

Baseballers sweep TCU, widen lead

Texas loss ups Aggie lead at SWC midway point

By KEVIN COFFEY
Sports Editor

The Texas Aggies used two tape-measure home runs off the bat of Mike Schraeder to put the shoe on the other foot, so to speak. And by Saturday afternoon the TCU Horned Frogs didn't like the fit.

A&M victor of 11 losses at the hands of the Frogs in the last 15 games, swept three vital baseball games and opened a three-game bulge over the Texas Longhorns.

TCU knocked A&M out of the conference title race at least three times during those five years. Now, with an 8-7 conference mark, TCU is through.

The Aggies are now 12-0 half-way through their SWC schedule. Texas is 12-3.

A&M had less than an easy time in posting its 25th win in 30 outings. Schraeder brought the Ags back from defeat in the second

game of the series, spurring an easy win in the finale.

The hustling second baseman tied the second game at 4-4 in the sixth when he stroked a Steve Hill offering over the 40-foot fence in the deepest part of spacious Kyle Field. When the ball finally landed, it was over 430 feet from home plate.

Schraeder's blast set up the Aggie come from behind win in the seventh inning. Bruce Miller lashed out a triple off TCU ace Frank Johnstone and John Woods singled him home for the win.

Juhl picked up his third win of the year against no defeats, with one and a third inning of shut-out relief.

Jim Bratsen and Fred Russ counted for the other Aggie runs. Bratsen singled home Miller in the first and Russ' double plated Bratsen and Schraeder in the fourth.

Johnstone, an all-conference performer for the Frogs the last two years, was also tagged for the loss in Friday's opener.

Jackie Binks turned in A&M's best pitching performance of the series with a five-hit stint in the 4-1 A&M win.

The Ags tagged Johnstone for 10 hits. Jim Hacker, Mike Frazier, Woods and Bratsen each had two safeties. Bratsen collected two RBIs.

TCU SERIES BOX				
A&M players	ab	r	h	rbi
Miller	12	5	5	3
Woods	8	3	3	1
Hacker	11	2	7	3
Bratsen	11	3	7	4
Thurmond	10	1	0	0
Schraeder	10	6	4	6
Russ	11	1	3	3
Frazier	8	2	3	2
Hawthorne	2	0	0	0
Raymer	9	1	1	0
Hodges	2	1	1	0
Buxkamper	1	0	0	0
Totals	95	25	34	22

Binks had his troubles in the first three innings with the Frogs scoring in the third. After that, the Aggie senior was untouchable.

"I really didn't have my stuff early so I just tried to throw strikes," said Binks. "I was never afraid to grove one because I have a lot of confidence in our defense."

In the Saturday finale, the 2,500 fans finally saw the potent Aggie bats explode. Hitting .342 before the game, A&M pounded out 17 safeties including another shot by Schraeder.

This one also carried the fence in deep center and added three tallies to A&M's 16-8 win.

Schraeder knocked in five runs in the contest. Jim Hacker batted in three.

Perry Arthur notched the win but was tagged for five runs in five innings. David Lockett picked up the save with four innings of relief work. Miller, A&M's senior left fielder, broke from a mild

slump with four hits in as many bats. Bratsen finished his best series of the year with a four for five game.

Hacker, battling a slump since the beginning of spring break, tagged the Frogs for seven hits during the series.

"We beat a great pitcher in Johnstone," said Hacker. "He is definitely all-conference and can hit the corners at will."

A&M's next action is Friday and Saturday when they face the University of Houston in Houston.



A WANDERING TCU HORNED FROG is caught straying too far off first base by Aggie pitcher Jimmy T. Juhl. Applying the tag for the Ags is first baseman Jim Bratsen. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

Houston shuts out Ag tennis team

By JOHN GALLUCCI
Staff Sports Writer

The recent success of A&M's tennis team did not phase the University of Houston as gusty winds and feisty All-Americans sent the Ags to their first conference defeat and first shutout of the season.

UH's fourth-ranked team defeated the normally tough Aggies, 7-0, on the A&M courts Saturday surrendering only two sets, both in singles.

All-American Lee Merry had little trouble with Ag Dan Courson in the first set of the top match winning 6-3, and withstood a furious comeback in the second set to win 7-5.

Bill Hoover gave Houston's Ross Walker a temporary scare in taking the first set 6-4 but Walker regained his momentum and quelled Hoover 6-2, 6-4 in the final sets.

All-American Dale Ogden dispatched Aggie Bill Wright with little trouble, 6-1, 6-3.

A&M freshman Charles Emley came closest of any Aggie to winning as he split the first two matches with Bob Ogle 6-2, 2-6. The two played the third set to a 6-6 tie, with Emley quickly gaining a 2-0 edge in the time-breaker.

Emley failed to clear a crucial smash and a chip though and Ogle took the set and the match.

In the fifth singles match, Cougar netter Matt Rainey beat John Kirwan, 6-3, 6-1.

Courson and Hoover, the top A&M doubles team, beat UH's Walker-Ogden combination in the semifinals of last week's Rice Tournament but could not find the right combination against Merry-Ogden and lost the No. 1 doubles match, 6-1, 6-2.

Wright and Emley were defeated by Rainey and Walker in the second doubles bout.

The loss evened A&M's point standings in conference to 7-7 and sent UH to the top position with an undefeated 14-0 record.

Coach Omar Smith's Aggies are in Houston today to play tough Rice University.

The Owls' top player is senior Emilio Montano. The three-year letterman has been a member of the Mexican Davis Cup team the past two years and has also played at Wimbledon.

DEATH

the end of life or a doorway to another existence?
Suicide—cowardly escape or rest from life?
Reincarnation—myth or reality?
Euthanasia—right or wrong?

DEATH AND DYING
A FREE UNIVERSITY COURSE
Every Wednesday, 7 p.m.—Rm. 204
Academic Bldg.

BILL PINSON

Will Speak On

"EXORCISM: Fact or Fallacy"

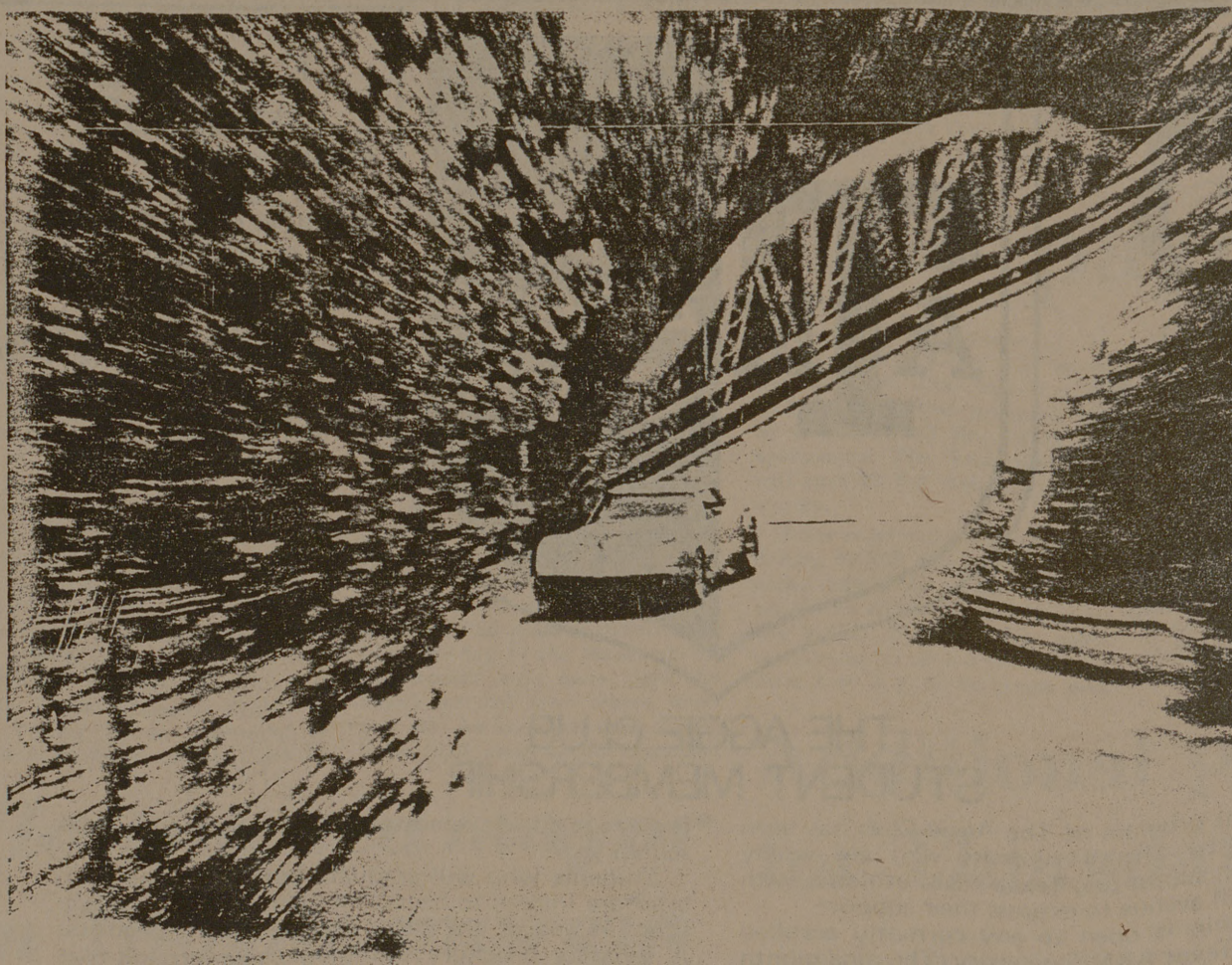
ALL FAITHS CHAPEL

April 4—7 p. m.

Food For Thought

Sponsored by BSU

You don't have to wait for your commission to join the 5 out of 6 active duty officers who carry USAA insurance.



As an Advanced ROTC student, you are eligible to apply for USAA insurance—for your car, personal possessions, and personal liability. USAA is an association of officers serving fellow officers with the lowest possible premiums, quick and fair claims settlements, and a sharing of dividends. (Though not guaranteed, USAA has been paying dividends every year since 1924) You may save as much as \$20 to \$60, depending on where you live, on auto insurance alone.

And a special USAA feature, the Household Goods Policy, is available to insure your personal property at home, at school, or in your car, for only \$10 per year per \$1,000 of insurance protection. Small wonder more officers insure with USAA than all other insurance companies combined. Mail the coupon for details—at no obligation.

Please Print or Type 4009

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

(Area Code) Phone No. _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Student Program Air Force Army
 Navy Marine Corps
 Advanced ROTC Program
 Other _____ (Title of Program)

Name of College or University _____

I am interested in information (At No Obligation) on:
 Automobile Household Goods Personal Liability

For more information write:
 USAA
 USAA Building
 San Antonio, Texas 78284

15% OFF

On Purchase of \$50.00 or Over

10% OFF

On Purchase of \$50.00 or Less

FOR YOU AGS WITH YOUR STUDENT I.D.

Douglas Jewelry

212 N. Main
Downtown Bryan
822-3119

"Day By Day"

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION RETREAT

FRIDAY - SATURDAY
APRIL 5 AND 6

Speaker — Barry Woods
From California

Cost: \$8.95

Contact Toni Massey

Contacts Finalized By
April 3