

Hoping to come out of hitting slump

Ags face OU in playoffs

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Coach Tom Chandler is hoping that his Texas Aggies left that non-hitting bug in Edinburg last week as they leave tomorrow for Norman Oklahoma to begin the 1975 NCAA baseball playoffs.

After weeks of waiting the Aggies found out Monday where they were going and who they were going to play.

The Ags will meet the University of Oklahoma at 2 p.m. Friday in the first game of the District 5 double elimination tournament.

The Aggies finished second in the Southwest Conference and have a 31-13-1 season record. Oklahoma is the Big Eight champion and posted a 46-7 season mark. The other two teams in the tournament are Iowa, the second place team in the Big Ten, and Tulsa, the winner of the

Missouri Valley Conference.

The full schedule of the tournament has Iowa meeting Tulsa at 10 a.m. with the Aggies and the Sooners going at 2 p.m. The losers of the first two games will play at 5 p.m. Friday. The winners of the first two games will play at 1 p.m. Saturday. The winner of the third game Friday and the loser of the first game Saturday will play at 4 p.m. Saturday. If another game is necessary, it

will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The starting pitcher for the Sooners will be Bob Shirley, a lefty with an 11-1 record and a 1.60 ERA. The Aggies will counter with James Gibson, a lefty with a 9-3 record and a 2.26 ERA.

The winner of the tournament will advance to the College World Series in Omaha Nebraska, June 9-13 along with seven other regional winners.

For the Aggies to win at Oklahoma they are going to have to solve the hitting problems that they had last weekend in Edinburg when they played Pan American.

The Aggies lost all five games to the Broncs and in the process got only 17 hits and two runs. The scores were 6-1, 4-1, 2-0, 4-0, and 1-0. They went the last 24 innings without a run.

Not all was bad in the Pan Am series as the Aggies got some fine pitching. James Gibson gave the Broncs only six singles in Friday's 4-1 game. Three of Pan Am's four runs were unearned. David Lockett came back on Saturday to pitch a three hitter only to have a one hitter thrown against him. Two of the three hits came in the first inning when the Broncs got their two runs.

The big surprise came from Aggie sophomore pitcher Alan Wilson.

Wilson, who had not pitched an official inning all year, started Sunday's nine inning game and went all the way giving the Broncs only three hits.

The Aggie team batting average dropped below the .300 mark for the first time all year. Going into the series the Aggies were hitting .314 before dropping to .293.

While not making excuses the Aggies were hampered by the fact that they had not played in almost three weeks and had not had much hitting practice in a week because of finals.

The Aggies hope to regain their hitting touch this week as they will be making their first trip to the playoffs since 1964 when they earned an automatic berth in the College World Series. This year the field has been expanded to 32 teams with conference runner-up teams eligible for the first time.

The top hitters for A&M are third baseman Kirk Campbell .362, center fielder Mike Frazier .342, catcher Tommy Hawthorne .331, first baseman Jim Bratsen .329, left fielder Al Thurmond .326 and right fielder Bill Raymer .309.

The pitching staff is led by Gibson and Clint Thomas with 8-4 records and David Lockett with a 6-2 slate.

Tracksters participate nationally

Texas A&M's two entrants in the national AIAW track and field meet placed 15th and 33rd in the discus last weekend at Corvallis, Oregon, but failed to score any points.

Lucey Neiman threw 124 feet, 6 1/2 inches for 15th place and Sandra Lyman threw 94 feet, 6 1/2 inches for 33rd place.

UCLA won the meet with 89 points. Prairie View A&M was second with 71 while Texas Women's University finished third with 29 and Baylor, the only other Texas entry, finished 13th with 14 points.

East squad signs three for June tilt

LUBBOCK — Notre Dame and Maryland are the latest schools to announce that they will have players on Coach Steve Sloan's East squad in the 15th annual Coaches All-America Game scheduled June 21 in Texas Tech's Jones Stadium.


Notre Dame is sending Gerry DiNardo, a 6-1, 248-pound offensive guard and Drew Mahalic, a 6-3, 220-pound linebacker. Maryland will be represented by Stan Rogers, a 6-4, 255-pound offensive tackle.

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