THE BATTALION

Ags host Rice in last-chance baseball series

and first place TCU each have

man, in the top 22. He is ninth

The starting lineup for the Ag-gies will include Ghutzman at

first, Jim Langford at second,

Carroll Lilly or Mike Schraeder at

shortstop and Hacker at third.

The outfield will consist of Bate

or Jim Atterbury in left, Englert

in center, and Gene Reinarz or

Karl Bystrom in right. Tommy

Hawthorne will share catching

Coach Tom Chandler will choose

the starter for the first game

from several prospects. Charlie

Jenkins looked good in four in-

nings Tuesday against the Uni-

versity of Houston. Steve Janda

has been effective in non-confer-

ence games, hurling a no-hitter

against Air Force and a three-

hitter against the Cougars, but

he has not done well in his SWC

appearances. Jim Wallace or

Jackie Binks may get the nod

Royal displeased

with UT workout

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach

Darrell Royal said the Longhorn

spring football scrimmage Wed-

nesday was the poorest he had

seen in his career at the school.

He called the squad together for

a long lecture before he dismissed

"I'm starting my 16th year at Texas and I think that's as sorry

a scrimmage as I've seen," Royal

said. "No aggression. It was like

throwing two wool socks together.

You couldn't hear anything. It

Sophomore-to-be Mike Presley

quarterbacked the No. 1 team

against the No. 1 defense to

only two touchdowns in nine

tries. First-string quarterback Alan Lowery was hospitalized with an infected elbow from an

Halfback Don Burrisk ran six

yards for a touchdown to com-

plete a five-play, 60-yard drive.

The other TD came on Tommy

Landry's 60-yard burst up the

No. 2 offense to only one TD in

six tries. Steve Fleming scored

Adrian Ford quarterbacked the

wasn't bad. It was pitiful."

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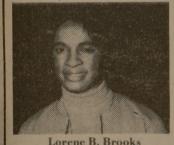
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The Texas Aggies get a last shot at being a contender for the Southwest Conference baseball crown this weekend when they host the Rice Owls in a threegame series at Kyle Field. Now 7-5 in league play, A&M is tied with the Houston school

By JOHN CURYLO

for the loop's third place standing. Texas Christian, which beat the Aggies two out of three games to open SWC play, leads



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the conference with a 9-3 mark. The Texas Longhorns, defending champions, are in second place

four are Aggies. Last place Tech at 8-4. three of their players among the Texas visits the Horned Frogs' leaders, while Baylor and SMU home grounds of Fort Worth this Friday and Saturday. The Aggies have two each. Rice has only one player, shortstop Sheldon Kauftravel to Austin next weekend for what could be the title showdown.

For A&M to win conference, it will be necessary for TCU to lose at least three of the six games they play against Texas and Southern Methodist. In addition, the Aggies must keep from losing any of the last six contests. Thus far, A&M has not swept a series.

The Aggies boast some potent hitting in SWC action, much of the statistics being the result of the 26-hit performance against Texas Tech last weekend. A&M

is second in team batting, with Texas leading the league. Senior center fielder R. J. Englert leads the SWC in hitting, breaking a tie with Texas third baseman David Chalk. Englert has a .462 average going into this weekend's action. He is hitting .450 for the year, including a 24game hitting streak. Englert has hit in all 12 of the league games this year, and should he continue

that string through the Rice series, he will tie an SWC record. Englert has 24 league hits in 52 trips to the plate. He is first in hits, tied for third in doubles, tied for fifth in runs batted in

and tied for fifth in runs scored. As a team, the Aggies are hitting .296 in league play. They are second in runs scored (78), second in hits (125), second in runs batted in (61) and third in doubles (17). Texas leads in all these categories with a .329 average, 91 runs, 131 hits, 80 runs batted

in and 24 doubles. Other Aggies among the top SWC hitters are third baseman

Jim Hacker, who is fifth at .406, first baseman Butch Ghutzman, who is tied for thirteenth with left fielder Sandy Bate at .333.

James' hurt leg better Wednesday

The Texas Aggies zipped through their 18th spring football training session Wednesday and quarterback Lex James said his leg felt great.

"It was much better today than it was yesterday," said the Houston senior who missed 11 drills because of a pulled hamstring muscle.

"It was a good workout," Coach Emory Bellard told the squad. "Now I want all of you to point all your thinking toward Saturday afternoon's game."

The Aggies will work again Thursday and then will be off Friday.

SWC standings Team

Of the 22 top hitters in the also. league, seven are Longhorns and

Rice's claim to fame this season has been a three-game sweep of the Texas Longhorns in Houston two weeks ago. The Owls

sport a pair of fine pitchers in the Pettit brothers, David and Mike. The Galena Park products rank seventh and eighth among league hurlers.

David, a senior, is 2-1 with a A&M pitchers Bruce Katt and 3.96 ERA. He has given up 31 Charlie Kelley are fourth and hits, 11 runs and 13 walks in 25 sixth, respectively. Katt is 3-1, innings. He has struck out 12. with a 0.87 earned run average. Mike, a sophomore, is 3-2 with a 0.26 ERA. He has allowed 13 Kelley is 2-1 in conference games, and he has an ERA of 3.60. The hits, two runs and 15 walks in seniors are tied for fifth in SWC 35 innings. He has 29 strikeouts strikeouts. Katt will start the nine-inning nightcap Friday, while Kelley is expected to pitch to his credit, second in the league.

This will be the final home header starts at 1:00, with the series for the Aggies, who close Saturday game beginning at noon out the regular season in Austin because of the 3:00 Maroon-White next weekend. Friday's doublefootball game.



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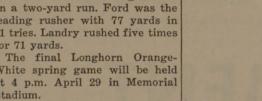
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