

When it rains, it pours

By DAVID WALKER

I made the same mistake the Aggie baseball team made last week, I went to Edinburg.

Boy, when things go bad, they really go bad.

We were traveling in two vans and two cars. One van and the cars made it without any trouble, one van didn't. That should have told us right then and there what the weekend was going to be like.

Everything went OK until the next night when we went to the ball park to play the first two games.

In baseball talk there is two different meanings for the word: homer. One is the obvious shorting of the phrase, home run. A home run results when the player hits the ball (usually over the fence but not always) and scores without an error on the play. The other homer is the name given to an umpire who usually calls it the way he sees it as long as he sees it the way the home team wants him to see it.



You can bet your P. F. Flyers that the umpires called it the way they wanted and will probably be nominated any day now for an Academy Award.

Life in South Texas went from bad to worse. (But not the umpires, they stayed worse.)

Aggie second baseman Mike Schraeder's glove was stolen from the hotel elevator as it was taking a solo ride to the first floor. Some of Mike's teammates pitched his glove in the elevator just as it was leaving

the third floor knowing that some more Aggies were waiting for it at the first floor. What they didn't know was that there was a glove thief on the second floor, and sure enough there was. Bye-bye glove.

More bad hitting and umpiring made the stay in the border town (I've got some Mexico stories but I'm saving them for a book) worse and worse but finally the last game was over and we could come back

to good old College Station and everything would be OK, right? Wrong.

On the way back we stopped to get a bite to eat and a coke for the road. As we were driving away from little drive-in grocery Coach Chandler tried to open his coke only to have the ring pop off the can with out the tab. Friends, when something as American as a coke can turns on you, you've really got

it bad.

Now it's getting late and we are almost home. You know how your foot tends to get a little heavy when you get close to home and you probably also know that as taxpayers we pay men to guard against heavy footed people. Well one of those men happen to be guarding on the road we were on and I need not explain the rest.

We finally got home alive (which

in itself was a shock) only to be met by a member of the campus police force who informed us that one of the players cars had been broken into while we were gone. I expected lighting to strike me any minute.

It didn't strike though and now it's time to leave again on another baseball trip. The reason I feel so good about the Aggies chances this weekend is that after last weekend things can't get any worse.

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The Texas Aggie golf team will tee it up Thursday as they began competition in the 50th annual Southwest Conference medal-play championship at the Lubbock Country Club. All nine SWC schools will compete in the 54-hole tournament.

Coach Bob Ellis will field a six-man squad consisting of Bobby Baker, sophomore from Missouri City, Monte Schauer, sophomore from Victoria, Steve Whiteside, sophomore from Midland, Clay Dozier, senior from College Station, Larry Gorzycki, junior from Bryan and Al Pryor, senior from Lancaster.

Schauer will try to improve on his third place finish in the individual standings of last year's tournament. He finished behind Keith Fergus of Houston (216) and Jim Mason of Texas (218). Schauer shot 221.

Houston is favored to win the team competition after winning in 1973 and tying with Texas in '74. Texas again will provide stiff competition for the Cougars with Mason returning to duel with Fergus. SMU also figures in the picture as Mark Triggs has played very well this spring.

If Houston's Fergus can overcome Longhorn avianary Mason, he'll become the eighth golfer to win back-to-back titles. Texas' Ben Crenshaw was the last golfer to achieve this feat, winning in 1972-73. The only three-time winner is Ed White of Texas, winning crowns from 1933 to '35.

Ellis and his squad will drive to Lubbock Wednesday. They'll play a practice round Thursday at the site of the tournament. The 54-hole tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, 27 holes each day. The four low scores will count toward the team standings.

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