



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)

UT wins SWC in Clark Field finale

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

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AUSTIN—For one bright shining moment it appeared that the Texas Aggies could sweep the powerful Texas Longhorns and win the Southwest Conference baseball title. But like most dreams, the harshness of reality broke the bubble as Texas won the title for the 49th time.

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

holding Texas to four tallies.

Saturday it was the Longhorn pitchers that had the last say, snuffing out the Aggies 8-0 and 4-3.

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

three.

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 tally.

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 Longhorns.

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 for the batting crown, homered

in two runs to give Gideon all 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 ceremonies, 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 loss.

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 Woods.

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.

FINAL SWC STANDINGS

CONFERENCE	W L PCT			ALL GAMES		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Texas	20	4	.800	44	4	.917
Texas A&M	17	7	.708	31	13	.705
TCU	14	10	.583	31	18	.633
Rice	12	11	.522	24	18	.571
Baylor	12	12	.500	25	19	.568
Houston	10	13	.435	20	21	.488
Arkansas	9	15	.375	22	32	.500
Texas Tech	9	15	.375	11	22	.333
SMU	4	20	.167	16	26	.381

Last Week's Results

Monday—Lamar at SMU (2), ppd, wet grounds.
Tuesday—Houston 2-6, McNeess 0-3.
Friday—Houston 5, Arkansas 0; Texas Tech 6, Baylor 5; TCU 7, SMU 2; Texas A&M 11, Texas 5.
Saturday—Houston 6-8, Arkansas 5-3; Baylor 6-5, Texas Tech 4-8; TCU 17-6, SMU 2-1; Texas 8-4, Texas A&M 0-3.

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	AB	R	H	RBI
Miller	7	2	3	2
Hacker	11	2	6	7
Hawthorne	11	3	6	2
Bratzen	13	0	2	0
Thurmond	13	0	1	0
Russ	12	0	3	0
Frazier	8	2	2	2
Bate	10	1	4	0
Woods	4	1	2	0

PITCHING

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Thomas	8	11	7	6	4	1
Juhl	5 2/3	4	0	0	2	6
Lockett	8 1/3	10	4	4	2	3
Arthur	2 1/3	3	3	3	1	0
Binks	3 1/3	5	3	3	1	1
Wallace	3/4	1	0	0	1	0

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