

Aggies split twinbill with Rice Owls

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The Texas Aggies rode the wave of triumph in the first game of a doubleheader with Rice Monday, as Charlie Kelley threw a sterling two-hitter at the Owls, but A&M couldn't maintain the momentum, dropping the nightcap, 6-1.

The two teams complete their Southwest Conference series today at 3:00 at Kyle Field. Both are 8-6 in league play. Texas and Texas Christian are tied for the lead at 10-5.

Kelley was superb in baffling the Owls. The senior right hander allowed only two men to get on base, both of them in the fifth inning. With two outs and a perfect game on the line, a slow roller and a freak blooper gave Rice its only threat of the contest.

The Aggie hurler threw 70 pitches in the seven-inning game. He faced 23 batters and threw only 22 balls. He struck out clean-up man Tommy Lassiter three times, his only fannings of the game.

Kelley set down the Owls with four fly balls to the outfield, the eight ground balls and six pop ups to the infield and the trio of strikeouts.

His opponent, David Pettit, put on a pretty good show, too, allowing seven hits and walking

one. The Aggies' hits were spread out, as Pettit faced 25 batters. In six innings, he threw 69 pitches, with 21 of them being balls.

A&M gets its runs in the sixth inning when R. J. Englert got a base hit and was sacrificed to second. He moved to third on an infield out and scored on a wild pitch. Karl Bystrom added to that lead four pitches after Englert scored by blasting a 2-2 pitch over the fence in right field. It was his first round tripper of the season.

In the twinbill, Englert kept his hitting streaks alive, going two for two in the first game and one for four in the nightcap. The senior center fielder has hit safely in 26 consecutive appearances going into today's contest. This includes a SWC string of 14. Should he get a hit today, he will tie a record of 15 consecutive league games, set by Mickey Sullivan of Baylor in 1954.

Englert and freshman catcher Tommy Hawthorne led A&M in hitting, each going three for six in the doubleheader. Englert currently is battling Texas third baseman David Chalk for the conference crown in hitting.

The second game was a typical SWC series for the Aggies this year. Week after week, A&M

has looked good in winning a game or two out of the three contests, but the Aggies have been unable to sweep a series.

Rice got off to an early lead, scoring twice in the first inning. Three consecutive base hits, a wild pitch and a pair of passed balls brought two Owls in.

A&M retaliated by going down in order the first two innings. It wasn't until one man was out in the third that Hawthorne got the first hit off Mike Pettit, David's brother.

Rice scored again in the fifth inning on a base hit, a stolen base, an infield out and a long sacrifice fly. The Aggies finally got on the board in the sixth when Hawthorne singled, moved to second on a walk, advanced to third on a double play and scored on a base hit by Carroll Lilly.

The Owls exploded in the eighth, sending nine men to the plate. Charlie Jenkins, pitching in relief of starter Bruce Katt, walked Lassiter, then allowed a base hit after one man was out. He got another to go down swinging, but a walk to first baseman Bobby Potter loaded the bases.

Pettit got a base hit to left center, pushing two runs across. Bobby Wittkamp was brought in to take over the pitching chores,

but his first act was to walk leadoff man Joe Zylka on four pitches to load the bases again. Ted Nowak drove in the final run with a hit to left.

Today's game is the last home appearance for the Aggies. A&M closes out the season this weekend by going to Austin Friday and Saturday for a series with defending champion Texas.

First game
Rice 000 000 0-0
A&M 000 002 x-2
Winning pitcher—Charlie Kelley (5-3); Losing pitcher—David Pettit.

Second game
Rice 200 010 030-6
A&M 000 001 000-1
Winning pitcher—Mike Pettit; Losing pitcher—Bruce Katt (5-3).
Hits—A&M 8, Rice 9. Errors—A&M 2. LOB—A&M 7, Rice 9. Extra base hits—none. Double plays—(Rice) Bryan Boyne-Ted Nowak-Potter, Nowak-Kaufman-Potter.

McCarty joins TCU staff as full-time assistant coach

Former Texas Christian athlete Mickey McCarty has joined the Horned Frog coaching staff as an assistant in basketball, athletic director Abe Martin has announced.

The addition of McCarty brings the TCU cage staff to three. Johnny Swaim is the head coach and Danny Whitt assistant.

McCarty, who served the past season as a student assistant, is regarded as the best all-round athlete ever to attend TCU. He

lettered in both basketball and baseball, leading the Frogs to the Southwest Conference championship in 1968. He was twice all-SWC in both sports.

Highly sought by the pros, he was drafted in all three major sports (football, baseball and basketball). He signed with the Kansas City Chiefs football team and played two seasons with the Chiefs and one with the San Diego Chargers as a tight end before returning to TCU to complete work on his degree.

"Mickey will be a tremendous addition to an already established program," Martin said in making the announcement.

"I am very pleased that Mickey is joining our staff on a full-time basis," Swaim added. "He was a great player for us during his college career and now he will be a great help with his coaching and recruiting abilities."

Tennis team defeats Tech in final conference match

The Texas Aggie tennis team finished up Southwest Conference roundrobin play Friday afternoon by defeating Texas Tech 6-1 and took fourth place conference honors with a 27-15 record.

Coach Omar Smith will now accompany a five-man squad to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete in the SWC singles and doubles championships. Selected to represent the Aggies at the meet will be Dickie Fikes, Billy Hoover, Dan Courson in the singles and Fikes and Bill Wright in one doubles team while Courson and Hoover will form the other.

The team will leave Wednesday for the tournament which is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"We split up our doubles teams

because we haven't been able to win any big matches the way they were paired before," assistant coach Richard Barker said. "We had to make some changes to be competitive in the conference meet."

Against Tech in singles, Fikes was the only Aggie to lose as he was defeated by Tech ace Walter Hammerick, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Tommy Connell kept his undefeated streak going as he beat Tech's Terry Bennett in straight sets 7-6, 6-4.

Courson and Hoover brought their conference records to 5-1 as Courson defeated Tech's Stan Morris in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, and Hoover defeated Tech's Mike Nye in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

In the other singles match, Wright defeated Tech's Jerry Smith in split sets, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles, Fikes and Wright defeated Hammerick and Bennett in straight sets 6-3, 6-2 while Hoover and Courson defeated Nye and Smith in straight sets, 7-6, 6-1.


Tech's Hammerick was the key to Rice's winning its third straight SWC championship when he defeated SMU's top-seeded player, John Gardner. The Mustangs beat the Owls 4-3 but fell behind them by a single game in conference standings after Gardner's defeat.

Texas finished third, one game ahead of the Aggies due to a 4-3 win over A&M in the second to last conference match.

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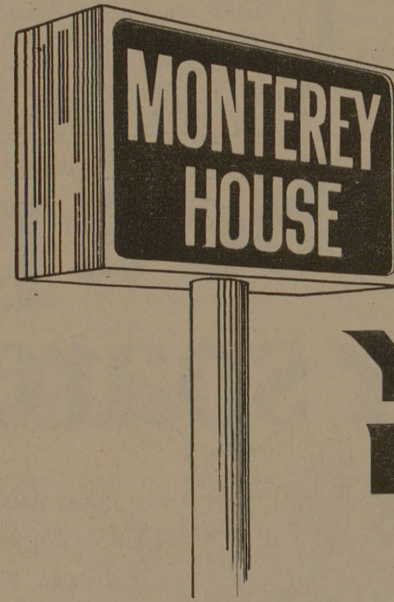
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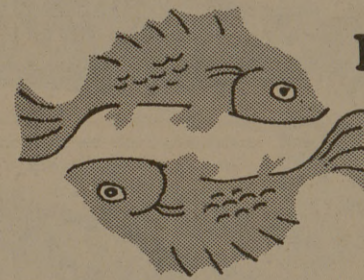


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