

Aggies win two from Cougar

By JOHN CURYLO

Substitute right fielder Gene Reinartz blasted a two-out, bases loaded single to right in the ninth inning of a scheduled seven inning game Tuesday night to give the Aggies a 2-1 win over the Houston Cougars.

A&M won the first game of the doubleheader, 2-0, behind the three-hit pitching of Jim Wallace. The victories brought the Aggies to 21-8 for the season.

Senior center fielder R. J. Englert kept his hitting streak alive, extending the string to 21 consecutive games. He had a fine night in Travis Park, getting three hits, one walk, two runs batted in and two stolen bases in seven times at bat. Englert waited until his last time up in the first game to get a hit, but he began the second contest with base raps in his first two trips.

Other leading batters in the 16-hit barrage were Butch Ghutzman, Jim Hacker and Sandy Bate. Ghutzman got four hits in six times at bat. In addition, he walked once and got on because of catcher's interference. He scored a run in the first inning of the second game after opening with a double. His pinch runner, John Woods, scored the winning run in the ninth.

Hacker officially was three-for-three, but he got on base all eight times he batted in the twin-bill. The sophomore third baseman, hitting in the clean-up position, walked five times and scored the first run of the opener. Bate had two hits in six times up. He walked once and was hit by a pitch.

Wallace pitched a fine game in posting his second consecutive shutout and the sixth for Aggie pitchers this season. He threw to 25 batters, allowing three to get on with base hits and having one error committed. The first three

base runners made it to second, two by sacrifices and one with a stolen base.

The sophomore southpaw struck out three and walked none. He threw 74 pitches, with only 24 of them being balls. The three hits and three fly ball outs to right were the only balls hit out of the infield.

The Aggies couldn't produce off Cougar hurler Tom Ball until the fourth inning. Hacker, Bate and Karl Bystrom began the second with consecutive base hits, but no runs came across.

Hacker doubled to left in the fourth, and he moved to second on a single by Bate. Bystrom grounded into a double play, but Hacker scored the game's first run.

Seven Aggies went to the plate in the fifth, but the result was one lone run. Mike Frazier got a hit and advanced to second on a passed ball. Wallace struck out and Ghutzman flew to center, but Mike Schraeder walked. Englert ended the suspense created by his hitting streak by blasting a shot off the third baseman's glove, scoring Frazier.

Englert stole second and Hacker walked, but Ball got out of the jam by getting Bate to ground out. Two base hits and a pair of walks in the inning produced one run and left three men on base.

In the second game, Ghutzman doubled, moved to second on Englert's base hit to give the Aggies an early lead. Cougar pitcher Johnny Hatcher responded by shutting A&M out for the next eight innings.

Charlie Jenkins allowed only two hits, but he walked five in the six innings he pitched. Houston scored on a pair of walks and a base hit. The right hander pitched himself out of trouble by leaving the bases loaded in the fourth

and men on first and third in the sixth. Jackie Binks threw three hitless relief innings to get the win.

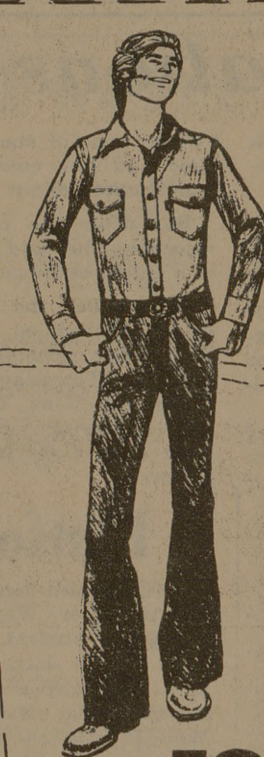
The Aggies came close to winning it in the bottom of the seventh, but with the bases loaded, Reinartz grounded out to first. He redeemed himself two innings later after Ghutzman got a hit. Woods, running for the senior first baseman, was sacrificed to second by Schraeder. Englert was walked intentionally, and Hacker worked his way on with a base

on balls to set up the

clout.

	First game
UH	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
A&M	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0
	Winning pitcher—Jim (2-0); losing pitcher—Tom
	Hits—A&M 9, UH 3
	Second game
UH	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
A&M	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Winning pitcher—Jack (4-2); losing pitcher—Hatcher.
	Hits—A&M 7, UH 2

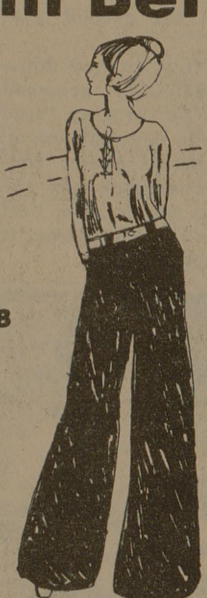
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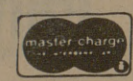
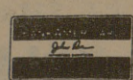


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