Strong hitting Ags open season Tuesday

Ags picked to battle Horns for baseball crown

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Texas is picked to win the NCAA District 6 in baseball, but the Aggies will fight them all the way as picked by **The Official Collegiate Baseball Guide.**

The rest of the picks look like this: TCU, Baylor, Rice, Texas Tech, Arkansas, Houston and SMU.

Texas finished 20-4 in Southwest Conference play and 54-8 overall.

Clint Thomas aims for strike zone. (Photo by Tom Kayser)

This year the Longhorns will display their talents in a brand new stadium. The $2.5 million structure seats 5,000 and is equipped with lights and artificial turf.

Texas Coach Cliff Gustafson enters the current season with impressive credentials. Gustafson owns a 297-62 record and seven SWC titles in seven years at Texas.

Texas may pin its hopes on All-America pitcher Jim Gideon. Last year Gideon posted a 19-2 record for a fine .905 percentage. He pitched in 23 games and logged 116 innings.

Hitters expected to make the Longhorns go are third baseman Keith Moreland, catcher Rick Bradley, designated hitter Mickey Reichenbach and shortstop Blair Stouffer.

Moreland appeared in all Texas games and got 103 hits for a .399 average. He also led the country in the number of doubles with 25. Bradley hit .397 and belted 13 homers and drove in 66 runs while Reichenbach hit .301.

Left-hander Richard Wortham 10-4, Martin Flores 6-1 and Frosty Moore 3-0 will help spell Gideon.

If pitching seems to be a Longhorn plus then batting is an Aggie plus. The Aggies came out of the dugouts swinging last year and posted a team mark of .342 second best in the land. Their batting helped them post a 17-7 SWC record and 31-13 overall. Only Arizona with a .348 could top the Aggies.

This year the Ags will still have the bats as eight return who batted .300 or better.

Catcher Tommy Hawthorne led the way with .415 followed by outfielder Craig Hodges .409, second baseman Mike Schraeder .364, first baseman Jim Bratsen .344, short stop Fred Russ .333, outfielder Al Thurmond .330, catcher-outfielder Mike Frazier .330 and outfielder Bill Raymer .302.

Pitching is the place Coach Tom Chandler hopes an improvement can be made. Last year the Aggie hurlers could do no better than a 3.98 average.

Juniors Clint Thomas 7-2 (a right hander) and David Lockett 3-1 (a lefty) return to the staff. Right-handers Kirk Campbell and James Gibson round out the big four for the Ags. Campbell will play third when not pitching.

Other pitchers Tom Chandler can call on are freshman Robert Bonner a right-hander, Sophomores Al Wilson a lefty and Jeff Scheumack a righty, and juniors Don Bravenec and Steve Pitman both right-handers.

TCU Coach Frank Windegger's crew finished 14-10 in SWC play and 31-17 overall. The big man in the TCU attack is All-American Tommy Crain. Crain appeared in all the Frog's games enroute to a fine .401 mark. The first baseman got 67 hits while hammering 16 homeruns, 72 runs batted in and a .749 slugging percentage.

Other Frog hitters to watch are outfielders Gene Burton and Sonny Cason at .331 and .329 respectively while catcher-outfielder Tom Riordan posted a .301 mark. Randy Owens, 6-2 and Steve Hill, 6-1 head the pitching crew.

Baylor Coach Mickey Sullivan posted a 25-19 mark in his first year at the helm with an even 12-12 SWC record.

Rick Clopton .328 and Mike Czimsky .302 are the two main Bears to watch at the plate. Charles Sherman with a 7-2 mark and fine .271 heads the hill brigade.

Rice was 24-18 last year and 12-11 in SWC play but lost key pitchers and appears to be in rebuilding stages. Phil Costa .282, Mike Macha .281 and Shib Simon .256 return to help the Owl cause. Pitching may be a big question mark as Larry Reneau with a 4-6 mark Tim Holder and Tommy Smart try to make up for graduating pitchers.

While Texas Tech only won 11 games last year, nine came in SWC play. Jon Davidson and Steve Brock won seven games between them last year and both return. Ronnie Mattson at .317 and Mike Bewley .290 lead the pesky Raiders.

Arkansas was 22-21 overall but 15 of those losses came in SWC play. Three top hitters in Denny Lundquist, .346, Ralph Bradbury .333 and Jim Andree .344 return to the Hog fold. But Arkansas lost all its starting pitchers.

New coach Rolan Walton takes over a 20-21 club. Houston has some fine material to work with. All-SWC third baseman Tommy Kaiser returns after hitting .355 along with first baseman Steve Reeves .348 and outfielders Mike Maddox .331 and Mark Stevens .366. Pitchers John Kopycinski, Steve Boron and Rick Mahoney return after posting a combined 12-9 mark.

SMU is picked to bring up the rear after posting a 16-26 mark last year with only four wins in SWC play. Rusty Bourquein .342, Ron Ridlehuber .333, John Sagehorn .315 and Don Jarma .307 head the Mustang attack.

Tom Chandler's crew gets an early test in their first contest of the year. Sam Houston States comes to Aggieland on Tuesday to kick-off the 1975 baseball campaign with a doubleheader beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sam Houston always fields a tough squad and has won the NAIA crown five times.

Batt sports

Aggie wrestlers host double dual

The Texas A&M wrestling club will host three schools in a quadrangular meet Saturday in Deware Field House.

The quadrangular meet is in a sense three dual meets as the meet will unfold under a two mat system.

At 11:00 A&M will wrestle Southwest Louisiana on one mat while Stephen F. Austin wrestles Southwest Texas State on the other mat.

Then at 1:00 the schools will flip-flop around so that A&M will be against SFA and Southwest La. will be against Southwest Texas. Then another flip-flop will end the meet at 3:00 with A&M going against Southwest Texas and SFA on the mat with Southwest La.

The Aggie record for the year is 7-0. The mark contains only dual meet records as tournament records don't count in season marks.

In the 126 pound division Jim Giunta is the Aggie to watch as he is the state champ of that division. Mark Monhollan is 9-2 for the season in the 142 division.

Another state champ for the Aggies in John Manning in the 190 pound division. Jerry Rasmussen is 8-1 on the season in the 177 pound class.

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Owls, Aggies compete Saturday in track meet

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Texas A&M and Rice will be running the lanes of Kyle Field tomorrow as the two schools pair up for a dual track meet.

"It's usually always been a close meet. Last year they beat us by four points," said A&M Track Coach Charles Thomas. "Rice has a well-balanced track team." By well-balanced Thomas means the Owls are strong in both field and running events. "They're always in the top three or four in the Southwest Conference, usually higher than that."

Thomas enumerated some of the top Owl competitors. Jeff Wells, the SWC cross country champion, is a good distance man. Zoe Simpson is a 9.3 sprinter and is one of the best in the country. Wells will run in the mile and Simpson will compete in the 100-yard dash.

Thomas praised Rice's Herb Kinney who will run the 440 yard dash and also had kind words for Owl freshman Curtis Isiah. Isiah was one of the state's top prospects in the high jump, long jump and hurdles.

Thomas places a good deal of confidence in his field events. He feels Bill Newton should take the javelin for A&M and Frank West should capture the shot put. Brad Blair, last year's SWC champ, is favored in the pole vault but will have strong competition.

Thomas is also optimistic with his hurdlers, Scottie Jones and Shifton Baker, saying they should finish 1-2. The duo have lost some practice time this week due to the cold weather but Thomas expresses no doubt that they will be ready to meet the threat of Isiah.

Feature races match up A&M's Doug Brodhead and Charles Butler against Kinney in the quarter mile. Sam Dierschke and Charles Dawson will face Simpson in both the 440-yard relay and 100-yard dash. A&M's two South Africans, Manfred Kohrs and Bruce Smith, will run the mile against Wells.

A couple of Aggies are hampered by injuries. High jumper Don Riggs will be out for the next two weeks with a leg injury he received in a pick-up basketball game. David Peterek has been slowed by the flu bug but is still listed to compete in the pole vault.

This is the first outdoor meet of the year for A&M. "I think they're anxious to compete. They're looking forward to outdoor a lot more than they were those indoor meets," said Thomas.

The field events will get underway at 2 p.m. and the track events start at 3 p.m.

The Aggies finished a surprising second last year in the SWC. "We want to be ready for the SWC meet (May 23)," says Thomas, "Of course, it's still a long season."

Next weekend the Aggies will be on the road, traveling to Houston to meet the University of Houston in the UH Relays.

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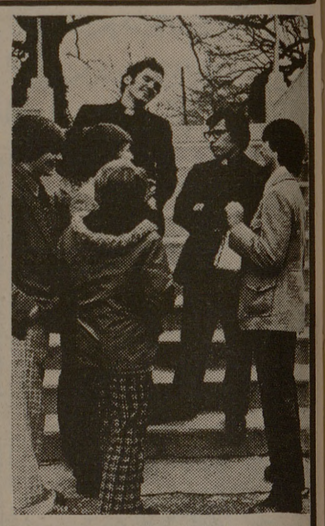

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