



Shortstop Robert Bonner slides safely into second with a stolen base. The Aggies took two out of three from Houston to

gain a tie for second place. They will travel to Arkansas this weekend to decide who receives the NCAA berth.

Photo by Jim Hendrickson

Ags gain tie for second

By PAT EDMONDSON
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The A&M baseball team travels to the Ozarks Friday, hoping to nail down second place in the Southwest Conference after taking two of three games from the University of Houston over the weekend. A pair of victories over the Arkansas Razorbacks would clinch the second place spot and a probable berth in the NCAA playoffs. A single win over the Porkers would put UH in the runner-up slot behind conference leader Texas.

The Ags won Friday's contest 7-4 on designated hitter Randy Blanchard's clutch three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning. The blast highlighted one of the most crucial and exciting games of the season for the Aggies.

James "Hoot" Gibson recorded his 13th win and fourth shut-out of the season in guiding A&M to a 5-0 decision in Saturday's opener. The Coogs salvaged a split of the twin-bill however, as outfielder Jerry Willeford collected three hits and two runs batted in to pace the visitors to a 5-2 win in the second game.

"We had three great ball games," said Aggie Coach Tom Chandler. "I don't think anyone went away disappointed at the caliber of play of either team."

The Cadets are now 31-8 for the year and 12-6 in SWC play. Houston concluded their 1976 schedule with an overall 31-15 mark, 16-8 in the conference.

In Friday's affair, Aggie hurler Clint Thomas set an A&M school record for most strikeouts in a career of 155. Doug Rau, now pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers of the National League, was the previous holder of most career whiffs. Thomas is currently 8-3 for the year with 88 strikeouts to his credit.

Shortstop Robert Bonner also tied an A&M record by hitting safely in his 16th consecutive time at bat in Saturday's finale.

David Lockett lost the decision as Cougar batters jumped on him for six runs on eight hits. His record now stands at 6-2.

"David (Lockett) pitched a great ballgame in a losing cause," said Chandler. "But Houston made some absolutely fantastic plays on defense in that game."

"Our boys played extremely well too," he said, "but we just left too many men on base."

In other conference games, the University of Texas won two of a three-game series with Arkansas. Surprising Texas Tech won a duo over Rice, and Baylor swept three games from the winless SMU Mustangs.

Maroons trounce Whites in finale

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For followers of the Aggie football team who didn't know, didn't stick around this weekend, or didn't brave the rain, the A&M spring football game was Saturday; the Aggies won and it stopped raining. For those who are interested there was a lot missing and a little extra at the game.

The combined first and second team Maroons overcame the Kyle Field marsh to post a 41-7 victory in the shortened affair. For the first time in four years, the Kyle Field microphones did not sound the names of Simonini, Bean, Skip Walker, Pat Thomas, Garth Ten Napel and the like and it was a sign that the times are a changin'. Despite the lack of names from last year's national champion defense and Southwest co-Champions, the team was the same.

The defense limited the Whites to 29 yards for the game, 27 on the ground.

The Whites' lone touchdown came on a 56-yard galleon by JC transfer Wade Miles after a pass interception. Meanwhile, the Maroon offense was racking up 388 yards. Almost exactly one-third of that yardage came via the pass. Not exactly a new twist as far as football goes, but rare in these parts is the fact that 28 per cent of all plays in the game were passes.

David Shipman and Keith Baker leading the Maroons, tossed 17 passes of which seven were complete. An additional three passes were intercepted. Shipman connected on four of seven throws for 82 yards and two touchdowns, both to split-end Mike Floyd. Baker was three for 10 for 41 yards. White team quarterback John Baber was two for 12.

The Maroons gained an impressive 20 first downs while eating up the clock during the contest.

They scored on their first four tries during the first half. The fifth possession ended in a fumble after progressing 36 yards in 10 plays. Larry Johnson, who played mister everywhere for the White defense, recovered the Baker bobble. Two plays later, though, Paul Thompson

fumbled, Jesse Hinnicutt recovered for the Maroon and it was off to the goalline again as George Woodard broke loose and galloped 15 yards paydirt. Woodard scored the touchdown for the Maroons, going from the one, six minutes into game.

Shipman lofted a 40-yard pass to Floyd on a one play drive for second touchdown. Three minutes later, Floyd was on his way to another TD after a 29-yard Shipman toss. Woodard added the tally, also from the one to start second quarter.

At halftime, Maroon led 34-7. Second half statistics include 25-yard figure for the White offense and 270 yards for the Maroon offense. Maroon passing accounted 106 yards. The second half was ten minutes short. In the ten minutes played, each team made a touchdown. The Whites scored Miles return in the third quarter. The Maroons scored on a seven-yard Shipman dash in the fourth.

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Head coach Emory Bellard, pleased with the effort, "We're pretty basic. All we did was run basic triple option. We need the young backs we've got, Bellard, adding that there will be an influx of even younger backs with next year.

In line with the game, Bellard said, "We plan to throw the ball." He also noted that the team not limited to the Wishbone will use motion.

The quarterback situation is a puzzle. "We're going into next year with both those fellas (Shipman and Baker). Both have come a long way."

At the other backs, only one was in question — fullback. Bellard commented that the team's attack in the game was basically to the lack of two fullbacks who were injured. The tight-end situation questioned also. "I have a great deal of confidence in Gary Haack. He is in darn good shape if someone beats him out."

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