Horns, Aggies clash in first of three-game series

By STEVE MARTAINDALE

Of the past 12 Southwest Conference baseball seasons, the University of Texas has won or shared every

Of those 12 seasons, Texas A&M University has placed second or tied for first seven times, but has not won an outright championship since 1964.

If either of these patterns change this year, it may happen this

weekend when Texas visits the Aggrees for a three-game series.

broke a 34 game Longhorn winning streak, a collegiate record. The Aggrees for a three-game series. gies for a three-game series.

The series, beginning at 3 p.m. today, will be the last on A&M's existing field, which will be replaced

has an 11-1 record—its one loss going to Rice. With its 3-2 win, Rice

gies have a 30-10 season record while the Horns stand at 39-1.

The conference championship is by a \$2 million, 5,000-seat stadium decided by winning percentage maknext spring. The two teams will meet ing the biggest statistic the "loss"

again Saturday for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

A&M brings a 13-3 SWC record ords on the line this series. The next into the series with a pair of losses to A&M home run will break a 16-Texas Tech and one to Baylor. Texas year-old record of 37, and if catcher Buster Turner can hit safely in all three games, he will break the 19game streak established last year by shortstop Robert Bonner.

The Aggie baseballers have had more than the customary amount of difficulty in breaking the home run

Twice in the past two series the record-breaking hit has sailed over the fence, but has not yet entered the record books.

When Baylor visited A&M, freshman center fielder Mike Hurdle hit what appeared to be an inthe-park double. After the play, however, fans in the outfield said the hit cleared the fence, bounced off a trailer and back into the field where

it was played by the right fielder.
Last weekend the Aggies went to
Houston and Friday took a 4-3 win over Rice without a home run. Saturday the Aggies had taken a 4-0 lead, aided by a Turner homer (extending his hitting streak to 18 games) only to have a fourth-inning rainstorm wipe the slate clean, as if the game had never been played.

After the series, A&M will lack only a visit to Houston to wrap up its conference play. Texas will host Houston and visit Arkansas and Baylor while finishing SWC play.

Last season, Texas won two of

Austin. The Longhorns won by scores of 3-0 and 8-2 while A&M took one 2-0 win

Leading Texas in hitting is right Leading Texas in hitting is right fielder Jerry Jones, who brings a .383 average into the game. Turner leads the Aggies with a .355 norm. Teamwise, the Aggies have the upper hand in batting with a .309

average. Texas is hitting .295.

Longhorn coach Cliff Gustafson

will choose his starting pitchers from righthanders Tony Brizzolara (with a 7-0 record), Kem Wright (7-0), Don Kainer (9-1) and lefthander Bob Heuck (7-0).

Aggie coach Tom Chandler is expected to go with righthander Mark Ross (7-1) on Friday, lefthander Mark Thurmond (8-0) and righthander David Pieczynski (5-1) on Satur-

Sophomore John Pockrus could three games when the Aggies visited also see plenty of action. As a relief

The probable batting order for Texas with their batting averages in parentheses is rightfielder Jerry Jones (.383), designated hitter Scott Soden (.336), third baseman Rocky Thompson (.358), first baseman Mickey Reichenbach, (.286), left fielder Wendell Hibbett (.330), center fielder Charles Proske (.254), second baseman Ted Wendlandt (.242) or Andre Robertson (.276), catcher Bobby Kearney (.330) and shortstop Steve Day (.263).

The probable lineup for Abshortstop Robert Bonner (.300) ond baseman (.316), centerly Mike Hurdle (.349), first base Kyle Hawthorne (.331), desig hitter Tim Feickert (.309), left der Robert Verde (.209), baseman Winston Whiddon (right fielder Shelton McMath and catcher Buster Turner

A large crowd is expected series and portable bleachers moved in. A&M students was admitted free of charge with student ID. Adults will be adfor \$1 and children for 50 cen

Two A&M students win open racquetball meet

Steve Taber and Steve Drewry, both students at Texas A&M, came out on top in the Racquetball Club's three-day meet here last weekend.

Taber won first in the Men's Open Division and Drewry was first in the Men's B Division.

Mark Mueller and Ernie Osborne took second and third respectively in the Men's Open Division. Bob Herry took consolation honors. Although the tournament was open to anyone, Osborne was the only outof-town entry.

In the Men's B Division, Mark Woods finished in second place and Mark Fratrik won consolation.

The club will hold a doubles tournament here April 29-May 1. Anyone is eligible to enter. Teams from Beaumont and Stephen F. Austin are expected to participate in

the meet, club vice pres Robert Seibert said.

Anyone desiring more in tion can contact Ted Libson a 667 or Don Perkins at 845-476

Bannister earns spot with Astro

United Press International HOUSTON — Pitcher Bannister, currently on the ro the Charleston Club of the Int tional League, has earned a spotthe pitching staff of the Houston tros, manager Bill Virdon said

The Astros currently are do the opening-day limit of 25 players and at this time do no space for Bannister on the ro

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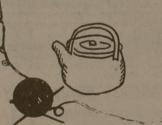
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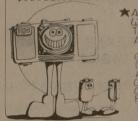
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Ag spring training workouts

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But the sun did not stop the Ags. Plenty was accomplished this week, Coach Emory Bellard said.

Kevin Monk, one of three returning defensive starters, said that the defense has improved steadily since training started.

"All of the younger players have the desire and the ability to play top notch defense, but they only lack experience," Monk said. "These players, after a couple of games, will probably look like they are four-year lettermen. I have confidence in our

The defense suffered a setback

Tuesday when Gerald Galloway, freshman defensive tackle, broke

Intense heat fails to slow

'Gerald was a real fine ball player, and he could help the team," Bellard said. "He got pinched in between three people, and that bent his leg back and broke both bones in his lower leg."

The only serious injuries we have are Zach Guthrie and Gerald Galloway," A&M's team trainer Billy Pritchard said. "But we have a lot of minor injuries like cuts, scratches,

with some muscle strains. These injuries are not serious and most of the players are playing full speed

"Most of the team will 'suck up' a small injury like this and never let it slow them down," Pritchard said.

The Ags have practice today, then an intersquad scrimmage tomorrow morning. This scrimmage, along with all of the practices, is open to

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