Houston raids Aggieland for weekend series

Staff Sports Writer baseball series with a 12-0 record. number one and looking down on

All was bright in Aggieland. The Aggies were being talked about as A year ago the Texas Aggies en- the "runaway team." But most imtered the University of Houston portant to A&M was that they were

The Aggies limped out of Houston and never quite recovered and finished behind the Horns in second

to town to play the Aggies in a three game set but this time the Aggies are looking up at the Longhorns and need a three game sweep to stay

within striking distance of the undefeated orange men from the capital

Coming off one of the most impressive sweeps in the schools recent history (a three game job over TCU) the Aggies will host the Cougars in a Friday single game and a Saturday doubleheader.

Aggie assistant coach Jim Sampson stressed the importance of the Houston series, "It's real important that we win these games. We need to win all of our home games and if we can sweep Houston this weekend we'll be in good shape."

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in tourney

Staff Sports Writer The Texas Aggie tennis team travels to Waco today to play the Buxkamper Baylor Bears in a Southwest Conference match.

The match will consist of six singles and three doubles matches.

Coach Richard Barker has Coach Richard Barker has Biersner selected Bill Wright, Billy Hoover, Charles Emley Tom Coursen Worthen Charles Emley, Tom Courson, Mark Silberman and John Kirwan to Lockett play against Baylor.

After the match, the netters move on to Austin to compete in the fourteam Texas Relays Tournament at Austin, Friday and Saturday.

Freshmen Mark Parker and Edwin Teran have been added to play in this tournament. Parker will play the No. 5 singles while Teran will play the No. 6 singles.

The Texas Relays Tournament is actually nine tournaments in one. There will be a tournament among Wilson the four No. 1 players, No. 2 and so on, for all six singles and the same for the three doubles teams.

The pairing for opening round play will be as follows:

play with a 15-0 record. The Aggies are in second place three games back of the Horns with a 9-3 record. The Longhorns are in Waco to play the Baylor Bears this weekend. The Aggies are hoping for a little help from the Bears who earlier this year got the Ags off to a slow start by taking two of three games in their

conference opening series. Sampson was also pleased with the Aggie pitching that has turned in six straight complete games in SWC play. "It's been a long time since an A&M pitching staff has had six straight complete games in the

The Aggie pitching staff earned run average is an excellent 2.19 for the season and 2.23 in league play.

Clint Thomas will start the Friday game for A&M. Thomas three-hit TCU in his last outing last Tuesday in Fort Worth. Hoot Gibson will pitch in Saturday's seven inning contest with David Lockett going for the Ags in the nine inning night-

The batting order for the Aggies will have Mike Frazier in centerfield, Tommy Hawthorne at catcher, Bill Raymer in right field, Jim "Bear" Bratsen at first base, Mike Schraeder at second base, Kirk Campbell at third base, Al Thurmond in left field, Robert Bonner in the designated hitter spot and Fred Russ at shortstop.

Friday's single game will start at 3:00 with the Saturday doubleheader beginning at 1:00.

Bali sports

Gene Bartow replaces Wooden

Pitcher Clint Thomas shoots his invisible fast ball.

Bartow of Illinois was named Wednesday as basketball coach at UCLA, replacing legendary John Wooden who retired after guiding the school to its 10th national collegiate title. UCLA athletic Direcor J.D. Morgan announced Bartow's appointment.

Bartow, 44, known as a conservative coach, has been at Illinois just one year after four successful seasons at Memphis State. His 1972-73 team at the Tennessee school went to the NCAA finals, losing to UCLA

Bartow, a native of Browning, past season.

Wooden almost from the time the 64-year-old UCLA coach said last Saturday he was stepping down. UCLA had just beaten Louisville 75-74 in overtime in the NCAA tournament semifinal game at San

The Bruins came back Monday night to whip Kentucky 92-85 in the finals for their 10th national champ-

ionship in 12 years. Bartow also coached at Valparaiso University in Indiana and holds a 14-year college coaching record of 229-140. At Illinois he was 8-18 this

Illinois contract but received permission from Athletic Director Cecil Coleman there to talk with

The new coach inherits a strong group of lettermen from the current championship Pacific-8 Conference club. Returnees include Richard Washington, the Most Valuable Player in the just-concluded NCAA tournament; Marques Johnson, Ralph Drollinger and Andre McCarter, plus reserves Raymond Townsend, Jim Spillance, Gavin Smith, Wilbert Olinde, Casey Corless and Marvin Thomas.

Washington, Johnson and McCarter all were starters and Drollinger the No. 1 substitute who played a major role in the two tournament victories at San Diego.

At Memphis State, he won two Missouri Valley Conference championships, finished in the nation's Top Ten twice and made two trips to the National Invitation Tournament. He was voted Coach of the Year when his 1972-73 team reached the national NCAA finals.

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