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Baseballers' smash 33 school marks

Aggies greatest hitting team in SWC history

Texas A&M closed out its 1974 baseball season as the greatest hitting team in Southwest Conference history. But it was a frustrating season which saw a strong All-America candidate sidelined by an injury, the pitching collapse over the last 12 games, and the team finish second once again to the Texas Longhorns.

Still, the 1974 Aggies broke the incredible total of 33 school and conference, individual and team, game, season and career records. The most impressive marks were for team batting as the Aggies hit .341 in 24 SWC games and .342 in 44 season contest. The

Aggies shattered school and SWC marks for runs, hits and doubles as well.

For the full season, A&M scored 347 runs, had 474 hits and 93 doubles. In SWC play, the Aggies scored 201 runs, had 282 hits and 58 doubles. That is an average of more than eight runs and 10 hits per game. The team had 15 games in which it scored at least 10 runs with a high of 20 against SMU in a seven-inning game. The team twice had 22 hits in a game, once against Houston and once against Texas Tech. The Aggies had at least 31 hits in each of the eight SWC series.

The individual standout was All-America candidate Jim Hacker, the senior third baseman from Temple. Hacker won the SWC batting title with a .477 mark, the fourth highest average in league history. He was A&M's full season leader at .406. Hacker had an outstanding closing series against Texas in Austin. He had six hits in 12 at-bats including a double, triple, two clutch home runs and seven runs batted in. His two-run homer was the deciding blow in A&M's victory Friday which broke a 53-game Texas winning streak in Clark Field. Then he hit a two-run homer in

the top of the ninth to tie Saturday's second game which Texas won in the bottom of the ninth. Hacker finished an exceptional career with school records for runs scored, runs batted in, doubles and bases on balls.

Senior leftfielder Paul Miller and junior firstbaseman Jim Bratsen shared in the record breaking. Miller scored 50 runs and had 14 doubles while batting .386. Bratsen had 157 at-bats, 48 runs batted in and eight home runs while hitting .344.

The low point of the season came when second baseman Mike Schraeder, who was hitting .408 in SWC play and had already broken the school RBI record, was injured in a practice field collision and underwent surgery for a ruptured spleen. Schraeder missed the final 14 games of the season.

The team finished with a record which tied the school record for victories. The Aggies won 17-7 in SWC play.

In voting by the team, Hacker was elected team captain and most valuable player.

FINAL BASEBALL STATS

Player	G	Ab	R	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
Hawthorne	25	82	21	34	4	10	18	.415
Hodges	23	22	7	9	0	1	1	.409
Hacker	41	133	42	54	4	13	11	.406
Miller	40	145	50	56	4	14	11	.386
Schraeder	30	110	28	40	0	10	11	.364
Bratsen	43	157	36	54	8	14	11	.344
Russ	39	129	21	43	0	10	11	.333
Thurmond	33	109	13	36	0	10	11	.321
Frazier	32	100	21	33	0	10	11	.310
Bate	37	117	30	46	0	10	11	.307
Raymer	35	116	20	35	0	10	11	.302
Woods	37	115	39	33	0	10	11	.287
Buskamper	24	34	15	9	0	10	11	.265
Dezman	5	12	3	2	0	10	11	.167

PITCHING

Pitcher	G	W	L	ERA
Juhl	18	4	0	1.84
Thomas	14	7	2	2.38
Binks	13	7	2	3.18
Bravenc	6	1	2	3.37
Lockett	12	3	1	4.28
Arthur	12	6	2	4.33
Wallace	8	1	2	4.32
Wilson	4	0	0	8.11
Schaumack	6	2	1	8.48
Richs	2	0	1	9.47

Fencing gains popularity

By ROBERT DUNN

Errol Flynn is alive and well and is living in disguise at A&M.

Although that statement is a slight exaggeration, one would hardly think so after seeing a fencing class in action. The fencing craze has caught A&M by storm.

"At first, most people would enroll in the class because volleyball was closed," said Abe Cyrus, coach of the team and fencing instructor. "But after the first few semesters, we began getting feedback from those who had taken the course. Now, we have some people coming who have heard about it from these others."

Fencing is no new sport to A&M. Old issues of The AggieLand show several pictures of the team. However, the sport was dropped about ten years ago. Cyrus revitalized the course.

"We were looking in the supply room and came across some equipment among the cobwebs and rats nests. I hadn't had any experience in fencing since I was an undergraduate, but

decided to offer the course that semester. Some of the members of our team were in those classes."

A fencing club was established later that year, and through it members kept their skills and reflexes razor-sharp. Finally, some of the members entered tournaments and fared well, setting a precedent for later entrants. So far this year, the team has been impressive in the meets it has attended.

Three types of swords are used in most competition. The foil, also used in the classroom, the epee, and the sabre. These weapons were developed after the invention of gunpowder and armor. The broad swords were tossed away for these lighter, better penetrating types.

The fencing team at A&M receives only a small sum of money each year plus equipment for competition in tournaments. Most of the burdens of expenses (entrants fees, travel

expenses, etc.) are met by the individuals on the team. This has not discouraged them from competing in major meets.

Students vary on the reasons they take the course. Stephen Gray, presently taking it, said: "It develops good hand-eye coordination. You really have to stay on your toes if you want to win. And winning is the name of the game."

Carson Campbell, a former student of the course, said: "I'd seen it on television and it sort of attracted my attention. It's also a good body-exercising course; it keeps you limber."

Coach Cyrus also said the future looks bright for fencing here. "In our intramural meet this semester, four out of the top six male competitors were taking fencing at the time."

Aaron Stadium hits big snag

ATLANTA (AP) — A proposal by Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson to rename Atlanta Stadium after baseball superstar Henry Aaron has run into a roadblock.

It was discovered Wednesday that such an action would be in violation of a city ordinance which makes it illegal to name a public facility after a living person.

Jackson, apparently unaware of the law, made his proposal Monday and it encountered little opposition from members of the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority, the group which until passage of the ordinance, was empowered to make the change.

4 fem tankers get top honors

Four TAMU girls were named All-America at the national girls' swimming championships at the Pennsylvania State University pool.

Senior Jean Collins from Pasadena, freshman Barbara German from Bryan, freshman Carol Hemphill from Houston and sophomore Beth McArthur of College Station were designated All-America following their outstanding performance at the meet.

The four swam on TAMU's 400-yard freestyle relay team and cut 17 seconds from their previous best time of 4:10.9 to 3:53.7.

Collins made All-America individually in three separate events, the 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard individual medley. The 200-yard freestyle relay did not make All-America, but cut three seconds from the state record.

"Our girls did a good job," Coach Dennis Fosdick said. "We were 44th overall last year at this thing, and now we're 30th, ahead of Texas at 34th and TCU at 32nd."

Fosdick said he had expected the meet to be more competitive than last year's, but that this year's swimmers were extremely fast.

"We had fourteen Olympic swimmers here, and all but one national record was broken. There was a notable difference in coaching this year, too," Fosdick said. "In the past it's been a rinky-dink sort of meet, but these coaches, men and women, were here to win big. They proved that girls' athletics are big time, not the tea party they've been in past years."

Fosdick said the girls were overawed and completely pooped by the

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