



In the starting blocks?

Aggie center fielder Billy Cannon looks as if he's ready to begin an event in a track meet, but he's actually stretching during Texas A&M's double-header with the Houston Cougars Saturday. The Aggies, who lost Wed-

nesday night to the San Antonio Dodgers 11-7, play Arkansas this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark. Texas A&M catcher Mark Magee had a home run in the exhibition game with the LA Dodgers' Texas League farm team.

# Ranger rookie bats .318 and gets start

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Oh, no, not another Willie Mays.

"I know there'll never be another one," concedes Tommy Helms, the Texas Rangers' coach who played against him nine years, "but every day in some way this kid will show you one of those very same instincts Mays had."

Tommy Helms is talking about switch-hitting, George Wright, 23, the same exciting kid who has Manager Don Zimmer and all the rest of the Rangers buzzing, after hitting safely in 17 straight games this spring and winding up with a .318 batting average that helped earn him the center-field job.

Last week, with Mickey Rivers due to go on the 21-day disabled list because of a knee injury, Zimmer called Wright into his private office at the Rangers' training quarters at Pompano Beach, Fla.

"We're putting Mickey on the disabled list," Zim told Wright. "You'll be starting for us in center field on opening day."

That should have been Tuesday at Yankee Stadium. But that

game and Thursday's rescheduled contest with the Yankees were wiped out by snow and cold weather.

"I'm not nervous yet, but I imagine I will be," says Wright, who was signed by Hal Keller out of high school in 1977 and hit .260 with Tulsa in the Texas League last season.

The fact Tommy Helms would see anything in him to remind them of Willie Mays leaves Wright hardly knowing what to say.

"I idolized myself after Willie when I was small," he says. "To me, there was no other player in

the world like Willie Mays. I still feel that way about him even though I've never met him."

When he left home this spring, Wright's mother, Doris, told him not to be nervous and do the best he could.

"We'll be praying for you," she said.

She's planning to be at Arlington Stadium in Arlington, Texas, when the Rangers open at home against the Yankees next Monday night.

## Rangers to open Saturday

# Texas, NY snowed out

United Press International  
ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers-New York Yankees game scheduled for this afternoon was postponed Wednesday and the Rangers — having made a trip to New York for nothing — headed for home.

Texas' season opening game is now set for Saturday at 1:05 p.m. in Cleveland — weather permitting.

New York and Texas had originally been scheduled to open their seasons on Tuesday, but a man up. But Heron's game along with baseball action that had been scheduled

throughout the Midwest and East.

Wednesday was an open day on the schedule for New York and Texas, but the two teams were to have concluded a two-game series on Thursday. The Yankees said their field was in such bad shape from the heavy snows that they were also postponing the first game of a series with the Chicago White Sox that had been scheduled for Friday night.

The Rangers worked out at an indoor facility at Shea Stadium Wednesday and after

hearing of today's postponement they made arrangements to fly home.

The team scheduled a workout today at Arlington Stadium and a club spokesman said the Rangers would travel to Cleveland Friday if it appeared that the Saturday game had a chance of being played.

Meanwhile, Cleveland Stadium groundskeepers, already laboring madly to clear a record 11-inch snowfall, face the prospect of even more snow today that could jeopardize the game.

Larry Staverman, director of operations for the Stadium Corp., said grounds crews worked Wednesday to clear two acres of snow from the field.

Marshall Bossard, groundskeeper for 45 years, was pessimistic about Saturday's game.

"I've never seen this much snow at the Stadium so close to an opener," he said. "We should be able to handle this snow, but if we get hit again, it could be a killer."

Texas' home opener will be next Monday night against the Yankees.

## Memorial's Poerschke commits to Arkansas

United Press International  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Eric Poerschke, a 6-7, 205-pound forward from Houston Memorial High School, has made a verbal commitment to play basketball at the University of Arkansas, his high school coach says.

Poerschke's mother confirmed his commitment and said her son would sign with the Razorbacks April 14, the nation-

al signing date. Poerschke averaged 14 points and nine rebounds a game his senior year at Memorial. A 60 percent shooter from the field, he was named All-State and All-Greater Houston.

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