet undecided on who will do the pitching.

Five different hurlers are under consideration. Either righthander Charlie Kelley 7-1 or lefty Bruce Katt 4-1 will pitch the first game Monday. Paul Czerwinski 7-1 will work the second game and either Charlie Jenkins 5-0 or Jackie Kinks 5-0 Tuesday.

Czerwinski and Jenkins were the winning pitchers against Houston.

The left side of the A&M infield was a little on the down-side Thursday. Shortstop Butch Ghutzman sat out the twinbill

to rest an injured wrist that has been bothering him for about a week. He will, however, be ready to go against Texas.

Third baseman Jim Hacker sprained an ankle sliding into second base in the first game

but reports say that Hacker will probably be okay for the series.

The probable A&M lineup will be: Butch Ghutzman, .302, shortstop; R. J. Englert, .368, leftfield; Dave Elmendorf, .400, centerfield; Billy Hodge, .360; catch-

er; Jim Sampson, .312, Larry Smith, .340, or Gene Reinartz, .250, rightfield; Chris Sans, .328, first base; Carroll Lilly, .352 or Sandy Bate, .185, second base; Jimmy Hacker, .286, third base; and the pitcher.

Ags unleash bats on Cougars

The Texas Aggies welcomed back coach Tom Chandler with a 26-hit attack in smashing the University of Houston 7-2 and 12-1 Thursday afternoon on Kyle Field.

The twinbill was a tuneup for the upcoming series with Texas, and the workout found the Aggies hitting on all cylinders. A&M belted the two aces of the Houston staff with 12 hits in the seven-inning opener.

Elroy Othold, who had a 7-0 record and had shut out Texas two weeks ago, was knocked out in the second inning. Centerfielder Dave Elmendorf was the big stick for the Aggies in the first game, smashing a single, double, and

triple along with a walk. Chris Sans had a single and double while R. J. Englert added a pair of singles to the attack.

Paul Czerwinski pitched the first four innings and picked up his seventh win against one loss. Charles Kelley notched a save with three innings of relief work.

The Aggies suffered a bad break in the first game when freshman third sacker Jim Hacker twisted his ankle crossing second base. It was first feared that the ankle was broken, but an examination revealed only a sprain, and Hacker should be ready for the Texas series.

With Elmendorf leading the way again, the Aggies exploded

for seven runs in the eighth inning of the second game to lead up a fine two-hit pitching job by three pitchers. Elmendorf drove in four runs with a single and double. Englert had three hits while Sans had a double and triple.

Charlie Jenkins, who picked up his fifth win without a loss, allowed one hit in the first three innings. Bruce Katt followed with three hitless frames, and Jackie Binks allowed a hit in the last three innings.

The victories lifted A&M's season record to 31-6 and ruined any hopes Houston might have had of landing an NCAA playoff berth.

A&M Rugby club meets Rice to decide Texas rugby title

The Texas A&M Rugby Club travels to Houston Saturday morning to play Rice University for the championship of the Texas Rugby Union.

The game—slated for 10 a.m. at Memorial Park on Washington Street—will match the northern division champs, A&M, against the southern division winners.

"They've got a very big team," coach Roger Boos said. Boos said that the Aggies and Rice met last semester with Rice taking a close

victory in the final minutes of an overtime period.

Scheduled to start for the Aggies are: Gary Junot, fullback; Andy Scott and John Gunn, wings; Mark Fisher and Gene Anderson, centers; Butch Preston, flyhalf; John Rayton, scrum-half; Steve Sturman, Allen Hines and Don Barr, first line forwards; Bill Scherle and Phil Tyber, second line forwards; Don Robertson and Brian Marshall, wing forwards; and Bob Elmore, number eight.

9-under after 36 holes

Veriato burns up course

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"Don't get too close to him or you'll get burned," said Arkansas golfer Mike Mosser as he headed down the fairway after teeing off on the 17th hole at the Southwest Conference golf tournament on the A&M golf course Thursday afternoon.

Mosser was referring to Aggie golfer Steve Veriato as he was approached by his caddy. Veriato was probably capable of doing just what Mosser warned of, as the A&M sophomore fired a pair of blistering subpar rounds to take a commanding lead at the halfway point of the meet.

Veriato fired a three-under-par 67 on the first 18 holes Thursday, yet trailed teammate Tommy Johnson by two strokes as he turned the first 18 in 65. But in the second round Veriato shot a 64, one short of the course record, to finish the day with a 131 total, five strokes ahead of John-

son, his nearest competitor. Chuck Brownfield and Jim Cisne of Arkansas both finished the second round with subpar scores and are tied for third at 139.

The golfers play 36 holes today to complete the 72-hole tournament to decide the medalist for the Southwest Conference.

Veriato fired 14 birdies in the 36 holes of play with the weather hot and humid under overcast skies. His second round was especially impressive as he went through the front nine in a four-under-par 31, as he shot par or better on every hole. He parred holes two, three and four after birdieing the first and then consecutively birdied the fifth, sixth and seventh.

Veriato seasoned his good shooting with a mixture of good putting.

"I putted like you're supposed to today," he said. "I didn't make any real bad shots."

He noted that the greens on the course were in good shape and helped his game considerably.

Team champion Texas Tech showed why it won that honor with its balanced array of four golfers. Jim Whitteker and Steve Thompson had 144's, Hamilton Rogers at 145 and Stan Wilemon a 146 for the Raiders.

The results of the first day's play were: Steve Veriato, A&M, 67-64-131; Tommy Johnson, A&M, 65-71-136; Chuck Brownfield, Arkansas, 71-68-139; Jim Cisne, Arkansas, 70-69-139; Stan Altgelt, SMU, 70-72-142; Jim Whitteker, Tech, 72-72-144; Steve Thompson, Tech, 72-72-144; Jerry Gatti, TCU, 72-72-144; Hamilton Rogers, Tech 72-73-145; Mike Mosser, Arkansas, 73-72-145; Stan Wilemon, Tech, 72-74-146; John Scott, Rice, 71-75-146; David Montgomery, SMU, 77-72-149; Eddie Vossler, TCU, 75-74-149; Larry Lawrence, Baylor, 75-74-149.

Ag netters falter

Solomon, Owls advance

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Battalion Sports Writer

Freshman superstar Harold Solomon swung his way into Friday's singles quarterfinals, Thursday on varsity courts, where the Aggies are hosting the three-day Southwest Conference Tennis Championships.

Solomon, the freshman ace who competed in the River Oaks Tourney last weekend, led the way for his three teammates into the quarterfinals, trouncing Phil Landauer of Arkansas 6-1, 6-2, after drawing a bye in the first round. He appears to be on a collision

course with All-American teammate Zan Guerry for the finals, to be held Saturday. Guerry is seeded second in the championships behind Solomon.

A&M's entries in the singles, Mike Hickey, Dickie Fikes, Jon Ragland and Tommy Connell, lost in the second round in the race for the quarterfinals. Hickey was defeated by Texas' Jim Bayless 6-3, 0-6, 6-4; Ragland by SMU's Jay Paulson 6-4, 6-1; Fikes by Rice's Gus Pellizzi 3-6, 6-3, 7-5; and Connell by Tim Vann of SMU, 6-1, 6-4.

The doubles team of Dan Cour-san and Hickey was defeated by TCU's team, Juan Corominas and Ned James, 7-5, 6-4, leaving the only entry left for A&M in the second round, the doubles duo of Fikes-Ragland, which drew a bye in the first round.

As there was only time for one full round of doubles competition, there were no major upsets in the doubles matches. However, the duo of Solomon-Guerry defeated Baylor's Tommy Sheives and Jack Vance 7-6, 6-2, in the only second round doubles competition.

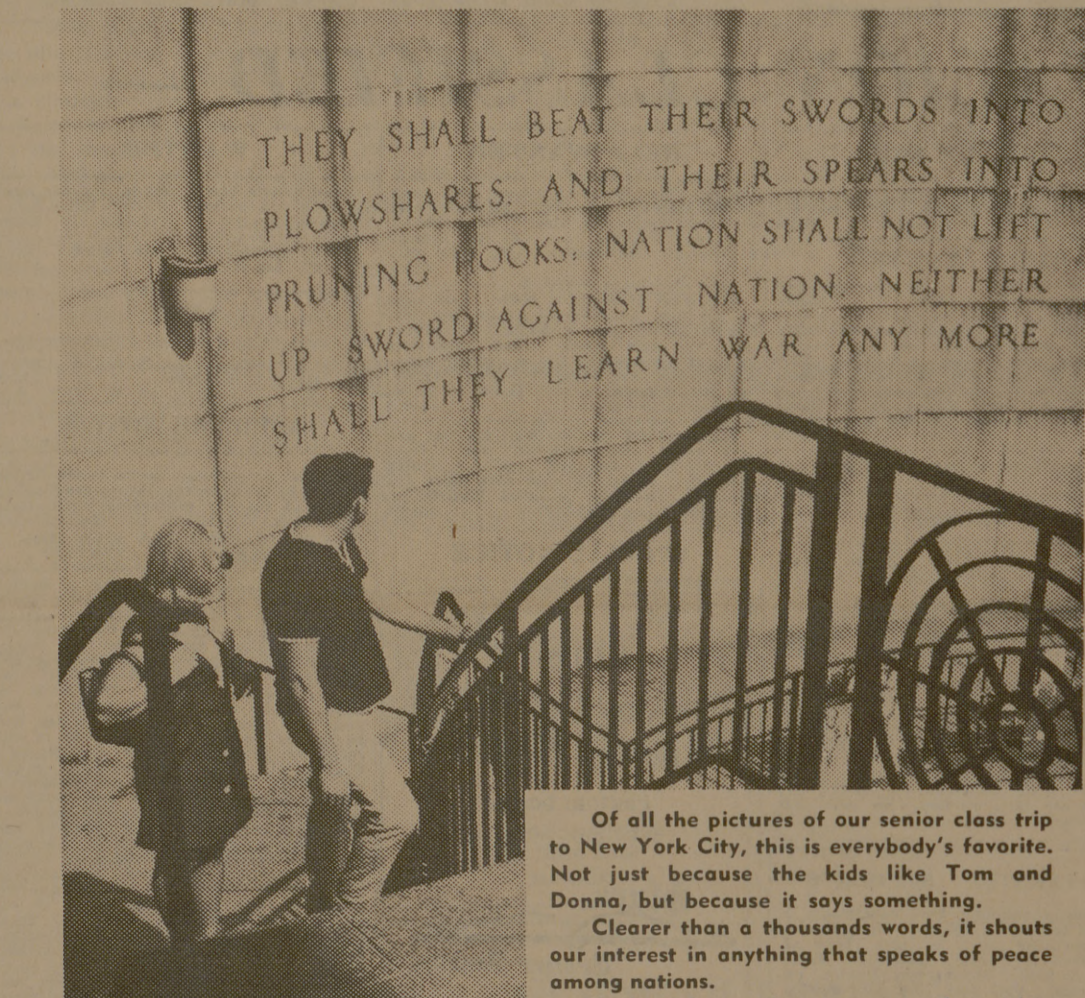
Going into the singles quarterfinals, all four men of the champion Rice group were still in com-

petition with Vann and Paulson of SMU, Bayless of Texas, and George Moncada of Baylor, to round out the competition for Friday.



Mike Hickey

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Of all the pictures of our senior class trip to New York City, this is everybody's favorite. Not just because the kids like Tom and Donna, but because it says something. Clearer than a thousands words, it shouts our interest in anything that speaks of peace among nations. And not just nations—we pray that within our country men of every color, age and interest can learn to build and work together to make a brighter future. Sure, we're young and idealistic and have a lot to learn. That's why it's important for our parents and teachers and leaders to have good, strong values and to live by them. My parents do. To them the Church is the backbone of our country and Christianity the key to the future. That's why they go to church each week and take us with them.

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