

# Ags take pair from Gophers: 8-1, 9-5

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Behind a barrage of five home runs, Texas A&M took a pair from the Gophers of the University of Minnesota by scores of 8-1 and 9-5 in non-conference baseball yesterday afternoon.

The Aggies will be shooting for a new team record of home runs when they host Baylor in a three-game Southwest Conference series Friday and Saturday. In 1961 the

A&M club hit 37 homers, yesterday the Aggies brought this year's total to 35.

Shortstop Robert Bonner, the only member of the starting lineup without a home run this year, removed himself from that list on the second pitch of the second ball game by slapping the ball over the left field fence.

Others hitting home runs Wednesday with their season total in parentheses are Mike Hurdle (7,

the team leader), Kyle Hawthorne (6), Shelton McMath (5) and Buster Turner (6).

Senior Winston Whiddon led in the hitting for the Aggies, getting four hits in five at-bats.

Today, the Aggies will again meet the Gophers for a 3 p.m. scrimmage game which will not count on the team records.

A&M's record now stands at 27-9 and Minnesota's at 2-6. The Aggies will carry a 10-2 SWC record into

the 3 p.m. game with Baylor Friday. The two clubs will follow with a 1 p.m. doubleheader Saturday. Baylor has a 3-3 conference record.

The second game produced the 411th A&M win for 19th year coach Tom Chandler, who was honored between the two games with a plaque for his 400th victory. The win came March 12 when the Aggies downed Southern Methodist in the first game of a doubleheader, 11-0.

Mark Thurmond was credited with the pitching win in the first game. The Houston sophomore's record now stands at 7-0 and he is still the only pitcher in the starting rotation without a loss. Minnesota's Mike Bailey took the loss and now has a 0-2 record.

Del Leatherwood picked up the second win to raise his record to 3-1. Doug Gronseth suffered the loss for the Gophers. He is now 0-1.

The Aggies began the first game in control with Bonner opening with a single, Hawthorne walking and Robert Verde knocking out a two-base hit. Pinch-hitter David Pieczynski reached base on an error and Whiddon followed with a single to

end the inning with three runs.

In the third, Minnesota's first man up gathered a walk, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on an error.

With the 3-1 lead, Whiddon hit a single before McMath hit his home run over left field for a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning.

Whiddon again started the action in the sixth with a base hit and was again brought in on a homer. This one, off the bat of catcher Turner, soared high over the 30-foot center field fence, 360-feet from home plate.

With two outs, Buddy Grobe hit a double and was brought in on a single from Hurdle to close the game's scoring.

Minnesota, who dropped a 3-2 decision to Texas on Monday, opened the second game with a four-hit, four-run performance in the first inning.

Tarry Boelter opened with a walk and Tom Mee followed with a single. Mike Bruss drove in one run with a single. With one out and Mee on third, Jeff Neutzling flied out to Shelton McMath in right field and Mee tagged and tried to score.

McMath fired a one-hopper to Hawthorne at the plate in time for the out but just as the sophomore catcher turned around, the two collided in the base path. Mee scored and since Hawthorne dropped the ball as he hit the ground, he was charged with an error and took a break to catch his breath.

Bruss was brought in when pinch hitter George Dierberger hit a home run over the center field fence.

Bonner opened the Aggies' turn at bat with his homer and Hurdle followed with a fielder's choice. Hawthorne, who had to leave the game after the inning because of the collision earlier, made up for the run allowed on his error by hitting the inning's third home run.

The Gophers padded their lead by a run in the fourth inning when Dierberger was walked in.

Verde began the fourth inning for

A&M with a base on balls and eventually driven in on a walk from McMath.

The Aggies overtook Minnesota in the fifth period, beginning with a single from Grobe. Again, Hawthorne reached the bases on a fielder's choice, putting out Grobe. Then having taken Hawthorne's place, moved Hurdle to third with a single.

Both came in to give the Aggies lead off the bat of Verde, though he had no hit. Verde's grounder to the pitcher, who hit toward second for a sure out play. The throw went over the second baseman's head to score Hurdle and bounced off the leg of the fielder to score Turner. Verde knocked in by Whiddon.

Bonner, in the sixth, reached the bases on a fielder's choice and was brought in. Hurdle hit his seventh home run of the year.



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Second baseman, Buddy Grobe, makes the final put-out of the ball game between the Minnesota Gophers, and Texas A&M. The

Ags took a pair from the Gophers; 8-1 and 9-5. The Ags host the Baylor Bears this weekend.

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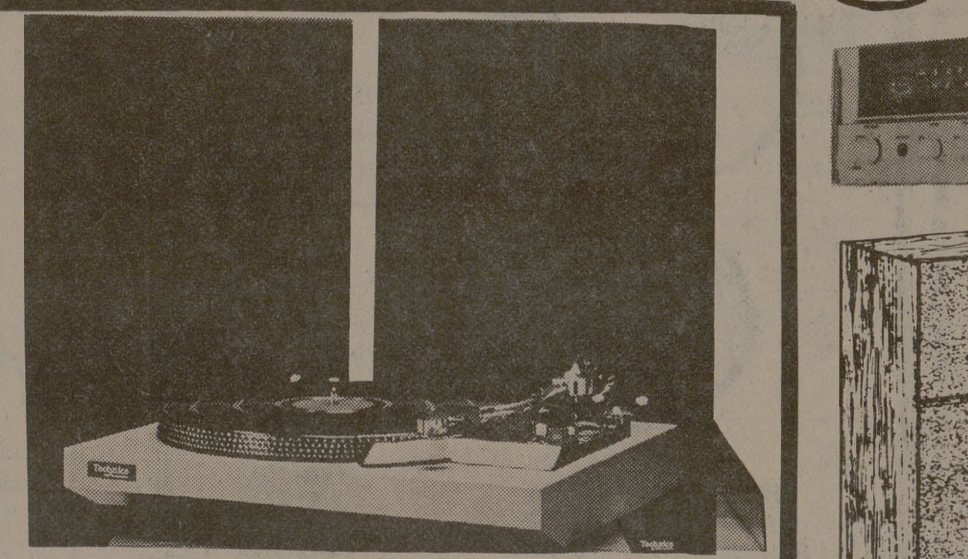
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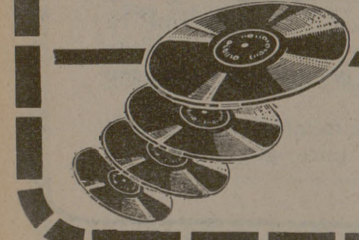
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