Buxkamper, Falcon, Hacker Shine In Exciting Contests

Aggies Sweep Mustangs, Muscle Into SWC Chase

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Texas A&M's baseball team muscled its way into conference contention this past weekend sweeping SMU's Mustangs in a three-game series, 7-6, 8-1, and

Except for Friday's second game, the Aggies did all they could to keep the fans and the Mustangs interested.

A&M jumped out 3-0 in Friday's opener then proceeded to fall behind, 6-3, before slipping



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views a movie the next week, then everyone goes downstairs and plays bingo. The first part of a church they build nowadays is the kitchen. Five hundred years from now people will dig up these churches, find the steam tables and wonder what kind of sacrifices were performed." Thus wrote a non-Christian a few years ago in a national magazine.

Even the casual observer can see that many of the churches and much of the preaching of today are a very pale imitation of the life and death struggle between darkness and light that is depicted in the New Testament. The world hated Jesus. It did not hate him because he "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). He said:"... me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works are evil" (John 7:7). He further said the world would hate his disciples in the same manner, because they were not of the world (John 15:18-20).

When professed Christians lose their distinctiveness — the

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ahead 7-6 in 11 innings.

gained a one-run advantage in exciting 7-6 victory. the opening inning but the Aggies countered with seven in the next two to gain a 7-1 advantage. By the seventh inning of the nine inning affair, SMU had cut the margin to two runs, 7-5.

The two final innings provided SMU with chances to win with men on base but Steve Janda, in his second relief role of the series, quelled the rallies and achieved a save for his efforts.

"I was real pleased with the pitching and with the better defense shown in the series," coach Tom Chandler said. "The team has really characterized itself winning one-run ball games this

"There's an old saying in baseball that if you don't beat yourself, you're going to be hard to beat. We've done a good job not beating ourselves."



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In Saturday's game, SMU for extra bases in gaining the con went seven innings, gave up

Big sticks in the contests were Jim Hacker, Mike Frazier and freshman walk-on David Buxkamper. Hacker cracked two doubles and a triple with one run batted in. Frazier had a double and two singles scoring two and Buxkamper went two for four with an RBI.

The Mustangs had only six hits in gaining seven runs. Rightfielder John Astroph and Ronnie Ridlehuber each had two hits in the contest. Astroph had a double and scored twice while Ridlehuber went two for five with two runs

Steve Janda was credited with the win, only going one inning. Bobby Wittkamp started the game and lasted seven and onethird innings allowing six hits and three runs. Jimmy Juhl was called in for relief and gave up three runs on one hit and failed to retire a single batter before Charlie Jenkins was installed by Chandler. Jenkins pitched an inning and two-thirds of perfect baseball not allowing a hit or run and striking out two.

The game was indeed a marathon as three hours and forty minutes elapsed.

In the nightcap, Bobby Falcon, A&M's left handed strike-out artist from Panola JC, was indeed the star attraction. He is the first pitcher to date to finish one on Saturday.

blasted 13 hits, six of which were a game in which he started. Falused nine hits in grabbing seven and two-thirds innings pitched for extra bases in gaining the con went seven innings, gave up runs while the Mustangs got for five runs. four hits, one run and four walks but captured the crowd with 14 strike-outs. Last year he led the National Junior College Athletic

Association in strike-outs. In scoring the eight runs, the Aggies used only ten hits with left fielder Billy Raymer accounting for two, one of which was a two-run scoring triple.

Shortstop Buxkamper went two for two and had an RBI.

Falcon, now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in SWC action, has pitched 26 and one-third innings with a 1.71 earned-run average and has struck out 48 enemy batters. In Saturday's contest, A&M

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SWC STANDINGS				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	7	2	.778	-
Texas A&M	4	2	.667	1 1/2
Rice	3	2	.600	2
Texas Tech	4	3	.571	2
TCU	4	4	.500	3
UH	3	5	.375	31/2
SMU	2	5	.286	4
Baylor	2	6	.250	4 1/2
Last weekend's results—Texas				

A&M 7, 8, 7, SMU 6, 1, 2; Texas 3, 11, 1, Houston 1, 5, 2; Rice 1, 3, 4, Texas Tech 3, 2, 2; TCU 12, 18, Baylor 2, 2.

This weekend's action—Texas A&M at TCU; Houston at Baylor; Tech at Texas and Rice at SMU. All contests are threegame series. Two on Friday and

Defense Outshines Offense In Ags Initial Scrimmage

the first defense.

Walker's breakaway run, plus a 50-yard pass and run play from quarterback Don Dean to split end Carl Roaches were the only real White game at 1:30 p.m., Satur-threats that the first offense day, April 21 at Kyle Field.

Bubba Bean gained 27 yards, Bubba Bean gained 27 yards,
Alvin Bowers 23 and Dean 13 as Adams Dinner ing. Dean completed 7 of 13 Tickets Ready the offense netted 161 yards rushtions, by safety Larry Ellis, was returned for a touchdown. James Daniels and John McCrumbly made the other interceptions.

Roaches caught six passes for 101 yards while Bowers lost two yards on the other reception.

Coach Emory Bellard said he though the defensive unit looked better than the offense. "We kept bouncing the ball around too much with fumbles," he said. "We've still got a long way to go."

The battle in the line went back and forth as the offense opened holes at time and the defense proved immoveable at times. Cornerback Pat Thomas caught the eyes of onlookers with some smashing tackles, most of them on 1972-73 Aggie Band. Bean as he tried to turn the corother hand, Bean threw some Band. clearing blocks, as did Bowers

and Walker. There were no changes in the \$5.25 each.

Sophomore Skip Walker scored first teams depth-wise, except on a 49-yard run and gained 98 that Scott Knippa moved up to yards on 11 carries during a first team offensive right guard, scrimmage Saturday involving replacing Bud Trammell who Texas A&M's first offense against broke a small bone in his left hand Friday.

The Aggies have three more weeks of spring drills, which will be climaxed with the Maroon-

banks for the Lt. Col. E. V. Adams Appreciation Dinner.

The April 13 event at A&M will allow friends and admirers to honor Col. Adams.

Aggie Band director since 1946, The Colonel" and band have thrilled millions with Saturday football halftime drills and music. The "thunder and blazes" sound he developed has been witnessed from Baton Rouge, La., to Los Angeles, Calif., and throughout Texas.

Col. Adams will retire Aug. 31. The 7:02 p.m. dinner at Duncan Hall April 13 will involve the

A Bryan native, Col. Adams ner after taking pitchouts. On the also directed the Bryan High

His wife Belle will also be recognized at the dinner. Tickets are



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their five runs on 12 hits.

Second baseman Mike Schraeder and right fielder Jim Bratsen each had two hits. Bratsen had two RBI's as did catcher Mike Frazier. Hacker and Schraeder each scored twice.

Starting Aggie pitcher Jackie Binks won his second game of the year but if not for the quick seven runs scored by his team members, would have been in bad shape. The Mustangs plastered him for ten hits in the six

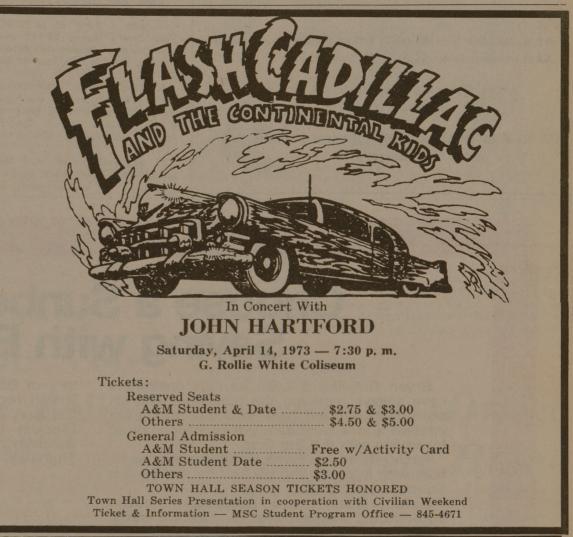
Ridlehuber led the way going four for four but only a single RBI. Catcher Mike Mayes went three for four also scoring only

The bigger surprise for Chandler thus far is still the play of Buxkamper who, in his first SWC series ever, went five for ten,. scored twice and had three runs batted in. Overall, in playing only seven of A&M's 14 contests, Bucky, as he has been tabbed by his players and the Diamond

Darlings, is second in hitting with a .435 average.

"I've never had a player come from nowhere like Bucky has," Chandler said. "He's really given the team a lift. He's aggressive and has a lot of confidence and poise for a walk-on freshman. He's also an outstanding student."

The Aggies return to conference action Friday and Saturday visiting TCU in a most important encounter that could be tabbed a do-or-die situation for both



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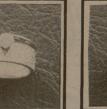


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disciples in the same manner, because they were not of the world (John 15:18-20).

When professed Christians lose their distinctiveness — the qualities which distinguish them from the world — and become but one other reflection of the culture in which they live, they have lost that which makes them uniquely useful to God (Matt. 5:13). When the non-Christian feels completely at home and comfortable among those who claim to be Christians, it is obvious that they are not exerting a leavening influence on those who surround them, in word or deed (Matt. 13:33).

In many circles the social gospel has silenced the spiritual gospel, and social reform has supplanted spiritual regeneration. What preaching that is done in a spiritual vein is often so lacking in earnestness as to fail to bring conviction to any who hear. It is like the story told of the preacher who, beginning with Luke 13;3 (repent or perish), said: "This passage seems to indicate that the Lord would like for men to repent in a measure, or they might to some degree be lost so to speak, and perhaps go to torment to some extent." To paraphrase another, the world will never be cleaned up by that kind of softsoap.

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