

# Thurmond ready for UT

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Al Thurmond has been in nine Aggie-Longhorn games, three football and six baseball, since he came to A&M. He's been on the losing side more than he would like to remember but he's not planning revenge for this weekend when the two schools get together at Kyle Field.

"Sure the series is important but it's not any more important than any other of the series that we play," Thurmond said. "Each series is important and we would like to win all of them, not just Texas."

Thurmond is hitting .410 in Southwest Conference play only one point behind Mike Frazier for the team lead but is looking for a challenge from the Longhorn pitching staff. "They've got a good pitching staff and it's really going to be a challenge going up against them," said Thurmond.

"We're looking forward to playing Texas, I guess you always look forward to playing a real good team because it's a chance to really beat down and get with it," said the Spring Branch senior.

"Texas has probably the best hitter in the conference in Keith More-

land," Thurmond said. "You hear about Gideon (Texas pitcher Jim) all the time but those other two guys are good pitchers." Those other pitchers are Richard Wortham and Martin Flores who have won a total of 11 SWC games without a defeat.

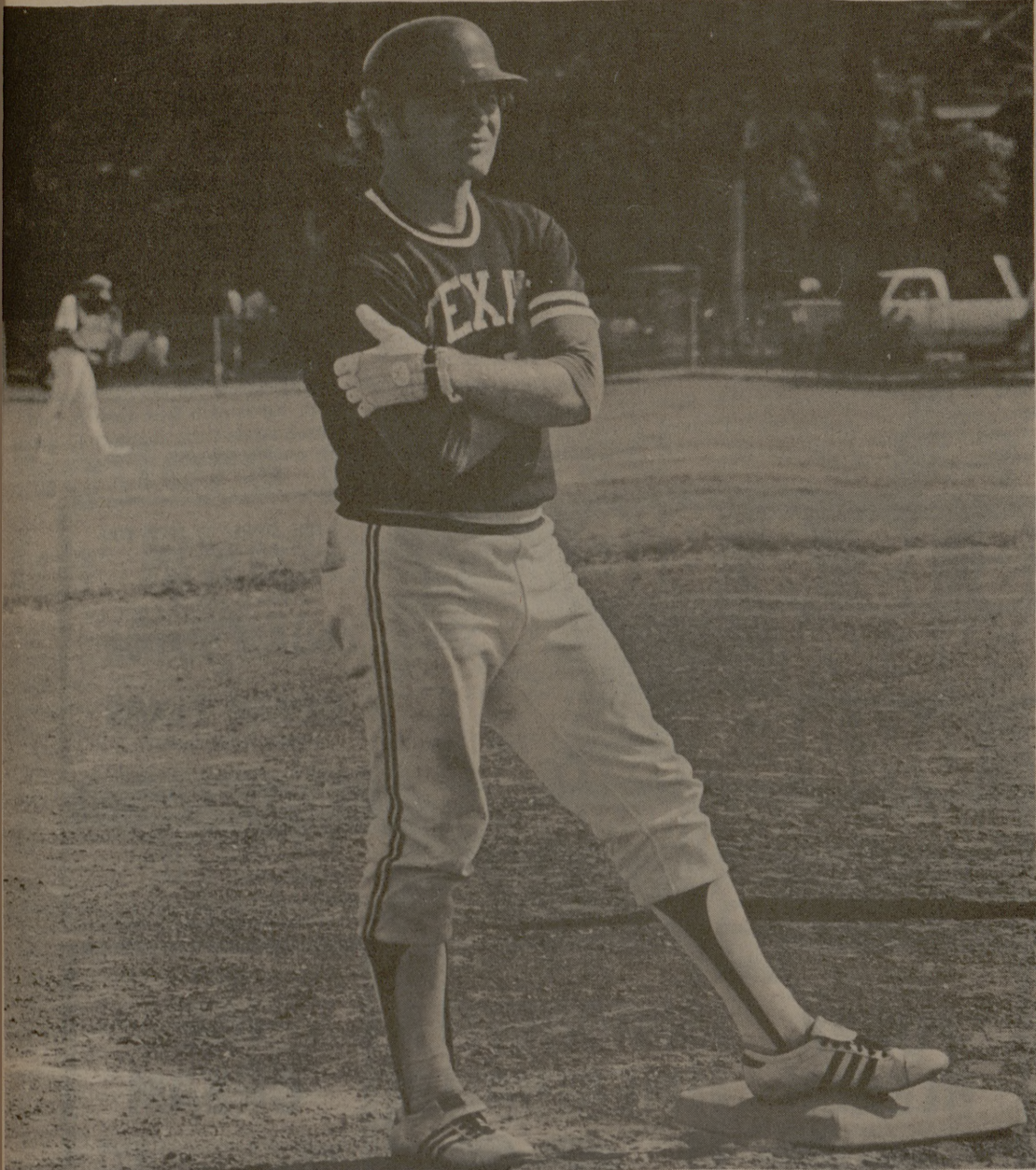
"We are out of the race against Texas for the Southwest Conference title but we are very much in the running for a NCAA playoff spot and we've got to have a good series against them to get it," Thurmond said.

"We could be undefeated like they are," said Thurmond. "We haven't been out of any of our games this season we've just had bad breaks, with a couple of breaks here and there we would be in the same place that they're in."

"The Baylor series really hurt us," Thurmond said. "We went into that one having played only four games and they had already played 10, we just weren't ready."

"The Texas Tech loss was a bad one too, we shouldn't have lost that one but we did."

Thurmond said that there would be no let down against Texas this weekend and that the Aggies would be trying to take the series from the Horns. "We would like to win the series against Texas and just get into the playoffs, that's all we're thinking about now."



AL THURMOND

## Team lineups announced for Maroon-White game

David Shipman will quarterback the Maroons while Mike Jay and David Walker will guide the Whites at the outset of Texas A&M's final spring football game at Kyle Field Saturday night.

The contest is slated for 7 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for non-A&M students. The tickets, if purchased early enough, also will be good for Saturday's SWC baseball doubleheader between the Aggies and Texas, starting at 1 p.m.

Along with Shipman in the starting Maroon backfield will be halfbacks Bubba Bean and Skip Walker and fullback Ronnie Hubby. Jay and David Walker will have Jim Hartman and David Craig at the halves and Bucky Sams at fullback.

The starting line for the Maroons will be Carl Roaches at split end, Richard Osborne at tight end, Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Swilley at tackles, Bruce Welch and Craig Glendenning at guards and Henry Tracy at center. The starting White line will have Mike Floyd at split end, David Greeno at tight end, George Burger and Dennis Smelser

at tackles Frank Myers and Billy Lemons at guards and Mark Dennard at center.

The Maroon defense will have Blake Schwarz and Tank Marshall at ends, Edgar Fields and Jimmy Dean at tackles, Ed Simonini, Garth Ten Napel, and either Grady Wilkerson or Robert Jackson at linebackers, Pat Thomas and William Thompson at the corners and Jackie Williams and Lester Hayes at safeties.

The White defense will start Richard Frey and Gerald Shannon at ends, Ronnie Walker and David Bairrington at tackles, Jesse Hunnicutt, Phil Bennett and Kevin Monk at linebackers, Tony Blankenship and Charlie Arndt at the corners and Charles Bell and Carl McCormack at safeties.

Coach Emory Bellard said all three quarterbacks — Shipman, Jay and David Walker — may work with both teams during the course of the game. There are others who switch from White to Maroon at times.

The Aggies drilled on all phases of both offense and defense Tuesday

as they opened the final week of spring practice.

The Aggies will be off Friday while the coaches and other A&M personnel join some 69 newsmen in the annual Texas A&M News Media Golf Tournament.

## Oilers get cornerback from Eagles

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers acquired cornerback Charlie Ford from the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed future draft choice Tuesday.

Ford is a former University of Houston defensive star and resides in Missouri City southwest of Houston.

The 6-foot-8, 195-pound Ford was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the second round of the 1971 National Football League draft and was traded to the Eagles last year.

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