

BILLY GOAT HILL, the infamous cliffs in Clark Field will soon be leveled to a parking lot as the Aggie and Longhorns played the last SWC series there Saturday. (Photo by Steve Krauss)

## wins SWC in Clark Field finale

'Horns win 49th title in 59 years; Aggies 2nd

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AUSTIN-For one bright shinng moment it appeared that the exas Aggies could sweep the owerful Texas Longhorns and in the Southwest Conference seball title. But like most reams, the harshness of reality roke the bubble as Texas won the title for the 49th time.

Friday the Aggie bats had an verflow crowd at Clark Field amazed. Proving that their league-leading .346 batting averge was no fluke, A&M pounded T pitchers for 15 hits good for 11 runs while Jimmy T. Juhl ched almost spotless relief ball

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holding Texas to four tallies.

Saturday it was the Longhorn pitchers that had the last say, snuffing out the Aggies 8-0 and

Texas only needed one win in the series to clinch the championship. Cliff Gustafson thus coached UT to his seventh title in as many years.

Jim Gideon gave the 'Horns that one win with a six hit performance in Saturday's opener. Gideon posted his 16th win without a loss, the top record in the nation.

In the series finale and the last SWC contest to be held in Clark Field, Richard Worthan downed Aggie sophomore David Lockett in a tight pitching duel.

This ancient ball park, home of the Longhorns since 1928 was jammed to over-flow capacity. Some fans just came for the nostalgia that reeked throughout the field, some to see the only conference series that decided the title in the last few years.

Friday the Ags snapped a 53 game UT winning streak on Clark Field. The win spurred rumors among even the most die-hard Texas fans the Ags could win all

Jim Hacker drove in five runs while collecting three hits to protect his league-leading hitting spot. The Aggie third sacker collected a homer, double and single, each good for at least one Aggie

Bill Ramyer homered for two runs and Tom Hawthorne had three hits and two RBI's to spark the Aggie offense.

Juhl, picking up for Clint Thomas in the fourth, threw five and one-third innings of shutout ball while striking out six Long-

Gideon was hit hard by the Aggies but only six fell for hits in the deciding game of the series. No Aggie tallied two hits against the hard throwing lefty. Meanwhile, Aggie pitchers had

their troubles as UT hitters pounded out 12 hits. Rick Bradley, battling Hacker

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for the batting crown, homered

the support he needed.

After the title was decided, there was almost a sigh of relief from the packed house. Fans from both sides, bordering upon obnoxious during the opener became almost friendly.

During between-game ceremonnies, Aggie coach Tom Chandler was honored as the winningest SWC coach on Clark Field, His record here was 9-13.

Lockett, impressive against Rice last week, was even more so Saturday but he absorbed the

The famous cliffs got in one blast at the Longhorns when a Hacker hit ball came to rest on the upper level of the plateau while the UT outfielders waited for the rebound below. Hacker scored on the hit, driving in John

UT rallied to put runners on second and third with one out and Juhl relieved Lockett. Juhl's first

offering was well outside and giving the Horns the win on the wild pitch which scooted past Hawthorne.

UT now advances to the District 6 playoffs for the 10th straight year. A&M ended up the season 31-

13, 17-7 in conference action. UT was 44-4, 20-4 in loop play. Hacker held on to claim the batting title, going 2 of 3 in the last game to Bradley's 0 for 4.

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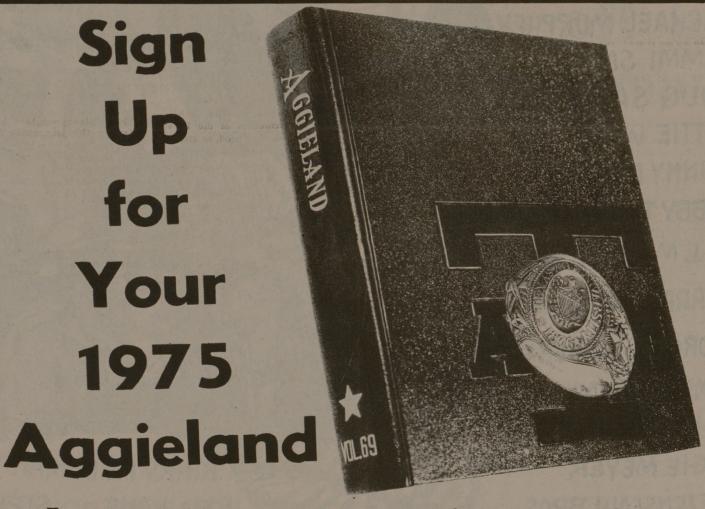
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