

A&M takes two from McNeese State; 7-2, 7-6

By STEVE MARTINDALE
Buddy Grobe must have found something he either liked or disliked about McNeese University's ball team.

of a doubleheader with the Cowboys. The Aggies also won the opening game, 7-2.

With the wins, the Aggies boosted their season record to 8-2. McNeese, which opened its season with the Aggies, have a 0-4 record.

Texas A&M will open its Southwest Conference play Friday, hosting the University of Arkansas at 3 p.m. The two will meet again Saturday for a doubleheader at 1 p.m., also on Kyle Field.

After allowing the Cowboys one run in the top half of the first inning

of the opener, the Aggies scored three in the bottom half to set the pace for the remainder of the game.

David Pieczynski, a junior transfer from Panola Junior College, picked up the win. Going the entire seven innings for the Aggies, Pieczynski raised his record to 2-1.

Mark McDaniel took the loss for the Cowboys, his first decision this season.

Junior Tim Feickert led the Aggies in hitting, getting two hits out of three at-bats. Kyle Hawthorne

and Buster Turner also had two hits each, out of four attempts.

Mike Hurdle, a freshman from Victoria, hit his third home run of the season. Using the strong winds he lifted the ball over the high center field fence off his first pitch in the third inning. He also brought in Feickert for two RBI's to lead the game.

Pieczynski had six strikeouts in the game. He came within one pitch of finishing the game without giving up any walks, but put one on in the

seventh inning and followed with another.

Jim McWilliams, pitching for the Aggies in the second game, had a no-hitter going through the first three innings when the Cowboys tagged him for six runs and five hits in the fourth inning.

McNeese took a commanding 6-2 lead after the big period, but picked up only one hit and no runs the remainder of the game.

The Aggies began their comeback with two outs in the fourth inning.

First baseman Bob Dulak hit a single to center and Shelton McMath followed with the first of his two doubles for the game.

The hit brought Dulak in and with McMath on second, set up Grobe for his home run.

In the fifth inning Mark Thurmond received a walk and was moved to third on a stand-up double from Feickert. With one out, Hurdle received an intentional walk to load the bases. Pieczynski, pinch-hitting for Dulak, walked to force in

the tying run and McMath followed with another base on balls to give the Aggies the 7-6 margin they needed for the win.

McMath and Robert Bonner led the Aggies in hitting. McMath went two-for-two and Bonner went three-for-four. Grobe had two hits out of four at-bats.

Del Leatherwood relieved McWilliams on the mound in the fifth inning and picked up the win. Ray Fontenot suffered the loss for McNeese.



First baseman Bob Dulak anxiously awaits the throw, but McNeese's base runner was able to dive back safely. The Aggies defeated the Cowboys twice; 7-2, 7-6.

Swimmers ready for state meet

By GLEN JOHNSON
The Texas A&M women's swim team is traveling to Houston today to compete in the three-day Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletes for Women (TIAAW) state meet.

The annual meet will be held at the University of Houston beginning tomorrow and will last through Sunday. Trials begin at 11 a.m. in the finals following each day.

Teams from every college and university in Texas will be competing. Each school is allowed to send 10 swimmers.

Texas A&M will be represented by its entire 17-woman team.

Although there will be many schools represented, some of them are the small schools with less talent than the Aggies. But these encouraging words are not a shadow of an easy victory for the Aggies.

The University of Texas, Texas A&M beat once and twice this season, will also be competing for victory tomorrow.

The only other schools that may present a problem to the Texas women are Midland College, Texas Tech and the University of Houston, said head swimming coach Dennis Fosdick.

The Aggies could be strong in the long-distance events, while Lamar University may present a challenge to the Aggies in the sprints.

"We just don't really know what other schools have," Fosdick said. "They don't send us the results of their women's meets like they do from the dual meets with men's teams."

Thus, coaches from all the schools kept in the dark regarding their opponents until the time of the meet.

"I think that U.T. might have an edge on us because of their depth," Fosdick said. "But we have a good chance." Depth means that U.T. has more members on its team than does Texas A&M; therefore, it can send its best 18.

Fosdick has not yet assigned his swimmers to specific events since it is not yet clear where he will need his strongest swimmers. The choice will be made after he has a chance to evaluate the other teams.

"We (the coaches) will sit down and place the women in their events Wednesday morning," Fosdick said. "They aren't really signed up until then anyway."

Each school competing is allowed to enter a maximum of five individual events; however, they can enter a total of seven events in the three-day meet.

Fosdick and the women's team are optimistic in their chances to place high in the meet.

"I feel like we can win the meet," said Debbie Starr, a team member from Missouri City, Tex.

"We are hoping that the smaller teams will win points from the stronger competition giving us a better chance."

"Texas or the University of Houston could take first place in some of the events and we could still win the meet by taking several second and third places. But we'll have to win some first places too."

The winners are determined by the total points earned with more points awarded to the higher places.

"We have a good chance to win any event that Susie Lynde swims," Fosdick said.

Lynde, a junior from La Palma, Calif., is currently the top long-distance swimmer on the team.

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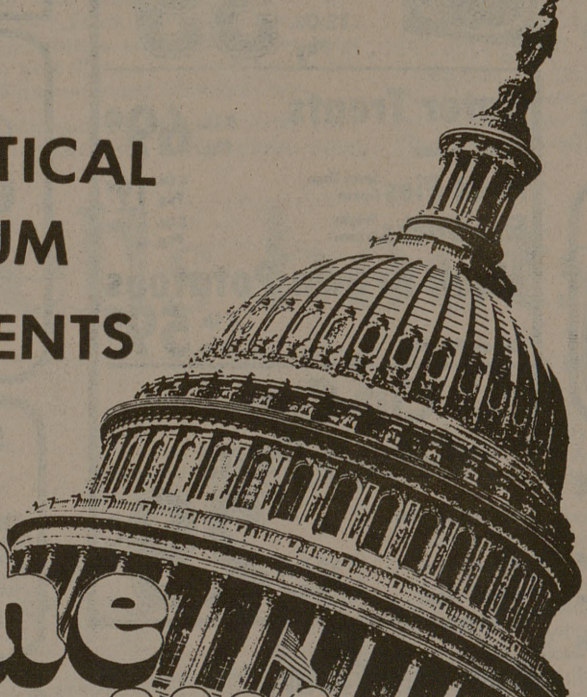
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