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**Injuries, Weather, Hamper Troops**

**Limping Ags Face Rice Owls**

By KEVIN COFFEY  
Assistant Sports Editor

An injury riddled Texas Aggie baseball team limps to Houston this weekend for a crucial three-game series with the Rice Owls. The Aggies are 1-2 in conference play, having dropped a

doubleheader to Texas Tech last weekend and Rice stands 1-1 after splitting with the University of Houston. Neither team can afford to drop any further behind the talented and heavily favored Texas Longhorns in the young SWC race.

this has caused us to lose the edge we had," Chandler explained. "When we came back from Florida we were at our peak but have not been able to hold it because of the rain."

.444 conference mark, good enough for sixth among SWC foes. Hacker is next at .427 and Jim Atterbury is third at .333.

Texas is 3-0 in loop play, having swept TCU in Austin last weekend and now owns an 18 game winning streak.

A&M has had problems with injuries ever since returning from Florida.

In Friday's 1 p.m. doubleheader the Aggies will send Thomas and Bobby Wittkamp to the hill for the pitching duties.

Other SWC action this weekend besides Texas at Baylor, Houston visits TCU and SMU travels to Texas Tech.

Outfielders Jim Bratsen and John Woods have pulled muscles, pitcher Clint Thomas has had arm problems, Mike Schraeder has an injured thumb and third baseman Jim Hacker has the flu.

Bobby Falcon will handle the mound chores for A&M Saturday in the single game. Falcon is 1-0 in conference action and sports 27 strikeouts in 15 1/2 innings.

Rice will face one of the toughest pitchers in the league. Mike Pettit, an all-SWC performer last year, will oppose A&M Friday. Pettit had the lowest ERA in the conference last season.

The Aggies play their final non-conference games of the season when Minnesota visits Kyle Field for doubleheaders on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The Aggies have also had their share of problems with the weather as well. After winning five of seven games in sunny Florida, they have been plagued with erratic conditions which have caused numerous rainouts of games and workouts.

Bruce Henley is slated to pitch for Rice in Friday's second game with the third Owl hurler unannounced.

Joe Zylka is Rice's leading hitter with a .438 average, followed by Bryan Boyne at .423.

Lester Hayes, a quick-moving defensive end from Houston Wheatley, Tuesday signed a football scholarship to attend Texas A&M University.

Coach Tom Chandler thinks the weather bugaboo may be part of A&M's problems.

Catcher Mike Frazier is the Aggies' leading batsman with a

Hayes, 6-1 and 190, has 4.3 average speed for 40 yards. He was an all-district defensive end for three years and was all-city last season.

He was the No. 7 man on Wheatley's state championship basketball team and ran the 100 and 220 in track. Last weekend he was clocked at 9.5 in the 100 and 21.5 in the 220.

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HOPING FOR REPEAT SATURDAY. Willie Blackmon, Horace Grant and Harold Davis, finishing one, two, three in the 880-yard run held here two weeks ago, hope for the same results in the College Station Relays set Saturday on Kyle Field. (Photo by Lynn Kitchens)

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