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Chandler Seeks Rest After Ups And Downs

Baseball Ends Season Of Inconsistency

arges w fishing campaign this summer. He Antonio needs it after the unusual, frus-Employme trating, and emotionally draining season just completed by his agency (young team.

The 1973 season was like those good news-bad news jokes. Good news, the Aggies became the only ng from team to win a series from the not co Kansas City Royals Baseball He add Academy in Sarasota, Fla., taking seen com five of seven games. Bad news, neither the games, nor the statistics, count in the records. Good news, the Aggies won 19 and lost only nine games in the regular eason. Bad news, eight of those ine losses were in Southwest Conference play.

> There were highlights aplenty the six-day trip to Florida, a o-hitter by Bobby Wittkamp

gainst TCU, the first ever by an Aggie pitcher in SWC play, and came home bruised and batone-hitter by Bobby Falcon tered but with a very respectable

A&M baseball coach Tom against league champion and No. handler plans on an intensive 4 ranked Texas, and four-game is that the entire starting lineup sweeps against Iowa State and and the top three pitchers return Minnesota.

There were thrills aplenty -exactly half of the games were decided by one run, and A&M and catcher Mike Frazier, both won 10 of those 14. Five others were decided by two runs. Of eight SWC defeats, four were by one run and three by two runs.

The best news of all, for A&M, made only one error in 18 games, staff. A left from San Jacinto next season Most improved honors go to

The A&M Ruggers competed match and advanced into the win-

petition.

second baseman Mike Schraeder sophomores. Schraeder had never played secondbase in his life until moving over from shortstop 10 games into the season. He

Rugby Team Takes Seventh

In Golden Gate Tournament

in the Golden Gate Invitational

Tournament, an annual affair that

invites only the top teams in the

The Aggies beat Irvine Coast

2-2 record.

country.

and boosted his batting average from .176 last year to .306. Frazier took over as the No. 1 catcher and hit .333 after a .145 freshman year. Frazier led the team in hitting in SWC play with a .350 average and came up with several game-winning hits.

Falcon and Wittkamp came forth as bulwarks of the pitching

of California 28-0 in their first

ners' bracket of the 24-team com-

The Aggies also return pitchers Jim Juhl, and David Lockett. Chandler hopes to recruit an-

hitting outfielder to help the Next they tried a group made team next year.

up of USC and UCLA players and fell 13-3. "They were the biggest team we ever played," said Donnie Robertson. "We knew as Frazier Hodges Atterbury much about rugby as any team there but we were tiny in com-Buxkamper parison." Robertson said many of the teams had scrums averaging 245 pounds. The Ags weigh in at Hacker 200 pounds. "There were a lot of teams that had football players in off-season training on their Reinarz squads," Robertson noted.

In the third game the Aggies faced California's North County Rugby Club and were shut out the first time this season, 19-0.

Pitcher

Lockett

their tournament finale, In A&M played Fresno, Cal., in the seventh place game. The contest resulted in a 6-6 tie but the Ags were awarded the seventh place trophy and another victory by

winning a kicking contest. "We traveled further to play than anyone there," said Robert-son. The Aggies received \$1,500 from the Association of Former Students and \$1,500 from the Exchange Store fund to pay for transportation. Room and board came from their own pockets.

The Aggies have been invited to play in some of the top tournaments in the country during the 1973-74 season as a result of the trip

Junior College, Falcon finished with a 5-2 record and a phenomenal strikeout mark of 87 in 53¹/₃ innings. In SWC play, he whiffed 66 in 40¹/₃ innings. Wittkamp was 5-1 with a 2.90 ERA. Other top players returning

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include firstbaseman Paul Miller (.300), shortstop David Buxkamper (.339), third baseman-centerfielder Jim Hacker (.270), left fielder Bill Raymer (.371), and right fielder Jim Bratsen (.292). Bratsen led the team in runs batted in with 18 and tied Schraeder for the homerun leadership with three.

Jackie Binks (3-0), Clint Thomas, other infielder and a right-handed

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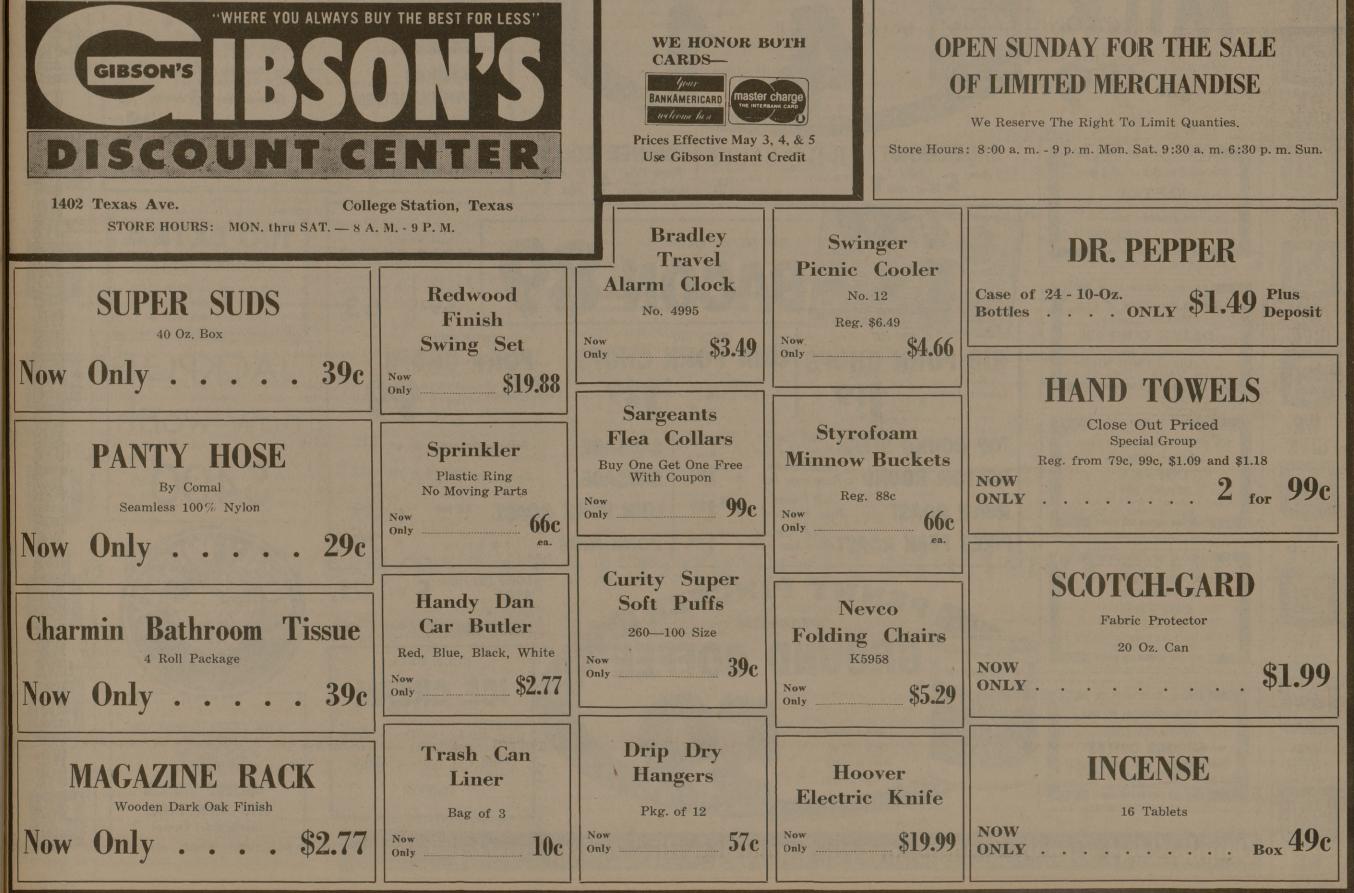
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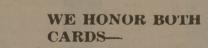
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HERE, I DON'T WANT IT seems to be the thoughts of a Kingsville Rugby Team memer as he is about to be clobbered by light-shirted Aggies. The TAMU Rugby Club split ur games last weekend at the Golden Gate Invitational Tournament in San Francisco. Photo by Gary Baldasari)







Sports Editor A&M's Rugby Club traveled to San Francisco last weekend to find the country's finest rugby

By KEVIN COFFEY