

# Baseball

## Little sets record; Ags to face Hogs

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The regular season is over for the Texas A&M University baseball team, but the battle is just beginning.

The Southwest Conference Baseball Tournament will be held May 15-18 at Olsen Field, and the University of Texas, Texas A&M, Arkansas, and Texas Tech will be scrapping for the rights to attend the NCAA South Central Regional Playoff at the end of May.

The Aggies, however, have had a highly successful 1980 season, and are expected to be the team most likely to upset Texas in the tournament.

Texas A&M finished the year 17-6

in the SWC, and is currently 2½ games behind Texas, who plays a three-game series against TCU later in the week. A&M has clinched at least second in the conference, but a TCU sweep of Texas would give the Aggies the regular season SWC title.

The Aggies completed a sweep of Rice Sunday with a 9-5 victory in which one record was set and one tied.

Bryan "Twig" Little, the steady shortstop for the Aggies, finished SWC season play with 86 assists, setting a new SWC record. Trey Brooks of TCU set the old record last year.

Also, the Aggies finished the SWC season with a .974 fielding average, tying their own school record.

Couch Tom Chandler points to the superb pitching of his young staff as

the catalyst of the Aggies' season.

"The pitching has just been outstanding," he said. "They've convinced me they've got a lot of poise and confidence."

Chandler said he is especially happy about the performances of his two freshmen, Robert Slavens (11-0) and Rick Luecken (9-3).

"These two kids have done an absolutely fantastic job this year," he said. "Slavens is just a fine player. I kind of projected on him a building attitude this year, but he turned around and did a fine job this year."

Chandler said he didn't expect the team to finish as high as it did this year.

"I didn't anticipate this at all. We lost Thurmond (Mark) and Ross (Mark) last year, two fine college

pitchers, and we had questionable catching. But they've all come through this year real fine. It's been a team effort," he said.

Chandler is optimistic about the Aggies' SWC tournament chances.

"We're very solid," he said. "Little is doing a great job for us and our hitting's coming around. We were in a slump before the Rice series, but

we kind of broke out of our slump."

The Aggies scored 28 runs against Rice over the weekend on 26 hits, with Bobby Beach, Mike Hurdle and Joe Paul Bramhall hitting home runs.

On May 16, Texas plays Texas Tech at 5 p.m., and Arkansas takes on Texas A&M at 8 p.m. to start the double-elimination tournament.



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## Marathon attracts many despite wind and cold

Despite cold temperatures and biting winds, Texas A&M University's 1980 Marathon attracted approximately 500 runners Saturday.

Three competitions were held: the 13-mile or full-marathon run, the 13-mile or half-marathon run, and the 6.5-mile or quarter-marathon run.

Gary Cude won the full marathon in an unofficial time of 2:41:48. Cude was running in the 15-20 age division.

Craig Gargotta, running in the 21-27 age class, was second at 2:48:21.

Gary Brendel, the 21-year-old engineer graduate student who recently gained national atten-

tion for his plans to "run" the marathon in his wheelchair, "ran" the 26-mile course and came in fifth place overall with a time of 2:58:21, which was also second best in the 21-27 age class.

In the women's division, only the 21-27 age bracket was represented, with Holly Seltzer coming in first with a time of 3:50:45. She was followed by Betsy Jeter at 3:57:05.

The half marathon was won by Andy Wismar, who ran the 13 miles in 1:09:33. Wismar, running in the 21-27 age bracket, was trailed by R. Mueunich at 1:11:52.

J. Currey won the women's divi-

sion with a time of 1:37:21, followed by J. Allen at 1:42:22.

The six-mile quarter marathon was won by Jim Bolleter at 33:55. He was followed by Tom Benson with a time of 37:32.

Katherine O'Keefe won the women's division, running the course in 42:50. Following her was Gail Zieschang at 44:15.

All times are unofficial at this point.

Tinker Murray, who ran the Boston Marathon two weeks ago, organized the race.

"Actually, the weather for the run is perfect," he said, referring to the cold temperatures. "It's a bit windy across the tracks, though, and that causes a few problems for the runners."

Murray said last year's race was hampered by rain and many racers grumbled about getting lost because signs had been destroyed by the water.

"Rain got to us last year," he said. "We were fortunate this year to have some people make some good signs."

Murray said he was pleased at the number of runners involved in the 1980 marathon.

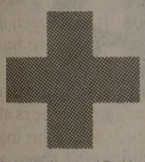
"We're trying very hard to keep it a local race," he said. "We want to have just a few runners, mainly a more competitive thing."

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Oakland	10	7	.588	1½
K.C.	9	7	.563	2
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