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Four Aggies spread to the four winds in draft

Staff and wire reports

Wednesday was a big day for four Texas Aggie baseball players who got the big call from major league baseball teams informing them they had been drafted in the secondary phase of the free agent draft.

Aggie pitchers Mark Thurmond and Mark Ross along with outfielders Shelton McMath and Simon Glenn were picked. Thurmond, Ross and McMath just finished their last season at A&M while Glenn still has another year of eligibility with the Aggies.

Thurmond, a southpaw, who came to A&M by way of a football scholarship from Houston Spring Branch, was drafted in the fifth round by the San Diego Padres. Thurmond's illustrious career at A&M included All-SWC two years; second team All-America in 1978; first team Academic All-America; pitching a no-hitter against Texas Tech in 1978; he led the SWC in wins and ERA in 1978; he had a string of 28 straight scoreless innings pitching against SWC foes in 1978 and pitched for the United States against Japan and in the



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World Amateur Championship Tournament in Italy last summer to name just a few of his accomplishments. He was also drafted by the Padres before.

Ross, a 6-0, 195-pounder from Houston Mt. Carmel, was drafted

by his hometown team, the Houston Astros. Ross, a right-hander, set several A&M records during his four-year career with the most career wins, most starts and most innings pitched in a career and a season. Ross was voted All-

Tournament at the 1978 SWC Tournament and also pitched for the United States in the World Amateur Championship in Italy. Ross spent most of last summer in Alaska playing for the Kenai Oilers in the Alaskan League and was one of the

league's top pitchers.

Glenn, who came to A&M last year from Blinn Junior College, was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in the fifth round. Glenn was drafted by the Chicago White Sox just after he got out of Navasota High School

and chose to go to Blinn where he batted .424 and stole 22 bases in 1978. After two years at Blinn, Glenn was drafted again by the Toronto Blue Jays.

McMath, who came back from knee surgery last year to have one of his best years at A&M, was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the sixth round. He was named All-SWC this year and All-Tournament at this year's SWC Tournament. McMath also played for Charleston-Matton in the Central Illinois League last summer.

The four Aggies were not the only Texas players picked Wednesday.

The SWC Champion Texas Longhorns had five players drafted.

Pitching ace, Jerry Don Gleaton was taken in the 17th round by the Texas Rangers. Second baseman, Andre Robertson went in the fourth round to Toronto, Keith Walker of Arlington in the fifth round by Toronto, Ronald Gardenhire in the sixth by the New York Mets and

Terry Wright in the first round of Toronto.

Rice pitching ace, Alvin of Victoria, was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the first round.

Baylor had two pitchers drafted. The first was Jon Perina in the first Texas collegiate draft and the second was Andy Beene who went to the Milwaukee Brewers in the first round.

Two east Texas players were high picks. Chicago White Sox drafted Rickey Seilheimer in the first round and the outfielder Ronald Stearns in the third pick of the round.

Philadelphia took Mike Row, a pitcher from Texas College, in the second round. Secondary phase and the Cubs claimed Pedro Martinez in the second round. Pharr Central Junior College was picked in the sixth round.

Astros top Phils, Brewers buzz Rangers

United Press International HOUSTON — Pinch-hitter Denny Walling slammed a three-run homer in the seventh inning to tie the score and Jose Cruz knocked in the go-ahead run in the eighth Wednesday night, giving the Houston Astros a 4-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Cesar Cedeno opened the eighth with a single and after Jeff Leonard struck out, he stole second. Enos Cabell then reached on an infield single before Cruz bounced to short and beat out Philadelphia's attempt

at a double-play as Cedeno scored the winning run and gave Joe Sabito, 3-2, the victory.

Reliever Ron Reed, 5-2, struck out pinch-hitter Bob Watson in the seventh but then Walling, batting for starter J.R. Richard, hit a 2-2 pitch to the screen behind the right field wall for his fourth career home run and his first of the season. Walling has five hits in his last six pinch-hitting appearances and has knocked in five runs over that span.

In Milwaukee, Gorman Thomas smashed his 13th home run and

Cecil Cooper rapped out three hits Wednesday night to help Larry Sorensen and the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Thomas hit a two-run shot to tie the score at 2-2 in the second and

Cooper, who also singled twice, doubled home a run in Milwaukee's decisive two-run rally in the seventh.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first when Bump Wills singled and Johnny Grubb belted his ninth

homer, but Ben Oglivie doubled and Thomas followed with a blast into the left field bleachers.

Pat Putnam's fourth homer put the Rangers ahead at 3-2 in the top of the fifth before Milwaukee reached Steve Comer, 5-5, for two runs in the bottom of the inning on an RBI double by Cooper and a run-scoring single by Sixto Lezcano.

Hogs and Horns lose, Texas gone in CWS

United Press International OMAHA — Dan Hanggie belted a grand-slam homer to highlight a seven-run second inning uprising Wednesday night, powering California State-Fullerton to a 13-10 victory over previously undefeated Arkansas in the College World Series.

Fullerton will play conference rival Pepperdine in an elimination game today with the winner meeting the Razorbacks in Friday's championship game.

In the opener of the doubleheader, Bobby Helsom stroked a bases-loaded single to trigger a four-run eighth inning and Garry Humpston capped the rally with a two-run double, powering Pepperdine to a 6-4 victory over top-ranked Texas.

Hanggie and Mike Garcia each drove in four runs for Fullerton, with Garcia hitting a three-run

homer in the sixth. Arkansas, which trailed 8-2 after three innings, used Johnny Ray's three-run homer and solo shots from John Hennell and Kevin McReynolds to get back in the game.

Pat Estrada picked up the win in relief while starter Manuel Warrior, who couldn't get past the second inning, was the loser.

The three-hour contest featured five home runs, two triples, two doubles, 27 hits, three errors and 12 walks.

In the first game, Pepperdine, limited to five hits through the first seven innings and trailing 3-1, scored four runs on four hits off Texas starter Jerry Don Gleaton in the eighth inning.

With one out, Helsom's single scored two runs and Humpston followed with a two-run double off reliever Keith Walker.

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