

Aggies Have Backs Against Wall In Weekend Series

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The Texas Aggies find their backs against the wall as they face the University of Houston Cougars in Southwest Conference

baseball action today and Saturday at Kyle field. Today's doubleheader is slated for 1 p.m. with a single game Saturday at 2 p.m.
The Aggies are 5-4 in conference

play, three games behind the perennial champion Texas Longhorns.
Texas has won or tied for the baseball crown every year since 1965 and is well on the way to

another crown unless the Ags can make an abrupt turnaround.
"We know we can't lose another ball game," said Aggie coach Tom Chandler. "We need a real good winning streak."

Today's visit by the Cougars is the first UH Southwest Conference game ever played in College Station. The Coogs were admitted to the SWC in 1971 but this is their first season to compete for the baseball title.

The Aggies have no morale problems despite dropping off the conference pace. "We know we have a good team but we are just waiting for our bats to come around," Chandler said. "We only made two errors against TCU and had three well pitched games but we just didn't hit. We are waiting to score a bushel of runs."

UH is 4-7 in conference play and tied for the league cellar with Baylor but Chandler is not expecting a cakewalk. "Houston has some fine hitters and some solid pitching so I expect them to be tough," the Aggie mentor said of one of the teams to beat Texas.

A&M's pitching has been exceptional so far this year with opposition bats managing only a .220 average.

Bobby Wittkamp, Bobby Falcon and Clint Thomas are slated for weekend mound chores for the Aggies.

Wittkamp pitched a no-hitter his last time out against TCU and sports a 3-1 conference record. Thomas is 4-0 on the year with one loop victory and Falcon is 6-3 for the season and 3-2 in SWC action.

Falcon leads the staff in strikeouts with 58 in 32 2/3 innings and sports the lowest earned run average of the trio with a 2.33 conference mark.

The Aggies batsmen are led by Bill Raymer's .500 average. He is followed by shortstop David Buxkamper who is hitting .400.

Rounding out the Aggies lineup for tomorrow's action will be Jim Hacker and Jim Bratsen joining Raymer in the outfield with Paul Miller, first base, Mike Schrader, second, Sandy Bate, third and Buxkamper holding down the infield duties. Mike Frazier is the Aggie catcher.

Houston is expected to send Steve Brewer, Johnny Hatcher and James Ingram to the mound against the Aggies.

The hard-hitting Cougars are led by Tommy Kaiser, who has a .395 season's batting average. Mark Stevens, Mike Bollman, Billy Hurry, Dave Vinson, Rick Schroder and Tom Duschinski

are all carrying batting averages over .300 for the Cougars.

Other conference series on this weekend include Texas Tech at Baylor, TCU at Rice and Texas at SMU.

The Aggies travel to Waco to face the Baylor Bears next weekend and finish the season at home against Texas April 28.

NTSU Track Coach Killed As Car Hits Bridge Railing

DENTON (AP)—Carl Babcock Jr., head track and field coach at North Texas State University, was killed in a fiery traffic accident early Thursday when he swerved his passenger van to avoid a car and smashed into a bridge railing.

The van landed atop Babcock, who had been thrown clear of the wreck, and caught fire.

A school spokesman said Babcock, 34, was swerving to avoid a car heading the wrong direction on divided Interstate 35 four miles north of Denton about 12:30 a.m.

Funeral services were pending. School President C. C. Nolen said, "North Texas University, the track world and the human race have lost one of its finest individuals. . . . He has always been and will continue to be a Christian inspiration to all of us."

John McKenzie, assistant track coach, was named the head track coach for the rest of the season

by school officials.
Hayden Fry, NTSU athletic director, said, "It is a tragic loss to North Texas and the world. Babcock was a Christian gentleman as well as being one of the most outstanding track coaches in the country. He was an inspiration to his fellow coaches and athletes."

Babcock, in his second year at NTSU, was to have left Thursday afternoon for the Texas Relays in Austin.

The Eagles were favored to win the Missouri Valley Conference title this year under Babcock. They finished second last season. The team was undefeated this year in triangular and dual meets, recording victories over Baylor and Oklahoma.

Babcock was on the executive committee of the National Track and Field Coaches Association. In 1970, he was voted the outstanding young man of Beaumont.

A native of Paragould, Ark.,

Babcock was a graduate of Hendrix College in Arkansas in 1961. He coached at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa 1962-65, at Eastern New Mexico 1966-68 and at Lamar University before coming to NTSU in 1971.

He is survived by his widow, Katherine; a son, Carl III, 9; and a daughter, Rebecca, 7.

It was the second traffic accident in recent weeks involving prominent coaches. Billy Tohill, head football coach at Texas Christian, suffered severe injuries in a one-car accident last month. His right foot was amputated above the ankle.

Special Olympics Track Meet Re-Scheduled For Saturday

Area special education students are re-scheduled to compete Saturday in the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet.

The selected events competition was rained out last Saturday.

The meet provides mentally retarded children a chance to compete athletically and experience the thrill of winning. Last year's Special Olympics received "a lot of favorable reaction," according to Dr. John M. Chevrette of the Health and Physical Education Department.

The department, Physical Education Majors Club and Brazos Valley Shrine Club cooperate in the meet.

It will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Kyle Field. Boys and girls will

compete separately in five age groups. Participants are eight years of age and older.

Events will include a 50-yd dash, 300-yd run, standing long jump, 100-yd dash, softball throw, 440-yd relay and tug of war.

Participants become eligible for the Texas Special Olympics state meet in Houston May 17-19.

Intramurals

WEDNESDAY
Softball
Class B: F2 over K1, forfeit; Sq. 15 over Sq. 6, 14-4; M1 over N1, 11-3; E1 over N1, 12-7.
Class C: Fowler over Leggett, 11-4.
Class X: Hart over Dingbats, forfeit; Ag. Ed. over Saints, 17-10; SAC over PONADS, 10-8; Chi Eps. over Davis-Gary, 22-2.

PALACE

TODAY 5:00 - 7:30 - 10:00
SATURDAY and SUNDAY
2:00 - 4:30 - 7:00 - 9:30
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"MARK OF THE DEVIL"
(R)

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DRIVE-IN
EAST SCREEN AT 7:15
PAUL NEWMAN in
"JUDGE ROY BEAN" (PG)
At 9:15 P.M.
"SOMETHING BIG" (PG)
WEST SCREEN AT 7:05
"FEAR IS THE KEY" (PG)
With BARRY NEWMAN
AT 8:50 P.M.
"GOODBYE COLUMBUS"
(PG)

CIRCLE

DRIVE-IN
#1 At 7:15 P.M.
"MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD"
With SPENCER TRACEY
At 9:50 P.M.
"SUPPORT YOUR SHERIFF"
With JAMES GARNER
At 11:30 P.M.
"BATTLE OF BRITAIN"

RHA Week — Weekend

April 13 fri.-Dance, 7-11 p.m.; MSC Ballroom "50's" attire

Movies, 11 p.m. 3:30 a.m. & Breakfast

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April 14 sat.-Bike Race, 11 a.m.; drill field

Go-Kart Race 12:30 p.m.; Zachry Parking Lot

Baseball Game 2:00 p.m.;

FLASH CADILLAC, 7:30 p.m.

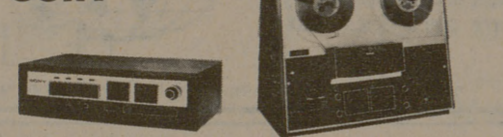
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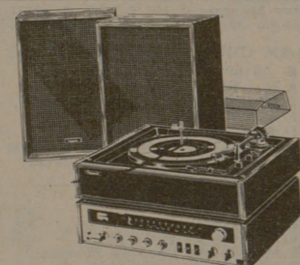


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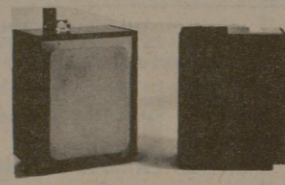
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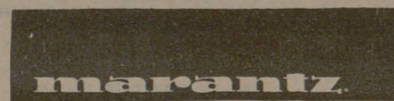
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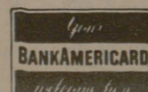


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