

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

had been drafted in the secondary phase of the free agent draft. Aggie pitchers Mark Thurmond and Mark Ross along with outfiel-ders Shelton McMath and Simon Glenn were picked. Thurmond, Ross and McMath just finished their had second the 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 in-nings pitching against SWC foes in 1978 and pitched for the United States against Japan and in the



Mark Thurmond

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



Mark Ross

World Amateur Championship by his hometown team, the Houston Tournament at the 1978 SWC Ross, a 6-0, 195-pounder from Houston Mt. Carmel, was drafted season. Ross was voted All-kan League and was one of the

Astros. Ross, a right-hander, set several A&M records during his four-year career with the most career wins, most starts and most

Simon Glenn

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

Shelton McMath

but 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 To-

ronto 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-Matoon in the Central Illinois League last

The four Aggies were not the only Texas players picked Wednesday. The SWC Champion Texas Lon-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 Ar-lington in the fifth round by Toronto, Ronald Gardenhire in the sixth by the New York Mets and sixth round.

Terry Wright in the first Toronto Rice pitching ace, of Victoria, was selected timore Orioles in the fi Baylor had two pit

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Astros top Phils, Brewers buzz Rangers

United Press International HOUSTON — Pinc 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 Hous-ton 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

the winning run and gave Joe Sam-bito, 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. Wal-ling 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

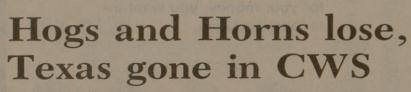
at a double-play as Cedeno scored the winning run and gave Joe Sam-bito, 3-2, the victory. Cecil Cooper rapped out three hits Wednesday night to help Larry Sorensen and the Milwaukee Brew-decisive two-run rally in the ers to a 4-3 victory over the Texas seventh. Rangers.

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





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

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 doub-leheader, Bobby Helsom stroked a four-run eighth inning and Garry

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,

homer in the sixth. Arkansas, which

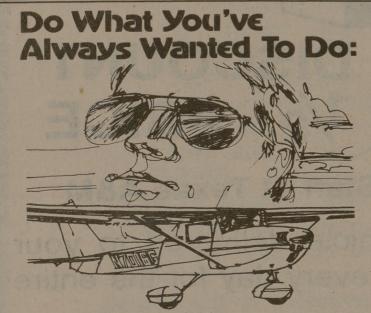
trailed 8-2 after three innings, used

who couldn't get past the second in-ning, 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, bases-loaded single to trigger a limited to five hits through the first seven innings and trailing 3-1, Humpston capped the rally with a scored four runs on four hits off two-run double, powering Pepperthe eighth inning. With one out, Helsom's single Hanggie and Mike Garcia each scored two runs and Humpston foldrove in four runs for Fullerton, with Garcia hitting a three-run liever Keith Walker.

dine to a 6-4 victory over top-ranked



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