

Aggies split twinbill with Cougars

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The Aggies coughed up a five-run lead Tuesday to drop the second game of a doubleheader to the Houston Cougars 6-5 after winning the opener 11-0.

Hits were plentiful in the first game, but only nine safeties were totalled in the nightcap, which was marred by walks, errors and wild pitches.

The split made A&M 24-10 for the season. The Aggies are 7-5 in Southwest Conference play. They are tied for third place with the Rice Owls, who visit Kyle Field for a three-game series this weekend. The last home twinbill for the Cougars left them with a 23-21-1 mark for the year with four more to go.

The Aggies got an easy run in each of the first two innings to take an early lead in the first game. Carroll Lilly was on first after getting a base hit. A force try on a ground ball was dropped, moving him to second. A fielder's choice got him to third, and he scored on another mishandling of a ground ball.

In the second, Karl Bystrom

doubled to left center field. He pulled a muscle in running to second, but the throw from the outfield was wide and out of play. Since Bystrom had stepped off second, it was ruled that he could have the base he was going to plus one. That tally made it 2-0.

A&M earned its runs in the fourth when a base hit, a fielder's choice and a walk loaded the bases. Second baseman Jim Langford hit a one strike slider over the left field fence for a grand slam home run. It was the second round tripper of the year for the 5-6 senior.

In the next inning, back-to-back base hits by Jim Hacker and Gene Reinartz set up a three-run homer by Sandy Bate. The fiery left fielder stepped into a fast ball and sent it to the same spot Langford hit his blast.

The Aggies closed out the scoring in the top of the seventh with another pair of unearned runs. Hacker doubled and Reinartz walked. With one out, an error on a ground ball loaded the bases. Mike Frazier grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring Hacker. A wild pitch brought Reinartz

home.

Steve Janda kept the Cougars quiet throughout the game, hurling a there-hitter. No Houston runners were able to reach third base, and the first hit was not given up until the fourth inning. Janda walked three and hit one batter. The second and seventh innings were the only ones in which two runners were on base.

The second game looked like more of the same, with the Cougars getting one hit in the first five innings. A&M picked up a run in the second when Reinartz was hit by a pitch. He went to third on a hit and run and scored on Langford's safety squeeze bunt.

In the fourth inning, Jim Atterbury doubled. A walk to Hacker preceded another beaming of Reinartz to load the bases. Bate grounded into a force play to score Atterbury.

Another force by Langford brought Hacker home, and Langford stole second. He got into a rundown between second and third when the attempt to throw him out went into the outfield. The Houston shortstop, Tony Black,

threw the ball away, leaving Langford on third.

Tommy Hawthorne walked and stole second, putting men on second and third with two out. Starting pitcher Charlie Jenkins teed off on a drive to left center field, clearing the bases.

Jenkins looked good in his four-inning stint, allowing one hit and two bases on balls. The right hander struck out four with his side-armed style. He let one man on in each of the second, third and fourth innings, but two of the runners got on after two were out.

Bobby Wittkamp came in in the fifth frame and set the side down in order. He lost control in the sixth, though, walking the first two men and getting the next to hit into a fielder's choice. He walked the next batter and gave up two straight base hits to push in three runs.

Mike Reaves pitched part of the seventh and was tagged with the loss. He gave up a walk and a base hit, then booted a sacrifice attempt to load the bases. Jackie Binks gave up a base hit to score

two of the Cougars, and a wild pitch brought the winning run in with little effort on Houston's part.

R. J. Englert missed the doubleheader with a strained muscle in the arch of his foot. The senior center fielder is expected to be ready for the Rice series this weekend.

The Aggies host the Owls in a 1:00 doubleheader Friday and a single game scheduled for noon Saturday. The early start of the third game is a result of the 3:00 Maroon-White game which ends football spring training.

First game
A&M 1 1 0 4 3 0 2-11
UH 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Winning pitcher—Steve Janda (4-1); losing pitcher—Steve Brewer.

Hits—A&M 11, UH 3. Errors—A&M 0, UH 5. LOB—A&M 4, UH 6. Doubles—A&M 2 (Karl Bystrom, Jim Hacker). Home runs—A&M 2 (Sandy Bate, Jim Langford). Double plays—(A&M) Carroll Lilly-Butch Gutzman; (UH) Tony Black-Russell Schroeder-Bill McLain.

Second game
A&M 0 1 0 4 0 0 0-5
UH 0 0 0 0 0 3 3-6
Winning pitcher—Dan Chambers; losing pitcher—Mike Reaves (0-1).

Hits—A&M 4, UH 5. Errors—A&M 1, UH 3. LOB—A&M 4, UH 6. Doubles—A&M 1 (Jim Atterbury). Triples—A&M 1 (Charlie Jenkins).

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Smith overcomes setbacks to win mile run Saturday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three years of agony with injuries. Not knowing if his legs had anything left. The tension of starting all over again.

Tracy Smith's mind teemed with thoughts of past victories as he stood at the starting line. It was his first race in so long he'd forgotten the last one.

"The pressure was unbearable," said the blond Los Angeles policeman.

He jogged back from the starting line, to loosen up.

"I just wanted to quit right there, walk off and say the hell with it. I was scared," he said.

Bang! The race was on and four minutes 5.5 seconds later the mile race at UCLA last Saturday was over with Smith excitedly breaking the tape.

A 1968 Olympian and once the indoor world record holder at three miles, Smith had recovered from a series of stiff setbacks to make a return to the track and, he hopes, a shot at another Olympics. The time wasn't great but at 4:05.5, Smith came within two seconds of his career best—"and I haven't even trained hard. This

is the most exciting thing that's happened to me in years."

"I think I'm one of the strongest distance runners in the world but I'm not very quick so this time is very encouraging," said the 27-year-old who was 10th in the 1968 Olympics 10,000-meter run at Mexico City.

How was it last Saturday?

"I was tight. My legs felt like lead," he said. "I had just suffered another injury—just like the other ones—and I was depressed, worried this was it, that I was really through. It nearly blew my mind."

"Then I started thinking of some of my victories—like when I ran 13:16 for the world indoor record at three miles in 1967. And I remembered that just before that race, I had also suffered an injury and felt lousy."

"So I just went back to the starting line and decided to give it a try."

Smith, who once attended Oregon State University, says he's pointing for the 5,000-meter race at Munich in September.

"The mile felt like a sprint to me but it showed me I can run with anybody in a longer race," he said.

He's finally shaking off the effects of numerous left Achilles tendon injuries and says, "if I can stay free of pain this year, watch out."

Wayman Walker signs with A&M

A&M announced Tuesday that it has signed Wayman Walker, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound All-America junior college safety from New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N. M.

Walker, who played high school football at Roswell High, signed a Southwest Conference agreement with A&M assistant John Paul Young in Roswell and said he would sign a national letter today.

SWC standings

Team	W	L
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