

Aggies win two out of three from SMU Mustangs

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The Aggies and the Southern Methodist Mustangs switched roles in Dallas Friday and Saturday, with SMU making the errors the first day and getting the hits the next and A&M pounding the ball in the doubleheader and fumbling it during the single contest.

Aggie batters connected for 22 hits Friday, while SMU added seven fielding miscues. Saturday, the Ponies turned it around, getting 12 base raps. A&M made three errors in the final game

of the series. The Aggies won 6-0 and 8-4 Friday, and they lost 8-3 Saturday. Five of SMU's eight runs were unearned.

Bruce Katt and Charlie Kelley were the winning pitchers Friday in Coach Tom Chandler's unusual twist of strategy. Chandler decided on the starting pitchers according to SMU's hurlers on the theory that Katt, a left handed batter, could hit a right hander, and Kelley, who swings from the other side, would be more effective against a southpaw.

Not only did the two seniors turn in fine pitching performances, they proved Chandler's reasoning to be sound. Katt got two hits in three times at bat, scoring twice and driving in a run. Kelley connected for A&M's first home run of the season off a

left-handed relief pitcher.

In the first game, a hit batsman, a wild pitch and a base hit gave Katt an early lead in the first inning. In the fourth, a charity run added to the margin. R. J. Englert hit a ground ball to first baseman Reuben Triplett, the all-conference basketball player. The ball glanced off Triplett's glove for a two-base error. Jim Hacker, who later was hit by a pitch and did not play the rest of the weekend, popped up, but Englert moved to third when no one was covering the base. He scored on a wild pitch.

In the fifth, Jim Langford got a base hit, moved to second on an infield out, and scored on Katt's single to right. The pitcher scored on Butch Ghutzman's double, and a similar drive by Englert brought him in. Katt scored again

in the ninth after getting a base hit and moving to second on an error and to third on a fielder's choice. Englert brought him home with an infield single.

The Aggies didn't slow up in the second game, picking up two runs in each of the first, third, fourth and fifth innings. An error, a base hit and a passed ball put Ghutzman and Englert on second and third, and a single up the middle by Sandy Bate gave the third baseman two of his five runs batted in.

Two innings later, Bate slammed a double to left center to bring in Jim Atterbury and Englert, and a single the next inning scored Atterbury again. Kelley led off the fourth by hitting a 2-2 fast ball over the right-center field fence.

Catcher Mike Frazier got his

first college hit in the sixth when he duplicated Kelley's feat, driving a one-strike slider to the same place his pitcher had. With Langford on with a base hit at the time, the homer ended A&M's scoring.

Saturday promised to be another good day when the 5-6 Langford poled a non-breaking pitch over the left field fence with Gene Reinartz and Carroll Lilly on base. After that, SMU pitcher Pete Stare would allow only six Aggies to get on base, as the Pony ace posted his third victory of the year.

The Mustangs knocked starter Jackie Binks out of the box in the third with three runs on four consecutive singles. SMU pushed two more across in the fifth when Bate's error, a base hit and a double steal set up a pair of runs

batted in on a hit to right by Roy Burroughs.

Englert kept his batting streak alive Saturday by hitting safely in his twelfth consecutive game, and the home run increased Langford's string to nine. Englert got five hits over the weekend, with Bate contributing four. Ghutzman, Lilly and Langford had three each. Big guns for SMU were Astroth and Silverthorn, who had four hits each in 10 trips to the plate.

Friday
First game
A&M 1 0 0 1 3 0 1 — 6
SMU 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0
Winning pitcher—Bruce Katt (3-2); Losing pitcher—Lynn Humphries.

Hits—A&M 9, SMU 6. Errors—A&M 0, SMU 3. LOB—A&M 5, SMU 8. Doubles—A&M 3 (Butch Ghutzman, R. J. Englert, Carroll

Lilly), SMU 0. Double plays (A&M) Langford, unassisted.

Second game
A&M 2 0 2 2 0 0 0 — 6
SMU 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 3
Winning pitcher—Charlie Kelley (3-3); Losing pitcher—A. Widen.

Hits—A&M 13, SMU 8. Errors—A&M 0, SMU 4. LOB—A&M 11, SMU 7. Doubles—A&M 1 (Sandy Bate), SMU 0. Home runs—A&M 2 (Kelley, Mike Frazier), SMU 1 (Jon Dooley).

Saturday
A&M 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 — 3
SMU 0 0 3 0 2 1 0 2 — 8
Winning pitcher—Pete Stare; Losing pitcher—Steve Janda (1-1).

Hits—A&M 6, SMU 12. Errors—A&M 3, SMU 3. LOB—A&M 8, SMU 10. Doubles—A&M 1 (SMU 1 (Larry Jones), Home runs—A&M 1 (Langford), SMU 0.



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Netters visit TCU after weekend losses

A&M's tennis team will zoom into Southwest Conference action this afternoon against Texas Christian in Fort Worth at 1:30. The weekend's activity did not prove favorable to the Aggies, who go into conference action with a 10-8 dual meet record.

A&M was entered in the Rice Invitational tourney but did not score a point as all Aggie players were ousted in the first round.

In the first round, Luis Baraldi, Lamar, defeated Dan Courson, 6-1, 6-3; Karl Coombes, Oklahoma City, defeated Bill Wright, 6-0, 6-4; Bob McKinley, Trinity, defeated Dickie Fikes, 6-4, 6-3; Ken McMillen, Pan American, defeated Bill Hoover, 7-5, 6-4; Baynton and Hess of Oklahoma defeated Wright and Hoover, 6-4, 6-3; and

Hashav and Hardy of Arizona defeated Fikes and Courson, 7-6, 6-3.

In the second ranked first round, Jere Mills of A&M defeated Gary Williams, Amarillo, 6-1, 6-4; Lawton Park, A&M, defeated Charles Cole, Houston, 6-3, 6-0; Mike Mills, A&M, defeated Jerry Tiler, Amarillo, 6-1, 6-3; Tommy Connell, A&M, defeated Charles Milton, Prairie View, 6-2, 6-1; Kermit Smith, A&M, defeated William Clayton, Northwestern, 6-2, 6-0; and Mike Mills, A&M, defeated Salazar Izquido, Odessa, 7-5, 6-4.

In doubles action of that round, Park and Jere Mill defeated Moritz and Patrino, Columbia, 6-4, 6-4; and Connell and Mike Mills

A&M golf team is fourth in Austin invitational tourney

After storming to a second place tie after Saturday's second round of the Morris Williams Invitational golf tournament, the Aggies dropped to a ten over par 298 Sunday, finishing in the fourth spot in the annual Austin affair.

Saturday's round of two-over par 290 left the Aggies tied with Houston and SMU for the runner-up spot with Steve Veriato's three-under 69 and Tommy Shelton's one-under 71.

The feat could not be duplicated in Sunday's action as Shelton soared to a five-over round of 77 while Veriato shot a fine round of 70. Tommy Gilbert shot a 74 and Bill Schmidt toured the links at 77 to finish the round's scoring.

Veriato's three round total of 211 (five under par) won him a tie for runner-up honors as the meet's medalist with Texas' Tom Kite. Ben Crenshaw took medalist honors with a record seven-under 209 for the Longhorns.

Texas won the team trophy with an aggregate score of 14-under par 850 followed by Houston at 870, Oklahoma State with an 877 and A&M fourth with an 880. SMU finished at fifth with 883 to round out the top five teams in the fifteen team meet.

In winning, all four Texas golfers shot par or better for the entire tournament.

Individual A&M scores were Veriato, 72, 69, 70 for his 211 mark; Tommy Shelton, 72, 72, 74 for 220; Tommy Gilbert, 74, 74, 74 for 222; and Bill Schmidt, 75, 77 for 226. Randy Ticker also accompanied the team but his scores were not included as only the top four players of each team counted for honors.

The Aggies next scheduled links action will be April 12 when they compete in the America Invitational in Houston.

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Three school records are broken during national championship meet

The NCAA swimming season officially ended last weekend with the NCAA championships which were held at the nation's army academy, West Point.

A&M qualified four swimmers and a relay for the five-day affair which ended Saturday with Indiana, USC and UCLA being the top three finishers.

Although the Aggies failed to score in the competition, the four-some did manage to set three new school marks. Ten American and 11 NCAA records were also broken by such stars as Jerry Heidenreich of SMU and Mark Spitz of Indiana.

Aggie co-captain Steve Prentice set an A&M record in the 200 yard backstroke with 1:58.7, bettering his previous conference effort by one-tenth of a second.

Freshman Doug Meaden broke the old Ag mark in the 1000 yard freestyle with 10:12 while swimming the 1,650 yard freestyle in national competition.

The 800 yard freestyle relay team of Eric Wolff, Lester Hamann, Prentice and Meaden broke the old school record in that event by a second with a time of 7:11.8.

LA Lakers begin playoffs for NBA championship tonight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The record-setting Los Angeles Lakers open their bid for their first National Basketball Association title since they came West when they start playoffs against Chicago's Bulls tonight.

In closing their regular season with a 124-98 victory over Seattle, the Lakers won their 69th game, eclipsing by one the record of the 1967 Philadelphia 76ers.

The finale also was the 81st time the Lakers had scored more than 100 points, another NBA record.

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