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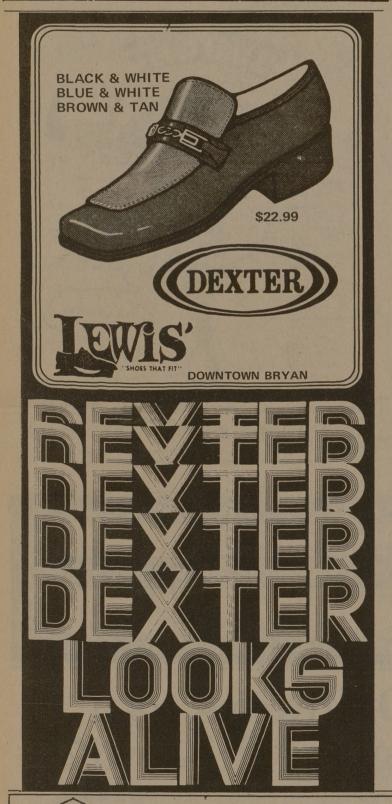
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By TONY GALLUCCI

FIRST OF ALL, I would like to thank coach Shelby Metcalf and assistants and the A&M Basketball team for a fine season, whether tops in the league or not.

I am extremely disappointed in the crowd who did not show up for the Baylor game and very appreciative of the crowd who showed and tried to make up for those who didn't bother. The team never failed to disappoint the home crowd and lost but a single home game all season; a well fought game with co-leader Texas.

The crowd who apparently had better things to do missed junior John Thornton in his finest 40 minutes as an Aggie. You also missed the final game for four seniors: Randy Knowles, who has permanently etched his name in the A&M record book; C. W. Guthrie, who missed most of last year but who returned to become "Mr. Hustle" and who, according to editor Kevin Coffey is the first one out of the dressing room after the game; Charlie Jenkins, without whom A&M would have certainly gone down the drain when Mike Floyd was injured; and Joe Arciniega, team co-captain with Knowles, leader of Arciniega's Army, team PR man and all-around nice guy who scored his season high here Tuesday against Baylor.

Besides ignoring those who have kept you going on slow weeks, you also missed the 30 mile an hour hat and the Diamond Darlings at halftime.

Metcalf is very pleased with crowd support this season and wishes to thank the student body. He was also most appreciative of the band, who played at non-conference games for the first time this year and the yell leaders for the first basketball pep rally to be held since 1969.

In the locker room after the Baylor game, Kevin Bean (sports editor of The Aggieland) presented Joe Arciniega with his "Arciniega's Army" shirt which he has faithfully worn to all the home games (you may have seen him in the wooden bleachers on the first row). Arciniega said of Bean, "He stuck with me through thick and thin. He's a lifelong friend."

THE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK are the above-mentioned seniors who will play their last game Saturday against Arkansas. Also worthy of mention is senior manager Mark Alford, who will see his last duty Saturday

Good luck to the seniors and here's hoping we can replace them adequately

The Battalion would like to thank Joe for contributing his game socks to the Batt Hall of Fame.

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SOURCES INDICATE that Texas World Speedway is up for sale in racing circles. The \$7.5 million track reportedly has an asking price of \$1.5 million.

General Manager Bill Marvel says he doesn't expect the world record speed on a closed course to fall soon unless he does it jogging. Marvel indicated at a recent panel show that all racing events at the track in '74 are currently in limbo.

I would like to congratulate Jackie Binks for discovering where the man currently batting stands before pitching to St. Mary's. It seems a couple of pitches got away from him against Louisiana Tech and landed somewhere close to the on-deck circle.

KEN STADEL, Rice discus thrower, was on campus over the weekend to get some tips on the shot put from A&M hall-of-famer Randy Matson. Stadel, who had the nation's second best toss last year, broke Matson's SWC discus record in the '73 season.

ALL-AMERICAN EARL EVANS continued to blitz the opposition this week for Port Arthur Lincoln. He collected 41 points in leading Lincoln to a resounding win over Wheatley, the reigning 4A champ in a bi-district warmup game. Evans also shot the clutch goal to ice his 40 point total in Lincolns 80-78 shave of Beaumont Charlton-Pollard in the bi-district playoff. The 6-6 postman also positioned himself for 25 rebounds against Pollard.

NUMBER ONE RANKED and undefeated Corsicana narrowly surpassed Westchester on the scoreboard here at G. Rollie White Monday night. The 33-0 Tigers will return here Saturday morning at 9:30 to play Marshall. Dallas South Oak Cliff plays Fort Worth Poly at 8:00. The winners will return to play the regional final at 4:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

A&M hosts Baylor Co

Weekend series initiates SWC play AUSTIN

By KEVIN COFFEY Sports Editor

Tom Chandler's Texas Aggie baseball team carries a perfect 6-0 record and a potent .402 batting average into the opening of Southwest Conference diamond play Friday. The Ags face Baylor in a 3 p.m. single game tomorrow and a 1 p.m. doubleheader Saturday on Kyle Field.

Conference action has been moved up two weeks due to Arkansas' appearance in the race this year. The Razorbacks have not been participating in baseball as an SWC sport.

A&M was prognosticated as a great hitting team and they have not let anybody down. Eight batters have averages over the .400 mark and the Ags are scoring at 11 runs per game mark.

Last year the Aggies were considered a solid team with the bat but the 1974 edition is on the verge of eclipsing several marks in just six games.

Junior Jim Bratsen led the club with 18 RBI's in 28 games in 1973. Mike Schraeder now has 14 and designated hitter Sandy Bate 12. Also, the Ags hit nine home runs last season and have five to their credit already.

The Aggie starters and batting

averages for the first game are: Mike Frazier, catcher, .250; Bratsen, first base, .389; junior Mike Schraeder, second, .435; senior Jim Hacker, thirdbase, .500; junior Fred Russ, short, .455; senior Paul Miller leftfield, .450; senior John Woods, center, .400 and sophomore Bill Ramyer, rightfield, .375.

Pitching was to be a serious weak spot for A&M but through the first six encounters it has been amazingly good. The staff sports a 2.60 earned run average (ERA) while opposition pitchers have a 14.52 norm.

Jackie Binks, Perry Arthur and Clint Thomas are slated for starting chores against the Bears.

Binks is 2-0 and has yet to give up a run in 10 innings. He won three games last year. Arthurs battled the flu bug

during A&M's first series and has thrown but four innings. He too has yet to let an enemy cross the plate in posting a 1-0 record. Thomas is 2-0 with a 1.80 ERA for 10 innings work. The sophomore right-hander leads the staff in strike outs with 12.

Jimmy Juhl, David Lockette and Don Bravenec are ready for any necessary relief work.

Chandler is still a little eerie

Fifty-one gridders receive letters

whom return next fall—have been awarded football letters for the 1973 season.

By classes, the 1973 lettermen included:

Seniors - Mike Bruton, offensive tackle from Nacogdoches; Larry Ellis, safety, Troup; Darrell Taliaferro, center, Arp; Bud Trammell, offensive guard, Dumas and Tim Trimmier, quarterback, San Antonio.

Juniors — James Daniels, Saf, McGregor; Tim Gray, CB, Houston; Randy Haddox, K, Chesterton, Ind.; Jerry Honore, FB, Lake Charles, La.; Paul Hulin, DE, Hobbs, N.M.; Mike Keese, TE, College Station; Ted Lamp, DT, Bellville; Don Long, DE, Yoakum; John McCrumbly, LB, Dallas; Ricky Seeker, C, Bay City; Ken Stratton, LB, Houston; Al Thurmond, Saf, Houston; Warren Trahan, DT, Duson, La.

Sophomores-Charles Arndt CB, Cuero; Bubba Bean, HB, Kirbyville; Alvin Bowers, FB, Whar-

Fifty-one Texas Aggies-46 of ton; Glenn Bujnoch, OT, Houston; David Greeno, TE, Albuquerque, N.M.; Jim Hartman, HB, Luling, La.; Ronnie Hubby, HB, Clovis, N.M.; Mike Jay, QB, Torrington, Wyo.; Richard Osborne, TE, San Antonio; Carl Roaches, SE, Houston; Bucky Sams, FB, Amarillo; Blake Schwarz, DE, Houston; Ed Simonini, LB, Las Vegas, Nev.; Dennis Smelser, OT, Odessa; Mark Stanley, punter, New Braunfels; Garth Ten Napel, LB, Euless; Pat Thomas, CB, Plano; Henry Tracy, C, Houston; Skip Walker, HB, Del Valle; Carl Warnke, LB, Castroville; Bruce Welch, OG, Houston; Jackie Williams, Saf, Plano.

Freshmen-Jimmy Dean, DT, Lake Jackson; Craig Glendenning, OG, Celina; Lester Hayes, LB, Houston; Billy Lemons, OG, Pampa; Tank Marshall, DE, Dallas; Dennis Swilley, OT, Pine Bluff, Ark.; William Thompson, CB, El Paso; David Walker, QB, Sulphur, La.; Grady Wilkerson, LB, Odessa; Reggie Williams, Saf, Seguin;

The Aggie Store 9-5:30 Sat. 9-12 Larry Wright, saf, Garland.



npared of the pitching. "We had been really tested yet," said() ally appr dler, "but so far so good" building f However, Chandler's min A 107-5 somewhat at ease with the posal end pounding the ball. "We're state H i swinging the bats very well Fund (SH we will have to keep it up is outside t are going to win It's a me. TAMU SN are going to win. It's a must TAMU sy

score a lot of runs." The con Former Baylor star Min day night Sullivan has taken over the ison a 76-7 coaching duties at his Alma Laltogethe ter this season. Sullivan r SHEAR holds the conference batting reonsist of erage record with a .521 man

Baylor beat the Ags in a th bleheader in Waco last year. is 7-6 on the year, having si a doubleheader with Southwest ern yesterday.

Dub Kilgo, former teammate A&M's Miller at San Jacinto J ior College, is slated to pitch game for the Bears. Rick For lefty Eddie Sherman are the of er Baylor starters.

The Aggies play Southes ern Louisiana Monday and Tag day in 1 p.m. doubleheaden Kyle Field.

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EMORY BELLARD announced Monday that all home games will be played in the afternoon. The initial home game will be against Clemson on September 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Sophomore linebacker Ed Simonini is heading for Houston to receive the Houston Post award as Defensive Player of the Year. The Houston A&M Club will honor Simonini and present the award at its noon Monday meeting in the Rice Hotel.

THE NEW FRONTIERS IN GYMNASTICS AWARD goes to editor's assistant Greg Moses for attempting to ride upside down on a ten-speed in a gravel parking lot at 1:00 in the morning. Moses received for his efforts seven stitches in the lip and three in the nose for a grand total of ten square knots.

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