

No-hitter highlights series

By DERRICK GRUBBS
The best word to describe this game is "clutch."
That remark came from A&M coach Tom Chandler moments after the Aggies had defeated Texas Tech 5-0 to complete a three-game sweep of the weekend series at Olsen Field.
The Ags downed Tech 4-2 in Friday's contest. In Saturday's doubleheader, junior lefthander Mark Thurmond treated the Olsen Field

crowd of well over 4,000 as he pitched the first no-hitter of his collegiate career in blanking the Raiders 5-0.
An RBI single in the ninth inning by Kyle Hawthorne provided A&M the 2-1 margin of victory in the nightcap.
The sweep by A&M, coupled with an Arkansas loss to Houston in the third game of their series, moves the Ags into a tie for first place in the

SWC standings with the Hogs. Those two teams square off in Fayetteville this coming weekend and whichever wins two of the three games will be the 1978 SWC champion.
Aggie starter Mark Ross had held the Raiders in check since the third inning of Friday's game, when the Raiders scored their two runs, but needed relief help from Pockrus in the ninth to get Tech out of the nightcap.

Thurmond struck out the next batter, rightfielder Gary Bryant made a nice running grab of a sinking liner for the final out of the game.
"I thought that last ball was going to be hit all the way," said Thurmond after the game. "Bryant made a great catch on that one and the play Bonner and Hawthorne made before that was just super. My curve ball was working good today but I don't think I had all that good a fastball. I'm just glad we won. I don't care if it's a no-hitter, a 5-hitter or a 10-hitter. As long as we win, it doesn't matter."

The score was tied at 1-1 in the nightcap when Bonner led off the bottom of the ninth with a single. A throwing error by the Tech first baseman on Robert Verde's sacrifice attempt allowed Bonner to go to third. Hawthorne, who up to that point, didn't have a base hit in the entire series, lined a single into leftfield and A&M won 2-1.

The Aggies are 30-11 on the season and will take their 17-4 SWC mark into their three-game set in the Ozarks this week.



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Aggie ace Mark Thurmond gets a free ride to the dugout, courtesy of his teammates, after he pitched the first no-hitter of his career, at the expense of Texas Tech.

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To me life has always been exciting. Although I've had some dry days, by far most have been adventurous. Some of the earliest advice I received from my dad was, "to get the most out of life, you need to experience as many avenues as you can." With that advice and a strong positive attitude I was sure I would have the secrets and successes of life at my fingertips.

During the '60's while all my friends were involved in the S.D.S., the Weatherman, and other radical groups, I was enjoying myself. It seemed that during those years there were questionings and unrest on every side of an issue. There were riots and marches from one end of the country to the other. Although I too was involved to a small degree, I continued my trying of life.

By the age of fourteen I was a student pilot and at sixteen I was flying solo trips around Texas to boost my flight time. In high school I was very active on the tennis team and also did a lot of camping with my friends. I was involved much of the time in student government, especially my senior year. All along the way I was a young people's leader in my denomination. There I took part in camp counselling and teaching Sunday school. If someone was going somewhere — anywhere — I went. I traveled with relatives and friends, eager to see new places.

In college I was set on being a military officer. I was accepted, as a sophomore, into Naval Officers Candidate School. Although my

grades weren't on the deans list I enjoyed the experience college had to offer.

But still I couldn't say I had a handle on life. I was not in the least unhappy and yet I knew there had to be something else I hadn't noticed. Even though for my age I was experiencing a lot of things, life seemed as intangible as before. So, I began to pour myself into the activities of my church. There I hoped that I would find that elusive constant called life. However, I was disappointed there too.

Then I heard a little story about two guys named Hunky and Dory. Hunky and Dory lived in a land where everyone loved to cook. They read books on cooking and even wrote books on cooking. They cooked the most beautiful dishes of food, but then never tasted them. By accident, Hunky and Dory ran into a group of people who not only cooked food, but they ate it too! Hunky and Dory were so excited, they ran home to tell their friends. But their friends were disgusted by the idea and were satisfied just to cook.

In that story I realized where I had been all along. I sought life and, as a Christian, I knew life was Christ. Yet, I had no experience with Him.

Then I got my first real taste of Life. I prayed, "Lord Jesus, make yourself real to me and let me experience you." From the second I laid down my good thoughts about Christ and talked to Him personally, the intangible became tangible.

I saw that Life was not just trying things and seeing new places, but that Life was the person of Jesus Christ. And that this Jesus desires to live inside of us (Jn. 17) and be our life, not just a recipe we apply to certain situations. Jesus is not an elusive force, but a touchable person who brings His life to live in us on our level. Now as I study or work I'm satisfied because I know the One who is Life and I'm no longer chasing shadows of life.

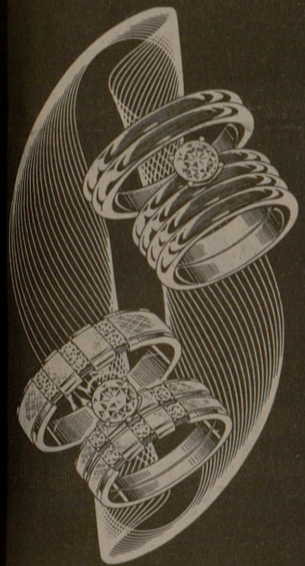
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