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Chandler says Aggies' backs against wall

by John P. Lopez

Battalion Reporter

Going into this weekend's three-game series with Houston, the Texas A&M baseball team needed to have a good showing against the second-ranked Cougars.

After losing two of three games, Head Coach Tom Chandler said the Aggies can't afford to lose many more games and still qualify for the Southwest Conference post-season tournament. "Our backs are against the wall and we need to make a turnaround," he said.

Texas A&M lost Friday's first game 4-2 but came back to defeat the Cougars 6-5 in the first game of Saturday's double-header. The Cougars won the final game of the series 15-9.

Chandler also said, however, that the tournament isn't out of reach for the Aggies. "Texas, Arkansas and Houston are probably shoo-ins for the tournament," he said, "but that fourth spot is still open and we're going to have to fight to get in there."

In order to reach that goal, Chandler said, the Aggies' pitching will have to improve.

"We've really had a pitching breakdown this year," he said. "There have been some real disappointments in our pitching staff. (Starter Rick) Luecken missed a couple of weeks with the tendonitis he had, and (Robert) Slavens and (Steve) Davis are a little bit of a disappointment because they can't seem to get the ball over the plate."

In Friday's first game, the Cougars scored two runs off starter David Flores in both the first and second innings.

Center fielder Mark Lavespere opened the scoring for the Cougars when he hit a single up the middle, went to third on a pair of sacrifices, and scored on Flores' wild pitch.

First baseman Jeff Achilles made the score 2-0 by hitting his fifth home run of the year over the left field wall. Flores got out of the inning by striking out designated hitter Mike Breslin.

The Cougars scored two more runs in the second inning when Flores walked two Houston batters and gave up a two-run triple to Lavespere.

After the second inning, Flores settled down and combined with Phillip Taylor to keep the Cougars scoreless for the rest of the game. Taylor came on in relief in the eighth inning.

On offense, however, the Aggie bats could only score two runs on seven hits. Both runs were scored by center fielder Billy Cannon.

Doug Drabek was the winning pitcher for the Cougars as Flores lost his second game of the year against six wins.

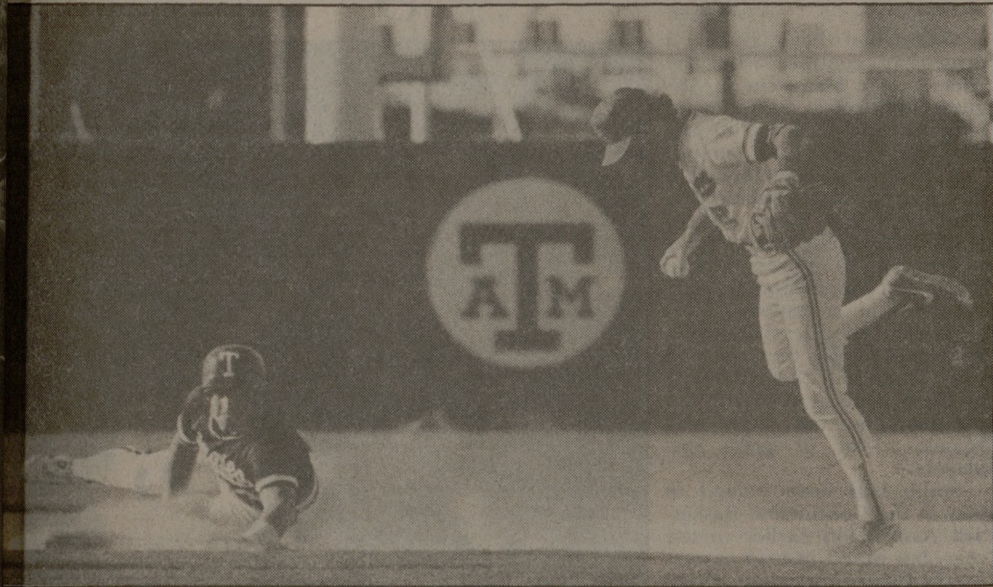
In the first game of Saturday's double-header, the Aggie pitching staff gave up fewer hits and walks than in Friday's game.

With the score tied at five at the end of regulation play, Cannon reached first in the eighth inning when he outran the throw by Cougar shortstop Brett Baker. Cannon was out at second, however, when Buddy Haney hit into a fielder's choice.

With Haney on first and one out, the Cougars had a chance to turn a double play and go into another extra inning of play. But second baseman Corky Swindell made a bad throw to second, leaving Haney safe at second and Tom Dean Chandler safe at first.

Grant Priess then scored Haney on a single to right field.

Rock King was the winning pitcher in relief as he improved his record to 3-0.



staff photo by John Ryan

Aggie second baseman Brad Hisle, out on a force play at second, looks at UH's Brett Baker as he regains his balance. The play took place during the

first game of Saturday's double-header between Texas A&M and Houston. The Aggies won 6-5, but the Cougars won the second game of the twin-bill 15-9.

A&M golfers eighth in A&M tournament

by Bill Robinson

If the Aggie men's golf team could have broken 300 on the final round of the All-America Intercollegiate Invitational Saturday they would have finished in third place, coach Bob Ellis says.

As it was, the team slipped to eighth place because of poor play in that round.

"We had two good rounds at the start," Ellis said, "but the finish was very poor."

The University of Houston won the tournament with an 1,156 score. It was the Cougars' fifth win this season; they were third in their only other tournament.

Texas A&M finished the competition with a score of 1,202.

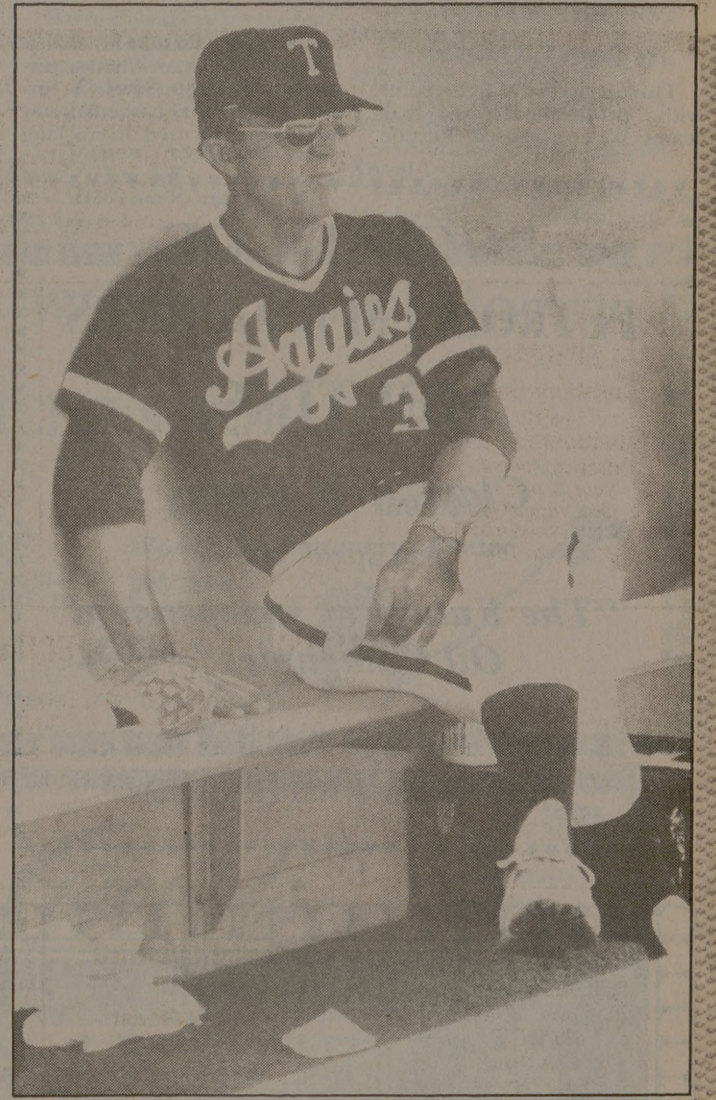
Houston's John Slaughter took top individual honors with a 284 score. The Aggies' top finisher was Gary Krueger, who finished in a three-way tie for

seventh place with a 291 score.

"Gary did well for us," Ellis said, "but the others didn't come through for us in the last round."

The team's next outing is the Southwest Conference Tournament, which will be held April 16 in Houston.

Prospects for a good performance by the team in the conference tournament don't look good unless they can improve this week, Ellis said.



staff photo by Diana Sultenfuss

Lineup card in hand, Aggie baseball coach Tom Chandler watches the action during the first game of Texas A&M's double-header Saturday with the Houston Cougars. Although Texas A&M won the opener 6-5, the second-ranked Cougars came back to win the series final 15-9 to stay in first place in the SWC race.

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IM Game Plan

CANOE RACE ENTRIES OPEN: Today is the first day of registration for the Intramural Canoe Race which will be held Saturday, April 17. Men's, women's, or coed teams of two must furnish their own canoe, paddles, and life vests or rent a canoe through the Intramural Office for \$15.00. Students, faculty, staff, and spouses are eligible to compete in the 9-mile race on the Brazos River if they enter before Tuesday, April 13.

ARCHERY ENTRIES CLOSE: Men and women entering this year's Archery Tournament must sign up by tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Intramural Office. The contest will be held Wednesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in room 304 East Kyle. The fee is \$1.00 per person.

SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS BEGIN: Tuesday, April 6 will be the first day of single-elimination playoffs for teams in classes A and B. Team captains can check their schedules Monday, April 5.

TRACK PRELIMS: Corps and fish prelims will be Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. All other divisional prelims will be Thursday at 7 p.m. on Kyle Field.

ARCHERY SCHEDULE POSTED: Anyone entered in this year's archery tournament should check in the IM office after 2 p.m. Thursday.

WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL: On Thursday, April 8 at 8:00 the TAMU Association of Handicapped Athletes will take on the Aggie Yell Leaders in a game of roundball on the G. Rollie White main floor.

TEXAS TRIATHLON: Sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce and the TAMU Extramural Sports Club Association, the triathlon starts at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Wofford Cain Pool.



1982 Team Bowling Champions

The MSC Bowling and Games Area was the scene of the 1982 All-University Intramural Team Bowling Championships Monday night.

When the last pin had fallen the team from Company L-2 was declared the men's class A winner. Together, Glenn Park, Warren Liado, Jeff Langston, and Greg Winter scored 1,790 points to defeat "Coffee Table". Greg Winter was high scorer with 199 points in one game.

It was a close game in the coed division of the class B finals, but the "300 Club" edged past "Boom's Bombers" 1,577 to 1,552. Andy Braun led his teammates, Chris Yake, Beth Stallsmith, and Darla Money with the highest individual game score of 162.

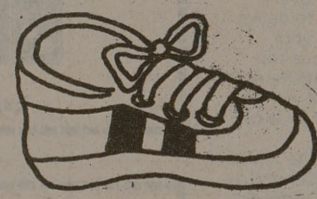
Perry Pogue bowled a 224 in one game to help his team, "The Sleepers", win the men's class B crown. Perry and his teammates, Terry Radney, Scott McWhorter, and Tim Packard, accumulated 1,827 points while

their opponents, the "Filthy Fifth" scored 1,506.

In the women's class B finals, two dorm teams struggled through a close contest before the "Keathley Kamikazes" defeated the "McFaddin Flames", 1,496 to 1,429. High scorer, Virginia Turano bowled a 168; but

that wasn't quite enough to help McFaddin topple the Kamikazes. The teamwork of Erin Eaton, Cheryl Heller, Marty Meadow, and Sue Gary won Keathley the title.

Congratulations to all the teams, and especially to this year's winners!



Foot Notes

THE OUTDOOR POOL will not be open for recreational swimming until after 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help with the Texas Triathlon. Interested individuals should contact Tom Weis in the Intramural Office before noon Tuesday.

TRACK PARTICIPANTS will be required to present their student or recreational ID card before EVERY event.

COACH SHERRILL has requested that track participants wait until football practice is over before going onto Kyle Field or the track.

Sports Club Action

CYCLING: The Aggieland Stage Race is Saturday and Sunday, here in College Station.

JUDO: The TAMU Club will be in Beeville Saturday for the Bee County Invitational.

ROADRUNNERS: The Texas Triathlon will be in Bryan-College Station this Saturday and is sure to keep the TAMU roadrunners busy.

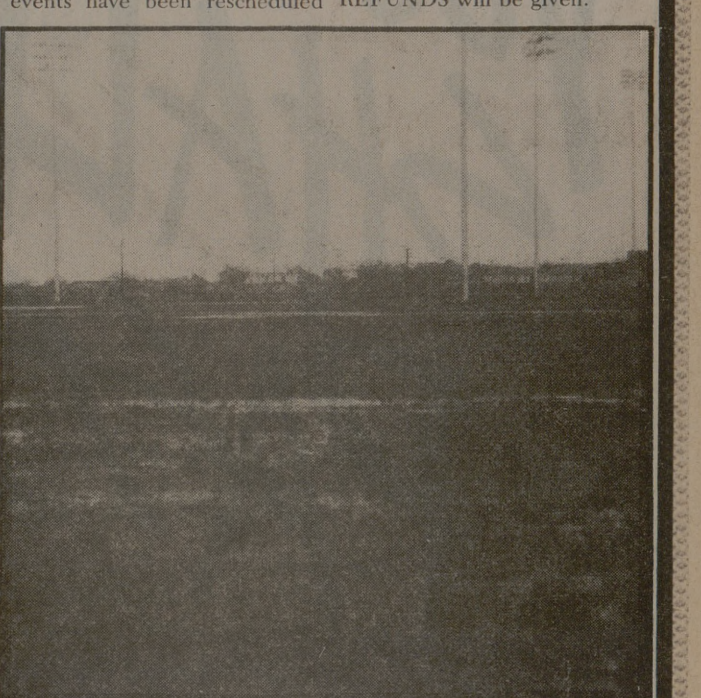
WOMEN'S RUGBY: The Aggies travel to New Orleans this weekend to play the New Orleans women ruggers.

VOLLEYBALL: Texas A&M is hosting the Texas A&M Invitational tournament in East Kyle Saturday.

Penberthy Postponed

The Penberthy Celebration of Sports, originally scheduled for March 26, 27, and 28, has been postponed. The non-stop rain in Aggieland that weekend forced the Intramural Department to call off its non-stop softball tournament after just ten hours.

Teams that will not be able to play that weekend will receive a refund only if they apply by 5 p.m. on April 7. After that NO REFUNDS will be given.



LAKE PENBERTHY... Heavy rain forced the Intramural Office to postpone the Penberthy Celebration of Sports last week.

More Basketball?

You may think you've seen the last of basketball action in G. Rollie White Coliseum, but NOOOO... Thursday night at 8 p.m. the TAMU Association of Handicapped Athletes will take on those famous Aggie Yell Leaders in a game of wheelchair basketball. Who will win it? Come Thursday night and see.

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