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Thurmond makes history

Bears take two from Ags

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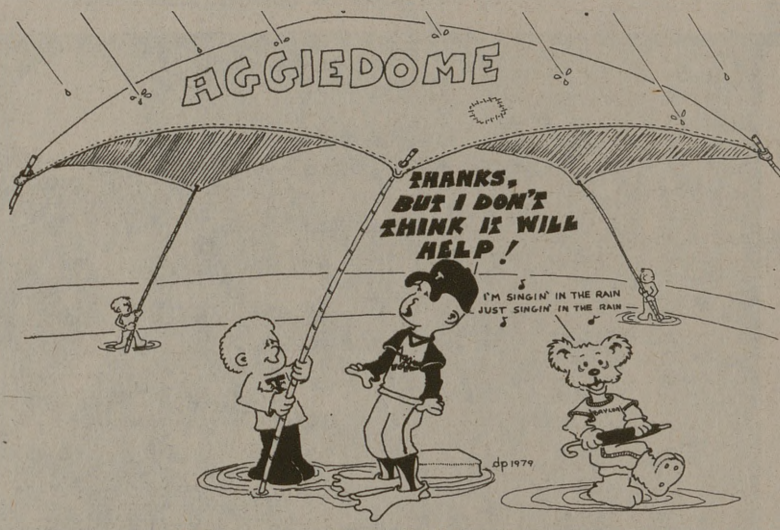
There wasn't much joking around in the Texas Aggie locker room this April Fools' Day. Sunday, the Aggies dropped both ends of a double-header to the Baylor Bears, 7-3 and 5-3.

History was made in the first game as left-hander Mark Thurmond took the loss for Texas A&M, the first regular-season setback of his career. Thurmond had compiled a four-year 16-0 Southwest Conference record, winning his last 28 straight regular-season games and compiling a 29-5 overall record. Prior to Sunday, his only losses had been in post-season play.

"I've got to take it; it's reality," Thurmond said of his first loss. "I'm sure not going to roll over and die. I didn't feel overly good before the game. I've felt worse and won. They just beat me today."

"I hung four or five curve balls that hurt me. I wasn't snapping them off and they were connecting on them. I was relying on my fast ball at the end, hoping I could get by."

The game was tied going into the seventh when the Bears tagged Thurmond and reliever Johnny



Pockrus for four runs, the big blow being a three-run home run off Pockrus by Baylor catcher Eugene Delos Santos.

Jonathan Perlman earned the victory for the Bears, going the distance and picking up his eighth win of the year against one loss. Perlman gave up 10 hits, walking one and striking out five in the seven inning game.

From the outset, the second game of the rain-shortened series belonged to the visiting Bears as well. Baylor scored a run in the first, two in the third and two more in the fourth against right-handed starter Mark Ross. Going the distance, Ross took the loss for the Aggies, dropping his season record to 4-3.

"They were getting men on second base and I'd give up a hit," Ross said. "I'm suppose to get tough with men on base, but today I just messed up."

The Aggies closed the Baylor lead in the fourth, collecting two runs on a triple by Mark McMath, driving in Mark Warriner, and a sacrifice fly by Rodney Hodde. The Aggies scored another in the fifth on a walk to Randy Woodruff, a single by Bryan Little, a wild pitch. Woodruff scored on a ground out by Mark

Warriner.

But after McMath led of the Aggie sixth with a single of Baylor reliever Mike Roberts, the plate umpire called the game because of darkness. Andy Beene earned the victory for the Bears in the five-inning game, raising his season record to 5-1.

"It was tough to see out there," McMath said after the second game. "Not only for the batters, but for the fielders as well."

McMath, in the two games Sunday, collected three hits against Baylor pitching. Prior to the series, McMath led all Aggie batters with a .366 batting average.

"All they threw were fastballs all day," McMath said of the Baylor pitchers. "They were just rearing and throwing."

Aggie Coach Tom Chandler admitted that his players didn't play up to expectation in the shortened series.

"We just didn't hit the ball today like we have been," Chandler said. "Because of all our rain-outs, we just haven't had the hitting practice and we aren't scoring the runs that we need."

With the two losses, the Aggies drop to 17-9 on the year and 5-3 in SWC play. The Bears raised their record to 22-9 and 8-5 in conference play.

Because of the rainouts Friday and Saturday, the Aggies will lose one game off of their SWC schedule. Baylor left Waco Friday and because of SWC rules, a team has three days after it leaves its home town to play the three scheduled away games.

Longhorns reign on Aggies' parade

By KURT ABRAHAM
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Despite being blessed with a spell of good weather, the Texas A&M tennis team was unable to prevent Texas from reigning on the court, as the Aggies dropped their first conference dual match to the Longhorns 7-2 Saturday.

After dodging rain showers during several recent matches, the Aggies found themselves playing under partly cloudy skies for a change, but it made no difference to Texas, which swept all six singles events.

Texas A&M got off to a good start early in the action, as they led three of the singles events after one set each. But time was on the Longhorns' side, as they went on to capture four singles matches in three full sets.

What had already proven to be a bleak afternoon for A&M Coach

David Kent soon became a long one as well. With only four courts available due to resurfacing, a delay in playing the doubles matches soon developed. That delay eventually stretched action between the two teams to a marathon-like five and a half hours before the last doubles match finished up at 6:45 p.m.

"Yes, it's frustrating to have to sit there so long and watch us not be able to win," said Kent. "About all I can say is that Texas came in, played good tennis and just gave us a good, old-fashioned country licking."

But it wasn't all clouds for Kent, as a bright spot when the Aggies took two of three doubles matches. In the No. 2 seeded spot, Texas A&M's Mike Moss and Trey Schutz broke the ice with a 7-6, 6-3 decision. That was followed by 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory as Aggies Hendrick Roller and Jim Grubert outlasted Guillermo Stevens and Glen Barton.

Football team scrimmages

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Emerson Brown ran 20 times for 87 yards and scored three touchdowns Saturday in Texas A&M's first spring football scrimmage.

Brown scored on runs of 6, 4 and 2 yards and fullback David Brothers, who gained 50 yards during the practice, scored on a 19-yard run.

Flanker Gerald Carter and defensive tackle Gerald Galloway missed the session because of classes and tailback Curtis Dickey was in a track meet in Dallas.

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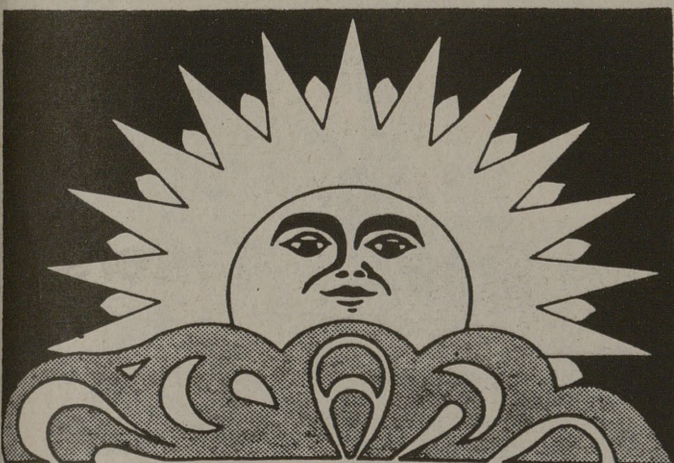
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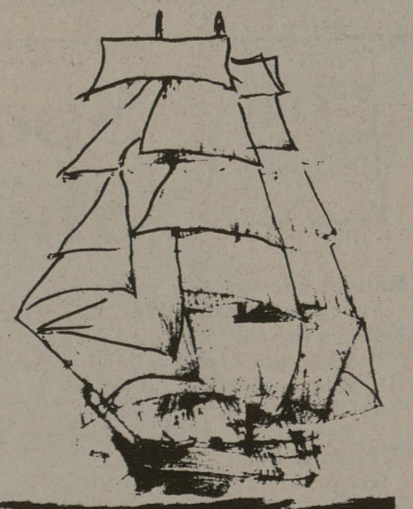
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