

Texas A&M, Horned Frogs fight for survival

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The Texas Aggies and TCU Horned Frogs meet today and tomorrow in a battle for survival in the 1975 Southwest Conference baseball race.

with a 5-4 mark. A&M and TCU were picked to battle Texas for the SWC championship but now one of the schools face virtual elimination only half way through the conference season.

Texas is 12-0 in the conference at the midway point for them, and they host Arkansas this weekend. Texas has played the bottom four

teams in the conference, Texas Tech, Houston, Rice and SMU. Nine of the 12 games have been played in Austin. The Aggies on the other hand will have played nine of their first 12 games on the road.

The second half of the season finds the Aggies playing nine of 12 at Kyle Field with only a three game series with lowly Rice in Houston

the only road games left.

The Aggies feel that the TCU series is the key to their SWC season. A three game sweep of the Frogs plus a little help from some of the other SWC shoals against Texas would make the season ending series with the Longhorns the championship series.

Before the Aggies can begin

thinking about anyone else they must get past the tough Frogs.

TCU is 18-5 on the season. The Frogs are led by first baseman Tommy Crain who is their leading hitter with a .364 average. Center-

fielder Gene Burton is the next highest Frog hitter with a .316 mark.

The TCU pitching has left a little to be desired this season so far as the team ERA is over 4.00. Their

mound corps, led by Eddie Owens who is only 2-2 for the season but has the lowest ERA on the staff with a 1.25. The leading winner on the Frog staff is Tomlin with a 3-0 season record.

The Aggie team batting average is 95 points higher than the TCU average. The Ags are hitting at a .310 clip for the season. Kirk Campbell is the leading Aggie batsman with a hefty .443 average. Mike Frazier is the next highest Aggie hitter with a .384 average.

Just as the batting stats don't compare the pitching stats are opposite also.

The Aggie team ERA is 2.30. David Lockett is the leading Ag pitcher with a 1.78 ERA and a 5-0 record. James "Hoot" Gibson is next with a 1.82 ERA and a 5-1 record.

Clint Thomas will start for the Aggies in Friday's game with Hoot Gibson and David Lockett going in the Saturday twin bill. The Friday game starts at 3:00 and the Saturday doubleheader starts at 1:00. There will be no local radio of the game.



The Aggies' No. 1 base thief Mike Frazier steals another one.

(Photo by Steve Krauss)

1975 TEXAS A&M BASEBALL - FULL SEASON (18-4)																			
Player	C	Ab	R	H	Avg	BI	2b	3b	HR	Sb	Sac	Hp	Bb	So	Po	A	E	Avg	
Campbell	22	70	16	31	.443	13	6	2	1	1	0	4	2	15	33	6	589		
Frazier	19	73	20	28	.384	5	2	0	0	5	1	0	3	4	30	0	838		
Hawthorne	22	74	13	27	.365	12	5	1	0	2	2	0	17	4	110	19	3	.977	
Schraeder	23	73	14	26	.356	18	7	1	2	3	4	0	11	14	51	33	6	.933	
Buckamper	5	3	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	2	.800	
Larsen	5	3	1	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1.000	
Thurmond	22	64	10	20	.313	4	1	1	0	2	1	2	7	8	35	2	0	1.000	
Bratsen	23	78	14	24	.308	13	2	1	1	0	0	1	10	7	139	3	0	1.000	
Raymer	23	75	7	21	.280	14	5	2	1	1	5	0	14	8	38	4	1	.977	
James	9	12	1	3	.250	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	15	1	1	.833	
Olmo	3	4	1	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1.000	
Crabtree	20	61	9	15	.246	6	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	6	13	3	1	.941	
Bonner	8	27	4	6	.222	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4	5	2	818		
Russ	23	77	7	14	.182	8	3	2	0	3	2	0	10	3	31	46	11	.875	
Biersner	6	10	1	1	.100	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	28	1	0	1.000	
Hodges	5	7	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1.000	
Worthen	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Gibson	10	1	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	0	1.000	
Lockett	12	2	1	1	.500	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	8	1	.933	
Thomas	9	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	875		
Scheumack	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1.000		
Alley	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000		
Wilson	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000		
A&M	23	714	120	221	.310	102	38	12	5	21	18	4	83	68	528	188	37	951	
OPP	23	637	65	141	.215	54	27	5	3	9	10	14	96	131	503	214	50	935	

Coach-of-year honor awarded to Mitchell

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Mike Mitchell, who led Western Texas College to the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball championship last week, has been named coach of the year.

Fry expects 70 gridders for practice

DENTON (AP) — North Texas State, which has scheduled four bowl teams for the 1975 football season, begins spring drills Tuesday with some 70 candidates expected to report to Coach Hayden Fry.

The annual Green-White game concludes training on May 3. "No doubt this will be an extremely important spring for us," said Fry, who has 15 players who started six or more games last fall.

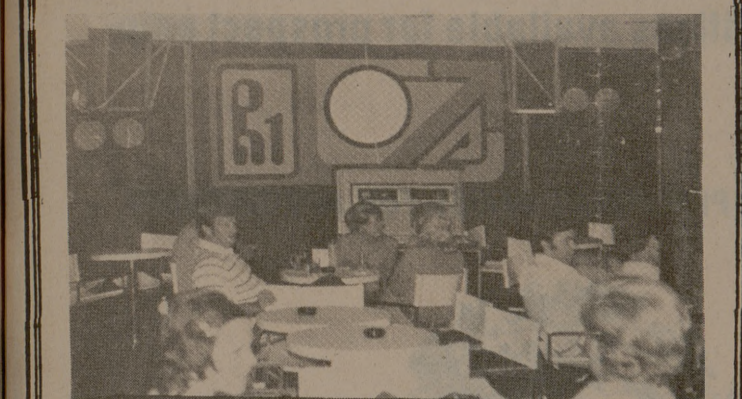
Among those returning on offense includes quarterback Ken Washington of Port Arthur who accounted for more than 1,500 yards as a freshman last fall.

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Giant's Westrum 'aiming for first'

PHOENIX (AP) — Manager Wes Westrum, perhaps because he participated in two miracles as a Giants player, speaks with conviction when he says, "We're aiming for first place." He doesn't even think it will take a miracle this time to turn the San Francisco Giants a fifth place finisher last season, into a contender — just some good execution of fundamentals by what figures to be major league baseball's youngest team.

Bobby Murcer, at 28, probably will be the team's oldest starter. The right fielder obtained in the winter trade of Bobby Bonds to the New York Yankees also is one of the many new faces on a new-look San Francisco roster.

"We gave away about 20 games when I was around last year, with things like base-running mistakes, failing to hit cutoff men on throws shouldn't have been hit," Westrum said.

The pitching improved but the Giants still threatened to dislodge the San Diego Padres from last place before the season ended with Westrum's team 30 games behind the Los Angeles Dodgers, National League West champions.

Plans for the 1975 comeback depend heavily on starting pitchers Jim Barr, Mike Caldwell and John D'Acquisto, a young threesome which produced 39 victories last season, and big hitting years by such players as Murcer, Gary Matthews, Steve Ontiveros and Chris Speier.

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Tech golfers zip by Oral Roberts

GALVESTON, Tx. (AP) — Texas Tech shot a six-under team total 282 Thursday to take a 15-stroke lead over Oral Roberts in the Galveston Island Sports Spectacular Golf Tournament.

The Red Raiders were paced by Kent Wood's four-under-par 68 followed by Steve Long and Jeff Mitchell's one-under par 71s over the Galveston Country Club Course.

Jeff Mitchell of Tech maintained a four-stroke lead for medalist honors over teammate Steve Long with his three-under 213 three-day total.

Tech leads with an 869 followed by Oral Roberts' 884, and Nebraska was third with 899 followed by

Tulsa's 905.

Texas Wesleyan posted a 297 total to increase its lead to 10 shots with a three-day 891 total in the college division. Southern Colorado was 901.

The tournament ends with 18 holes Friday.

Notre Dame won the tennis segment of the Spectacular by sweeping two out of three matches with Bowling Green and Indiana State.

Oral Roberts won two of three doubles matches with Indiana State and finished second behind the Fighting Irish.

Colorado State College won the championship of the college division.

KC, Busby zaps Astros in no-hitter

FORT MYERS (AP) — Steve Busby, who has pitched two no-hitters in his brief major league career, stopped Houston without a hit for seven innings Thursday as the Kansas City Royals held the Astros to one hit over-all in a 2-0 exhibition baseball victory.

Skip Jutze broke up the no-hitter in the ninth off reliever Lindy McDaniel.

The only base runner against Busby was Greg Gross, who got a leadoff walk in the first and advanced to third on a balk and a wild pickoff throw. Busby struck out the other three Astros he faced in the first inning and finished with six strikeouts.

Busby threw no-hitters against Detroit in 1973 and Milwaukee last year.

The Royals broke the scoreless game in the fourth inning against James Rodney Richard, Houston's 6-foot-8 fireballer. Hal McRae walked and scored on Harmon Killebrew's double. Killebrew advanced to third on a bunt and scored on a single.

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