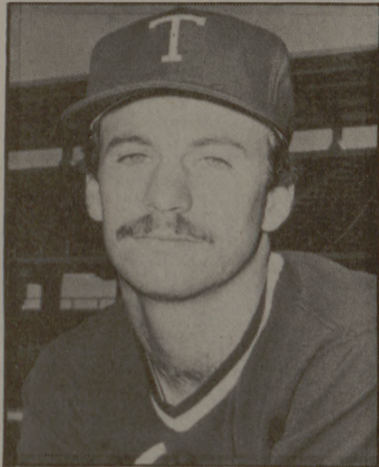


# No. 600!

## Chandler gets 600th victory in Aggs' DH split

by Frank L. Christlieb



Senior Clint Heard leads Texas A&M with 12 hits

one defeat.

Luecken lost the Aggies' season opener 4-3 to Southwestern on Feb. 19.

Two-hit performances by Heard, Haney and Edwards led the Aggies to a total of nine for the game, as Hardin-Simmons starter Brian Flook gave up all four runs and nine hits in 5 1/2 innings of pitching. Likewise, Edwards, Haney and Heard had RBIs, while catcher Ron Devereaux added an RBI single in the second inning.

Although the Aggies committed two errors in the victory, they combined for two more double plays to bring their season total to 13 in six games.

Chandler cited two players for dazzling defensive plays, as Edwards dove at deep shortstop for a grounder and forced a Hardin-Simmons runner in the sixth inning and Robison dove across the left field line to grab a fly ball in the fourth inning.

Chandler said the two Cowboy pitchers, especially starter Eddie Jacques, kept the Aggies off-stride with their variety of pitches. Jacques and reliever Frank Blaine allowed the Aggies six hits, with two coming in the sixth inning.

With Hardin-Simmons ahead 5-1, Texas A&M rallied to score two runs in the final inning. Bobby Beach walked and Robison singled to put runners at first and second. Bill Potter forced Beach at third for the second out of the inning. Haney was intentionally walked to load the bases and Cannon singled past the shortstop into left-centerfield for two RBIs. Blaine came in and forced right fielder Smith to foul out, ending the game and preserving Jacques' first victory of the season.

Texas A&M scored its only run of the game in the first inning on Smith's RBI single. Corbett, now 1-1 as an Aggie starter

gave up all five runs in the fourth inning. The sophomore, now 1-1, had pitched a 12-0 shutout against Southwestern for his victory.

Chandler, whose squad will host eight more home games before competing in the University of Miami's Hurricane Tournament on March 11-17, said he's pleased with the team's success thus far. The Miami tourney will feature the Hurricanes, ranked No. 2 in the nation, No. 9-ranked Maine and Southern Illi-

nois. "We're going to be OK," Chandler said. "We're enthusiastic and playing good defense. We're making the plays in the field and the pitching has been good, but we're not sure about it yet."

Clint Heard, leading the Aggies with 12 hits in seven games, pulled a leg muscle during the first game. His status for Tuesday's double-header with McNeese State is unknown.

Battalion Staff  
Tom Chandler didn't look overly excited about the 600th victory of his 25-year coaching career.

After pitcher Rick Luecken recorded the final out of the Aggies' 4-0 victory over Hardin-Simmons in Saturday's double-header, Chandler headed toward the dugout. Several of his players stopped Chandler in his tracks.

"Wait just a minute, Coach. We've got a little presentation to make."

As co-captains Clint Heard and Rock King escorted him to the home plate area, Chandler tried to act as if he didn't know what was going on. But if you looked really hard, you could see "Aw shucks, guys" twinkle in his eyes. The 56-year-old Chandler just didn't want everyone to see how thrilled he felt about winning No. 600.

After being given the game ball by his players, Chandler walked toward the dugout while the same time receiving congratulations from fans and friends. Just before Chandler entered the dressing room, a friend commended him on the victory.

"Thanks very much," Chandler said. "Now I'd like to get No. 601."

But the Aggies didn't win No. 601 against Hardin-Simmons, as the Cowboys scored five runs in the fourth inning and held on to beat Texas A&M 5-3 in the second game.

Chandler's next victory came at a post-600 victory game Tuesday when the Aggies beat McNeese State in a double-header at 1 p.m. in Olsen Field. Texas A&M took two out of three weekend games against the Cowboys, winning 8-1 Friday night behind the pitching of Phillip Taylor and in Saturday's game behind Luecken and four-hitter. The Aggies, who will host No. 3-ranked Cal-State Fullerton in a double-header Monday, have a 5-2 season record, while Hardin-Simmons stands at 6-6.

Chandler, whose squad features newcomers at four of eight holding spots, downplayed winning the 600-victory mark. "The ballgames belong to the players, not the coach, but naturally I was pleased," he said with a smile.

Chandler had to smile after watching Taylor, a sophomore, hit the Cowboys to one run, two hits and a walk in seven in-

nings Friday night. Todd Tschantz, a freshman from Richardson Lake Highlands, pitched the final two innings, giving up two walks and striking out two.

The Aggies scored three runs in the first inning and two in the second to take a 5-0 lead off the Cowboys' Scott Tibbels, who pitched a complete game, giving up eight runs and 10 hits. Five of the Aggies' hits went for extra bases, as Clint Heard, Buddy Haney and Todd Edwards had doubles, Billy Cannon had a triple and Kevin Smith hit a solo homer.

Texas A&M added single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings, while Hardin-Simmons scored its only run in the fourth. Third baseman Roger Sands, who had two of the Cowboys' five hits, knocked in Mike Anderson after a double.

For the Aggies, Heard had three hits and scored two runs and Haney had two hits, two RBIs and scored two runs. Haney's single in the first inning brought home Texas A&M's first two runs of the game.

With the second base-shortstop-first base combination of Heard, Edwards and Haney, the Aggies turned four double plays in the game.

Luecken, coming off a combined no-hitter with sophomore Sherman Corbett against St. Mary's on Wednesday, finished Saturday's opener with three strikeouts and two walks. The senior right-hander gave up only a double in the second inning and singles in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings in winning his second game against

# TCU

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Chandler off after they brought it in." With the win over TCU, Texas A&M is still alive in the chase for third place in conference and a bye in the first round of the conference tournament.

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