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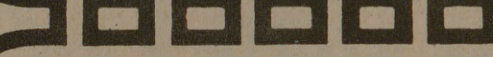
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Ags open second half play Friday

Baseballers visit Houston with three game lead

Southwest Conference baseball leader Texas A&M faces a rough road in the second half of the league pennant race starting Friday at the University of Houston.

The Aggies will meet the hard-hitting Cougars in a 3 p.m. single game Friday and a 1 p.m. doubleheader Saturday.

This will be the first action for the Aggies since the loss of second baseman Mike Schraeder. Schraeder was injured in practice early in the week and is out of action for the rest of the season. (see Kevin's Korner P. 9.)

Coach Tom Chandler's crew capped a perfect first half (12-0) by breaking a longtime jinx and sweeping a series from TCU in Kyle Field. The Aggies are now 25-5 for the season.

The TCU series had everything anyone could ask. Aggie ace Jackie Binks won his seventh

game without a loss by beating the Frogs 4-1 with a five-hitter Friday. Paul Miller's triple and John Woods' single in the seventh inning gave A&M a win in an exciting 5-4 decision in the first game Saturday. Then both teams unlimbered the bats in a 16-8 Aggie win in the third game which featured 17 hits by A&M and 14 by TCU.

The Aggies continue to compile some impressive statistics 30 games into the season. The team batting average is .344 for the season and .351 in league play. Twelve Aggies are above the .300 level including all nine starters. Six different players have scored at least 20 runs, eight players have at least 20 hits and 11 players have at least 14 runs batted in.

Miller has tied a school record with 36 runs while Schraeder set

a school record with 33 runs batted in. Miller and Schraeder have tied a record with 11 doubles each. The team has 57 doubles, 11 triples and 17 homeruns in 30 games. A&M is averaging 8.2 runs and 10.4 hits per game. The Aggies have struckout only 75 times in 1109 plate appearances while walking 159 times.

The pitching has been just as impressive with a team earned run average of 2.72.

The Aggie batting order against Houston will be Miller, lf (.394, 422 SWC); John Woods, cf (.319, 349); Jim Hacker, 3b (.349, 415); Jim Bratsen, 1b (.313, 340); Sandy Bate, 2b (.333, 345); Fred Russ, ss (.348, 304); Bill Raymer, rf (.348, 320); Al Thurmond, dh (.377, 250); Mike Frazier, c (.317, 300) or Tommy Hawthorne, c (.371, 333). The pitching rotation will have

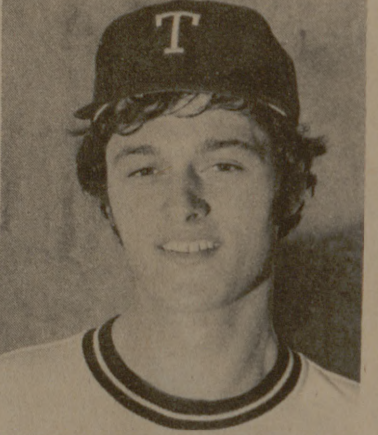
Binks (7-0, 1.58) going Friday with Clint Thomas (5-1, 1.33) and Perry Arthur (5-0, 2.88) pitching Saturday. Binks is a senior lefthander while Thomas and Arthur are both sophomore righthanders.

Binks will be shooting for his 20th career win at A&M. The Beaumont native has compiled a 10-3 record here while earning three letters. The 6-3 right-hander has won his 10 games, including a 3-0 season last year.

Only one Aggie hurler, Steve Hillhouse, has surpassed the mag-

ical 20 game mark with a record from 1964 thru 1967. Hillhouse won seven games in 1967 in attempts against the University of Texas.

Following the Houston game the Aggies will host Cornell, non-conference twinbill Wednesday, then go to Lubbock for SWC series with Texas Tech. The Aggies wind up the regular season against Rice in Kyle Field April 19-20 and Texas in Austin April 26-27.



Jackie Binks

Lacrossers win host tournament

The A&M lacrosse team, head four-point performer captain Dave Gruber and assistant captain Tom Hubbard, soundly defeated Texas Tech, 13-7, earlier this month. Last weekend the A&M men were defeated by the host team, the Dallas lacrosse team 10 after the Ags had gained a 7-3 halftime advantage.

The Aggie team hosts the second annual Muscular Dystrophy tournament this weekend on the drill field. The matches feature teams from LSU, the University of Texas, Houston, Texas Tech and San Antonio will play at 10 a.m. and two Saturday and Sunday.

Possible Rice infractions before SWC spring meeting

HOUSTON (AP)—A once-delayed decision on allegations that Rice University illegally distributed tickets to players during the 1971 football season may be acted on this week at the Southwest Conference spring meetings.

SWC faculty representatives, athletics directors and business managers will meet at the Houston Oaks Thursday through Saturday to discuss rules infractions, the energy crisis, split basketball seasons and many other topics.

A final decision on Rice is expected to be one of the prime topics of the three-day meet but Rice Athletic Director A. M. "Red" Bale said he didn't anticipate Rice being found guilty of any infractions.

Bale said the only reason a final decision was not made at the SWC winter meeting in Dallas was because one of the per-

sons connected with the alleged incidents asked to take a polygraph lie-detector test.

"The SWC's investigating committee said it found nothing to convince them that any of the allegations were true," Bale said. "But one of the people they talked to in the investigation said he would welcome the opportunity to take a polygraph test and they felt he should be given the opportunity."

The SWC started looking into the matter after a book was published dealing with the 1971 Rice football season.

Author Giles Tippett said in the book, "Saturday's children," that some Rice players received tickets to football games and then sold them to alumni for more than their face value. The book also related an instance where a player received transportation to his home.

Athletic directors and business managers will meet Thursday and the faculty representatives will convene Friday. All three groups will meet on Saturday.

The proposed split basketball season would mean that winners

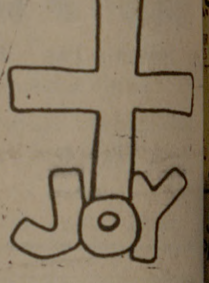
of each half of the season would meet for a playoff to determine the champion. Proponents of the plan say it would maintain interest throughout the season.



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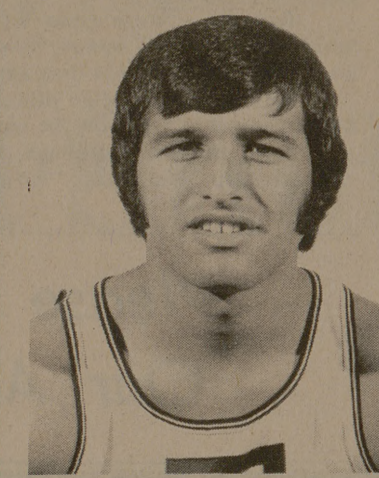
The A&M handball team returned last weekend from the Texas State YMCA Championships with several top performances.

Jeff Carter took second in "B" singles while Charles Bokelman placed fourth.

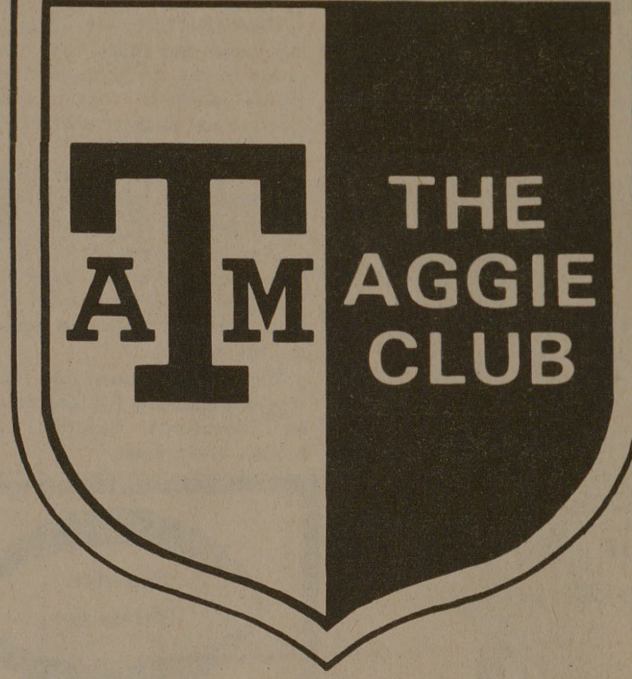
Tommy Patrick took second in "A" competition just ahead of teammate Bill Altman's fourth place finish.

Patrick and Altman teamed to take first in open doubles play and Jeff Bronson and Marion Gresset teamed to take fourth.

In the National Intercollegiate tourney early this month, the doubles team of Bokelman and Gresset took second in the consolation division.



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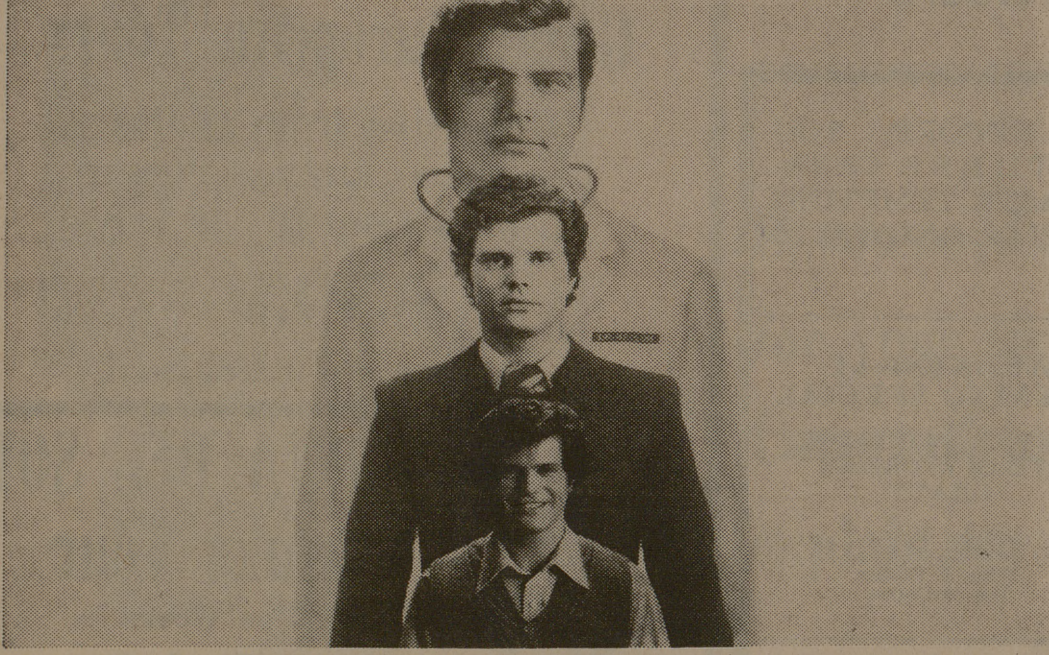
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