

Last series of season

Ags meet Horns, vie for playoffs

By DAVID WALKER Staff Sports Writer
It's the Texas Aggies versus the Texas Longhorns. Enough said.
The two schools get together tomorrow and Saturday in the final regular season action for both schools. The Horns enter the game as this year's Southwest Conference champions and the Aggies enter with second place already under their belt and hoping for a playoff spot.

Entering the series with a 30-6 record the Ags are trying to get one of the 15 available playoff spots that are up for grabs by second place teams and independent schools.
"Everybody is looking forward to playing Texas, we always do," said Aggie assistant coach Jim Sampson. "Texas has a real good team, they're real solid."
Sampson said that there was no chance of a letdown against the Longhorns since they have already won the SWC. "No chance, we are still going for the playoffs and I don't think Texas will be too relaxed either because they are gunning for a perfect season."
"For the past two weeks we've had real good relaxed practices," said Sampson. "I'd rather go into the series relaxed than all keyed up."
Sampson said that the Horns of this season are different from those in the past. "They've changed their hitting a little because of their new

ballpark. Keith Moreland hit eight balls to right field in the TCU series last weekend, he didn't hit that many to right field all last year."
"Of course their pitching is real strong with Gideon, Wortham, and Flores. Their infield is strong and they are strong in the outfield except maybe in left field but that really isn't a problem because they've got such a good centerfielder," Sampson said.
Both teams are hitting well over .300 and if recent history is any indication, the games will be hard-fought and well-played.
In the 17 years that Tom Chandler has been at A&M his teams have posted a 20-25 record against the Horns. In College Station the teams are even at 12-12.
The only change for the Aggies will be at the designated hitter spot where Don James will start. James started in that slot for the Ags in the third game of the Rice series last weekend and had two key hits.

Six Aggies will be playing their final regular season games — catcher Tommy Hawthorne, first baseman Jim Bratsen, second baseman Mike Schraeder, shortstop Fred Russ, left fielder Al Thurmond and center fielder Mike Frazier.
This senior class has produced 108 wins in their career and needs one more win to tie the A&M record of 109 career wins by the 1974 seniors.
The Aggies can set a school record for victories in a season by winning two of three games from Texas. The previous best is 31 wins by the 1971 and 1974 teams. Jim Bratsen has already set school career records for homers (18) and runs batted in (99). Mike Frazier has tied the season stolen base record of 15.
The pitching matchups features TU's seniors against A&M's juniors. Jim Gideon (11-0) will pitch the first

game on Friday with Richard Watham (10-0) and Martin Flores going Saturday for the Horns. Aggies will counter with Clay Thomas (7-2) on Friday, with Jim Gibson (9-1) and David Lockett (1) on Saturday. All three Ag starters are juniors.
The Friday single game starts 3:00 with the Saturday doubleheader slated for 1:00.

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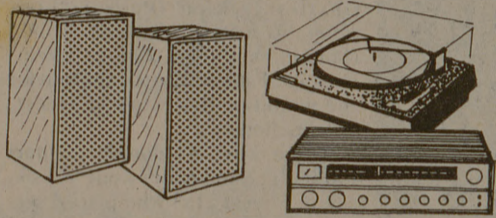
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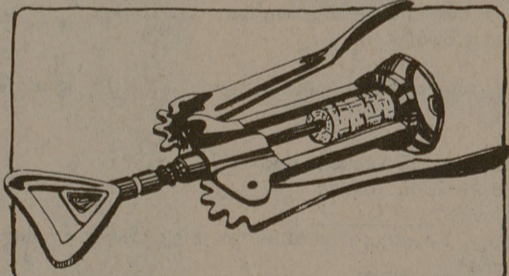
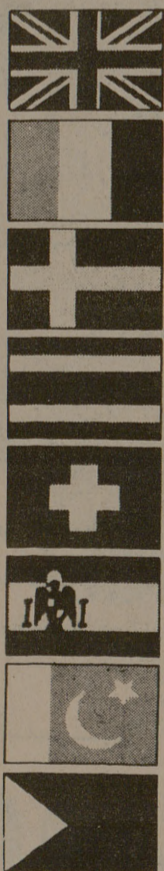
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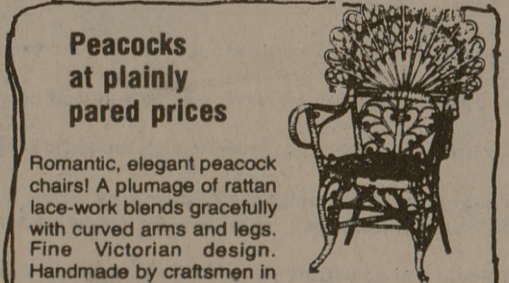
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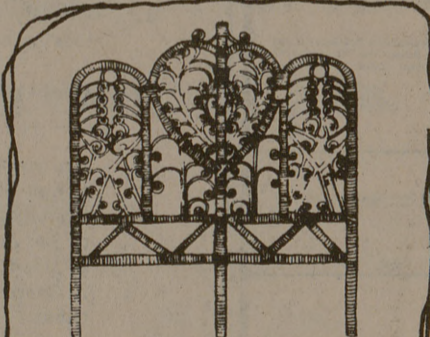


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Frazier	33	129	36	52	.403	13	3	0	1	15	2	1	10	6	57	0	3	.350	
Bratsen	37	126	30	47	.373	33	4	1	7	0	1	1	21	11	252	6	3	.389	
Campbell	36	123	23	44	.358	21	7	3	1	2	1	0	8	4	32	62	10	.304	
Raymer	36	117	24	40	.342	27	8	3	6	2	7	0	25	9	50	4	1	.382	
Thurmond	36	111	20	38	.342	11	2	1	1	6	1	2	15	13	54	2	2	.366	
Buskamper	6	3	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	2	.800	
Larsen	6	3	1	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	1.000	
Hawthorne	35	132	25	40	.328	18	7	1	1	2	5	1	23	5	168	25	5	.375	
Schraeder	37	121	22	39	.322	30	10	1	6	5	6	0	19	22	101	73	6	.367	
James	13	21	3	6	.286	6	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	16	1	1	.944	
Olmo	5	4	2	1	.250	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	
Crabtree	26	74	10	17	.230	9	3	0	2	3	2	3	11	14	3	1	1	.944	
Bonner	19	61	8	14	.230	5	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	6	8	11	2	.305	
Bus	37	123	12	24	.195	17	8	2	0	6	4	0	16	3	51	95	20	.350	
Biersner	9	17	2	2	.118	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	7	36	2	0	1.000	
Hodges	7	7	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	1.000	
Wortham	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	
Gibson	16	1	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	0	1.000	
Lockett	16	2	1	1	.500	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	13	1	.855	
Thomas	14														2	11	1	.929	
Scheumack	5														0	5	0	1.000	
Alley	1														0	0	0	.000	
Wilson	1														0	0	0	.000	
A&M	37	1169	220	368	.315	192	59	14	23	43	31	6	147	104	871	334	58	.854	
OPP	37	1090	110	245	.225	97	40	6	12	10	21	18	145	192	831	375	68	.946	
LOB: A&M 298, OPP 294																			

Player	G	W	L	ERA	IP	H	R	Er	Bb	So	Wp	Hb	Bk	Gs	Cg	Saves
Alley	1	0	0	0.00	0%	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Scheumack	5	3	0	1.52	17%	14	4	3	7	11	2	0	0	1	0	1
Gibson	16	9	1	2.05	74%	65	26	17	37	49	7	5	0	11	6	1
Campbell	14	5	2	2.26	43%	37	15	11	16	23	0	2	1	5	1	2
Thomas	14	7	2	2.68	70%	60	28	21	26	53	2	4	0	10	5	0
Lockett	16	6	1	3.02	80%	62	33	27	47	55	4	7	0	10	3	2
Hodges	3	0	0	6.75	4	6	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	1	0	0		0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A&M	OPP
37	30
6	2.57
290%	245
110	83
145	192
16	18
1	1
37	15
6	0

Cub's Monday off to best start

CHICAGO (AP) — Cubs centerfielder Rick Monday is off to his greatest start but he doesn't visualize himself as new team leader.

When the Cubs completed their first road trip this season, the 29-year-old Monday found himself batting .417 with 11 runs batted in after playing only 10 games. What's more, he was the Cubs' clean-up hitter.

"I think I might be maturing as a hitter," said Monday. "I'm swinging the bat better than I have in my whole life."

"I guess it's a combination of learning the pitchers and also hitting the lefthanders," said Monday who said he was "tickled and happy as hell" when traded from the Oakland A's to the Cubs for pitcher Ken Holtzman in 1972.

"I never liked the idea of being platooned or sitting on the bench," said Monday. "But Dick

Williams was the manager at Oakland and that's what he thought was best."

Monday, a superb defensive centerfielder the Cubs had been seeking for years, has gradually developed as a complete hitter since given the opportunity to go both ways.

He batted .249 with 22 home runs in 1972, .267 with 24 home runs in 1973 and .294 with 19 home runs last year.

"I've never knocked in 100 runs," said Monday, "but you don't get the chance when you are leading off like I did last year. We'll have to wait and see how I do batting fourth."

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