

Aggies use bat to whip Lamar twice

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The Aggie baseball team let loose with 21 hits, while A&M pitchers allowed two runs in a doubleheader sweep over Lamar University here Tuesday, to bring the season record to 8-4. The Aggies won 2-1 and 6-1. A&M never trailed in either game, and five pitchers were used in the sixteen innings. The Cardinals hit safely 12 times in the twinbill.

Jackie Binks was the winner in the first contest, going five innings and yielding four hits in blanking the Redbirds. The sophomore southpaw struck out three and did not walk a batter. He was relieved by Bobby Wittkamp, who gave up one run and three hits.

The Aggies got their two runs in the third inning. With one out, Binks reached first on a misplayed ground ball, taking second as a result of the error. First baseman Butch Ghutzman drove him home with a base hit. Jim

Atterbury forced Ghutzman at second, but the left fielder came home on R. J. Englert's fourth triple of the season.

Lamar got a tally across in the sixth frame when Greg Carpenter and Gary Wendlet sandwiched singles around a pair of fly balls, and then executed a double steal. Carpenter scored when Aggie shortstop Mike Schraeder bobbled a ground ball by Mike Kuecker.

Binks threw 49 pitches during his five inning stint. His record is 1-1, with Coach Tom Chandler counting on him to work as the third starter in conference series behind Bruce Katt and Charles Kelley.

In the second game, nine strikeouts and two double plays kept the Cardinals from capitalizing on five hits and eight walks given up by A&M pitchers during the nine-inning affair. Englert pounded out four hits in four times at bat to lead a barrage that produced base runners in all but one inning.

Karl Bystrom stroked a pair of doubles, while relief pitcher Charlie Jenkins helped his own cause with three consecutive singles, as 15 A&M hits made the going easy all the way.

Starter Steve Janda went the first four innings, giving up one hit. The junior right hander walked six Cardinals and fanned four. Jenkins came in for 4 1/2 frames, allowing four hits and Lamar's only run. The right hander struck out five and walked two.

Jenkins made his first appearance of the year, having recently completed duty with the A&M basketball team. He was steady until the last inning, when two hits, a walk, a fielder's choice and a pair of wild pitches added up to a run for the Redbirds.

The Aggies got on the board early, scoring twice in the second inning on a double by Bystrom and singles by Carroll Lilly and Jim Langford. With Jim Atterbury on first in the third

frame, Englert ripped a screaming drive down the left field line. Atterbury scored, but Englert was ruled out for failing to touch second base. This made Jim Hacker's double a waste, as Bystrom fanned to end the inning.

Englert drove in a run in the fifth when Atterbury got on via a fielder's choice and stole second. Englert hit a single to right-center, bringing home the fourth A&M tally.

Bystrom doubled to left-center to begin the sixth, taking third on an infield out by Schraeder. Langford lofted a sacrifice fly to center field to score the junior right fielder.

The seventh frame gave the Aggies their last marker when Jenkins singled to right. He moved around on a wild pitch and a base rap by Ghutzman to close the run production by A&M.

Southwest Conference play begins this weekend when the Aggies host the Texas Christian Horned Frogs in a doubleheader

Friday and a single game Saturday. Friday's twinbill will be a seven-inning game at 1:00, followed by a nine-inning contest. Saturday's nine-inning affair starts at 2:00.

First game
Lamar 0 0 0 0 1 0 -1
A&M 0 0 2 0 0 0 x-2
Winning pitcher—Jackie Binks (1-1); Losing pitcher—Mike Hughes.

Hits—A&M 6, Lamar 7. Errors—A&M 3, Lamar 3. LOB—A&M 8, Lamar 8. Doubles—A&M 0, Lamar 1 (Mike Kuecker). Triples—A&M 1 (R. J. Englert), Lamar 0. Double plays—(Lamar) Greg Carpenter-Mark Shumbera.

Second game
Lamar 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1
A&M 0 2 1 0 1 1 1 0 x-6
Winning pitcher—Steve Janda (2-0); Losing pitcher—Ricky Leedy.

Hits—A&M 15, Lamar 5. Errors—none. LOB—A&M 7, Lamar 11. Doubles—A&M 3 (Karl Bystrom 2, Jim Hacker), Lamar 0. Double plays—(A&M) Jim Langford-Butch Ghutzman, Mike Schraeder - Langford - Ghutzman; (Lamar) Gary Klingman-Joe Wolfskill - Shumbera, Wolfskill - Klingman-Shumbera.



FIRST BASEMAN BUTCH GHUTZMAN prepares to take a throw in a pickoff attempt in Tuesday's doubleheader with Lamar University. The Aggies swept the twinbill, downing the Cardinals 2-1 and 6-1. A&M is at home

Friday and Saturday for a three-game series with Texas Christian. These games will mark the opening of Southwest Conference play for A&M, now 8-4 for the year. (Photo by Joe Hughes)

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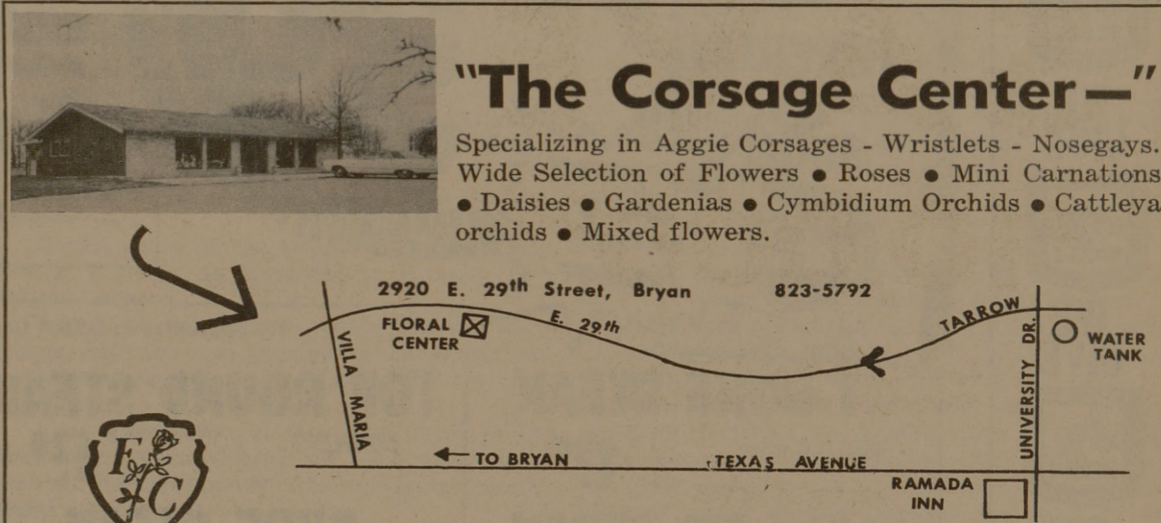
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