

Aggies host Sam Houston in twinbill today

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Revenge will be on the minds of Coach Tom Chandler's baseball players today when they host the Sam Houston Bearcats in a rematch doubleheader at 1 p.m. in Kyle Field.

The Aggies lost a twinbill in Huntsville Saturday, 3-2 and 3-0. Poor hitting and fielding mistakes kept A&M from winning, and their season record dropped to 3-3 after defeating Iowa State three games out of four last week.

The Bearcats spent two days in Austin a week and a half ago,

losing all four games to Texas. Sam Houston is blessed with good pitching and power hitting.

Chandler may alter his lineup, but the structure will be basically the same. Leading off will be second baseman Jim Langford. He has the second highest average on the team, .364. Left fielder Jim Atterbury follows him, hitting .111.

The team's top hitter, R. J. Englert, plays center field. With an average of .476, Englert leads the team in hits, runs, runs batted in, triples and total bases. The cleanup man is first baseman Butch Ghutzman. In an ear-

ly season slump, Ghutzman's average is .182.

Sandy Bate is the right fielder. A .250 hitter through six games, Bate has scored four of A&M's 30 runs. Jim Hacker, a sophomore third baseman, has gotten off to a good start this year. He is averaging .263, having hit two triples and driven in five runs.

The shortstop, Carroll Lilly, has a .250 batting average. Lilly leads the team with assists, 17. Catcher is a questionable position, with duty having been split between Neil McKittrick and Terry Overton. Overton is two-for-eight at the

plate, while McKittrick is one-for-ten. Six of the team's 22 strikeouts have been by the catchers. Of the seven errors committed by the Aggies this season, three have been by catchers, three by pitchers.

The pitching staff is developing well, with Bruce Katt, Charles Kelley, Jim Wallace and Bobby Wittkamp leading the crew. Charlie Jenkins will join the mound corps now that basketball season is over.

Aggie pitching has struck out 42 batters, while opposing pitchers have been able to record 22 strikeouts against A&M. The

Aggies have allowed 34 walks, and the opposition has given 14.

Katt's earned run average is 0.00, Wallace's is 2.25, Wittkamp's is 3.60, Binks' is 4.00, and Kelley has a 4.90. A&M's opponents have managed to get 32 base hits, compared to 46 for the Aggies.

A&M is off this weekend, but they host St. Mary's in a 1 p.m. doubleheader Monday and Lamar University in a Tuesday twinbill here. Conference play begins March 17-18, when the Texas Christian Horned Frogs visit Kyle Field for a three-game series.

Overtime free throws put Texas in playoffs

WACO, Tex. (AP)—Scooter Lencox hit two pressure free throws with 39 seconds left to give Texas a 91-89 overtime Southwest Conference playoff victory Tuesday night over Southern Methodist and send the Longhorns into the first round of the NCAA tournament at Las Cruces, N.M.

The clutch free throw by Lenox gave Texas a 91-87 lead but the Mustangs Rick Billik retaliated with a field goal to leave the Longhorns only two points ahead. The Mustangs had a chance to tie the game in the last second of play, but Larry Delzell missed a 35-foot jump shot.

The Mustangs, who shared the SWC title with the Longhorns over the regular season, blew a chance to win the game in regulation play when guard Zach Thiel missed a free throw with 13 seconds left. The game ended tied 82 all.

Both teams played in the overtime without their star players as Texas' Larry Robinson, who scored 30 points, and SMU's Ruben Triplett, who scored 20 points, sat out the extra five minutes of play because they had fouled out earlier.

Texas, which will carry an 18-7 overall record into the Satur-

day game against the University of Houston, blew a 13-point lead in the second half as the Mustangs rallied behind Triplett and Thiel.

A basket by Thiel tied the game 59 all and the lead saw-sawed back and forth with Trip-

lett making a crucial layup with 30 seconds to play to tie the game at 82 all.

Thiel, a sophomore, finished the night with 17 points.

Texas jumped to a quick 89-85 lead in the overtime on baskets by Lynn Groscurth and Lynn

Howden.

Baskets by David Miller and Jack Trout brought the Mustangs back within two points before Lenox hit his two crucial free throws as the near capacity crowd in Heart O' Texas Coliseum screamed.

Forsyth gives scholarship

James M. (Cop) Forsyth of Houston, 1912 A&M graduate who notes "I was one of the scrubs on Charlie Moran's team," has presented the first permanent endowed athletic scholarship to the university.

The 82-year-old retired president of Forsyth Engineering Co., Houston, endowed the Association of Former Students with a \$30,000 gift from which the former students office will provide \$1,500 annually to The Aggie Club.

The Aggie Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarships to A&M student-athletes.

Robert L. Walker, association associate executive director, pointed out Forsyth was the first

to fund a 12th Man Scholarship when the program began in 1966.

Interest from the \$30,000 endowment will provide for a permanent 12th Man Scholarship in Forsyth's name, Walker said.

Athletic director and head football coach Emory Bellard, who personally accepted the gift, said the endowment itself was "most impressive, until I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Forsyth and understand the meaning and gesture from the man."

"I will have to say the thought and the man pre-empt the gift itself," Bellard commented.

A Scotchman with a dry wit and deep pride in Texas A&M, Forsyth said "since I was the first person to fund a 12th Man Scholarship, I am pleased to set up this endowment to make sure I always am No. 1 in the program."

"It's always been my belief that those of us educated at A&M received much more than we ever paid for. I'm delighted to be able to put something back for the school I love," he added.

Besides the athletic scholarship, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth previously funded a \$25,000 President's Endowed Scholarship at Texas A&M. This scholarship provides a \$1,000 a year academic scholarship.

A native of McKinney, Forsyth received bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from A&M in 1912 and 1913.

He was one of four brothers to attend A&M, each picking up the nickname "Cop" because their big flat feet were a campus oddity.

While building a successful engineering firm, Forsyth was always active in former student programs and would assist whenever possible the academic programs.

In making the athletic endowment, Forsyth said his greatest ambition is to be at Aggieland for the 1976 Centennial celebration.

Three recruits become Aggies

A&M's football recruiting took a couple of giant steps forward Monday as the outstanding players in Nevada and Georgia and an all-district quarterback from Texas joined the Aggie ranks.

The three latest signees included Ed Simonini, 6-0, 200-pound linebacker and running back from Valley High in Las Vegas, Nevada; Melvin Howard, 5-9, 170-pound running back and defensive cornerback from Warner Robins, Georgia, high school and Doug Wood, 6-1, 180-pound quarterback from Arlington, Tex., high school.

Simonini was voted the outstanding offensive and defensive player in Nevada. He made all-state both ways. In 24 games over a three-year period he was credited with 300 unassisted tackles. Last year he averaged 11 yards per run while gaining 796 yards. He was two-time state wrestling champion and has a 3.83 grade point average which places him among the top 10 individuals in a class of 600.

Howard was all-state in Georgia's top schoolboy classification and he was voted the top offensive back in the state. He made all-state. Last season he scored 22 touchdowns, ran for 1,136 yards and returned 8 kickoffs for 290 yards. He started the last 31 games for Warner Robins and the team won 29 of them.

Wood was such an outstanding quarterback at Arlington that when the all-district team was picked, he was placed at quarterback and Hurst-Bell's Scott Hill was moved to a running back position.

Despite the loss, SMU still had the consolation of a SWC co-championship.

Texas built up a 48-39 half-time lead and appeared about to blow the Mustangs out of the gym before forward Clayton Korver got hot. Korver made eight of his 12 points in the Mustang come-from-behind surge before he, too, fouled out.

The Longhorns also lost B. G. Brosterhous to fouls during regulation play.

Texas' zone defense gave the Mustangs trouble during the early going, but the Longhorns were guilty of 15 floor errors to only seven for the Mustangs.

A crowd of 9,200 fans saw Texas shoot 47.2 per cent from the field while the Mustangs shot 44.3 per cent.

Texas outrebounded the short-er Mustangs only 44-43.

SMU was much sharper at the free throw line hitting 19 of 25 attempts while Texas could manage a poor 23 of 38 from the charity stripe.

Robinson led all rebounders with 12, while Triplett had 11 for SMU.

Gladding wants to be a champ

COCOA, Fla. (AP)—Houston Astros relief pitcher Fred "Flintstone" Gladding figures the Astros have a shot at a pennant this season—he just hopes he'll be part of it.

The 35-year-old reliever may have competition for a spot on the team this year from Jim York, traded away from Kansas City, who is 10-years younger than Gladding.

"If I throw the ball good, I can help the ball club," Gladding said. "This ball club has a chance to win it all this year, and I feel like my experience can help in a crucial situation."

Gladding says this is the best Astro team since he's been with Houston.

"My big asset has been to get the ball over the plate," Gladding said. "I don't care how hard you throw, you can't pitch behind these guys up here."

Gladding used only two pitches, fast ball and slider, last year, but in 48 games he did not give up a home run.

No other pitcher in the league pitched as many innings or as many games as he did without having a home run hit off him.

"I think I'm going to be here when the season starts, but I may be wrong," Gladding said. "If I'm wrong, I'll just have to go out and get a job. I never have done anything but play baseball."

A&M wrestlers victorious in weekend dual meets

In a double dual meet Saturday, the A&M wrestlers defeated both Latourneau (42-9) and Stephen F. Austin (48-6).

Neither of the opponents had a full team, and, as a result, the Aggies received nine forfeits.

Against Stephen F. Austin, Glen Burt (118) and Jerry Jeanes (126) both lost by 3-0 decisions. J. P. Jones (134) and Jim Rike (heavyweight) both won by pinning their opponents. The other six weight classes were forfeited by Stephen F. Austin, giving A&M the 48-6 victory.

In action against Latourneau, the first two weight classes were

forfeits. Jones again defeated his opponent by pinning him. Lana Rutherford (142) won by a 3-0 decision. Andy Beck (158) pinned his opponent, and Mike Trahan (167) won by a 6-0 decision. Ray Shepherd (177) was defeated by a pin, and Dub Hurst (191) lost a 3-0 decision. Rike rounded out the action with a pin. He and Jones were the only double winners of the day.

The next and final action for the A&M wrestlers will be against Stephen F. Austin this Friday. There is a possibility that the team will wrestle the Class A intramural wrestling team.

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