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Aggies face Raiders in SWC series

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The A&M baseball team makes the long journey to Lubbock today for a weekend series with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

With a Southwest Conference record of 5-4, the Aggies need to do something Friday and Saturday that they have not accomplished this spring—sweep a league series. Thus far, A&M has played three SWC opponents, beating Southern Methodist and Baylor two out of three each and losing the opening doubleheader to Texas Christian before winning the final contest.

Coach Tom Chandler will go with Bruce Katt in one of Friday's games, with the other starts going to Steve Janda, Jim Wallace or Jackie Binks. The lat-

ter two were the winners in Tuesday's doubleheader win over the Houston Cougars.

The lineup for A&M will have Butch Ghutzman at first base, Jim Langford at second, Carroll Lilly at shortstop and Jim Hacker at third. Outfielders will be Sandy Bate, R. J. Englert and Gene Reinartz, with Karl Bystrom and Jim Atterbury ready for substitute duty. Tommy Hawthorne and Mike Frazier will share catching chores.

Englert has hit safely now in the last 21 games. In the 29 games this season, he has hit safely in 26 contests.

Tech has had some rough going this season, although the Raiders were expected to challenge for the title. Their biggest

threat is pitcher Ruben Garcia. A junior from Brownfield, he was 8-2 last year, 4-1 in conference play.

Other top pitchers for Tech are Doug Ault and Larry Knight. Ault was 2-1 in conference last year, and Knight was 2-2. Knight pitched 27 league innings, giving up only six walks in that time.

The leading hitters back from last season are Ault, .369, who doubles as a first baseman, Barry Hoffpaur, .351, the shortstop, outfielder Bobby Lewis, .333, outfielder Cecil Norris, .300, and second baseman Bobby Martindale, .270.

The series will be broadcast over KORA Radio, 1240, beginning at 1:00 Friday and Saturday.

The Aggies go to Houston Tuesday. They play a conference series with Rice next weekend before going to Austin April 23-29 to close the season against the Texas Longhorns.

Bird, Dubcak shine in drill

Defensive ends Max Bird and James Dubcak received special praise Wednesday as the Aggies romped through one of their best workouts of spring football training.

Defensive ends coach Pug Gabrel said he thought that Bird, from Amarillo Tascosa and Dubcak, from Giddings, both had exceptional practices.

Although they didn't single out any players, defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson and offensive coordinator Ben Hurt both were lavish in praising their units following practice.

"I thought the defense all the way around—the line, the linebackers and the secondary—had a darn good day," Robertson said.

Here's the way the first units lined up Wednesday:

Offense — Mike Keese, split end; Mike Park, left tackle; Todd Christopher, left guard; Skip Kuehn, center; Buster Callaway, right guard; Ralph Sacra, right tackle; Homer May, tight end; Don Dean, quarterback; Mark Green, left halfback; Brad Dusek, fullback; John Bounds, right halfback.

Defense — Max Bird, left end;

Boice Best, left tackle; Bill Bold, right tackle; James Dugan, right end; Dennis Castro, strongside linebacker; Gary Hoermann, middle linebacker; Kent Finley, weakside linebacker; Corky Sheffield, left back; Dwight LaBaue, left halfback; Robert Murski, right back and Larry Ellis, right halfback.

Injured A&M tracksters compile competitive marks

Although having gone through a spring of numerous injuries, A&M's track team has accomplished many impressive marks thus far in Southwest Conference rankings.

A&M's mark of 40.8 in the 440-yard relay is the second fastest time of any conference school. The team is made up of Gerald D'Ambrosio, Billy Porter, Steve Barre and Donny Rogers.

Another top mark is held by A&M's Marvin Mills in the 220-

yard dash in a time of 21.1.

In the 100-yard dash Barre and Billy Porter are tied for the best time of a wind-aided 9.4.

Willie Blackmon and Horace Grant have the best times in the 880-yd run with 1:50.7 and 1:50.9 respectively.

Doug Brodhead, freshman from Lafayette, La., who has been injured the past three weeks holds the second best conference time of 47.6 in the 440-yard dash. UT's Ed Wright holds the lead with a 47.3.

Phil McGuire is tied for third in the high jump with 6-10. Wyatt Tompkins of Texas and Gary Kafer of Baylor hold the first two places with a 7-1 and 7-0 respectively.

Scotty Jones, freshman from Houston Elmore, is now tied for the lead after his 13.8 preliminary time in the Texas Relays for the 120-yard high hurdles. Edgar Harvey is in third place.

In the pole vault, Harold McMahan holds third place with a jump of 16-0 which is behind Gary Roberts of Rice with a 17-6 and Bill Smalley of Texas with a 16-1.

A&M's mile relay team, made up of Robert Brew, Grant, Blackmon and Alan Swagerty have the third fastest time with a 3:12.9. Texas leads the league with a 3:10.2.

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