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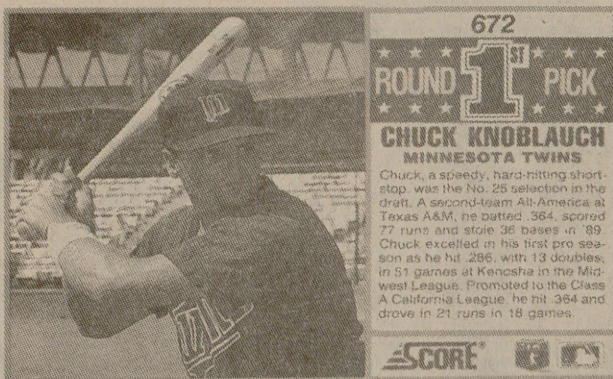
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## Williams hunting grounders

By ALAN LEHMANN  
Of The Battalion Staff

Travis Williams likes being outdoors.

He loves to hunt, camp and fish, but his favorite piece of ground is near third base at Olsen field.

The sophomore third baseman didn't get much playing time last season behind All-American John Byington. But Williams used his time well, winning the Most Valuable Player award at the Aggie Classic Tournament.

Williams said he didn't feel hurt by the lack of playing time.

"I got a little playing time, and being behind John, I learned a lot about the game," Williams said. "If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't regret it."

He showed his skill at the plate as well, hitting .271 with six home runs.

With Byington gone, Williams will inherit the third base job. But, he's not new to it.

He played third base for Austin Westwood High School. More recently, he played the position during the summer with teammates Trey Witte and Jason Marshall for Liberal Kansas.

Williams said the three worked well together, and he is eager to join them in the Aggie infield in 1990.

Although Westwood didn't win a state championship during Williams' career there, Westwood did get to the 5A championship game twice in his four years.

In 1986, Westwood fell to Chuck Knoblauch's Bellaire team, before losing to Jason Marshall's Abilene Cooper squad in 1988.

Williams said he enjoyed growing up in Austin, despite not being a Longhorns fan.

"I liked going down to Disch-Falk Field, and watching the games there," he said. "It was nice to see college baseball in action."

However, Williams didn't want to be a Longhorn. "I got my fill of Texas before I even got into college," he said.

Williams said that he enjoys A&M because the people are friendly and the campus is scenic.

Still, the change from high school wasn't completely smooth.

"The first semester was tough, jumping into baseball and school life all at once," Williams said. "I got



Photo by Jay Janner

Travis Williams fields a ground ball during Tuesday's baseball practice. He'll be the starting third baseman in 1990.

homesick midway through the semester."

Also, the college pitching gave him problems, mainly in conference, he said.

"The biggest difference was the (college pitchers') control of the off-speed pitches," he said.

Williams knows all about offspeed pitches. He was the ace of the Westwood staff his last two years. Williams even pitched them to a victory in the semifinals of the 1988 state tournament.

His fastball was average, about 82 mph, Williams said. So, he relied on his curveball, changeup and sidearm slider.

Still, he knew that he wasn't meant to be an Aggie pitcher, and was comfortable being a third baseman.

Although he adjusted well to the longer collegiate season, playing the long summer season and the rigorous fall practices left him exhausted.

"That really wore me down," Williams said.

So, it's no surprise that Williams looks forward to the winter holidays, so that he can "put down the bat and pick up the fishing rod for a month or so."

Next summer, Williams will get a chance to combine baseball and fishing. He'll play summer baseball in Alaska, the place he describes as his dream vacation spot.

But when he returns from Alaska, Aggie fans will look forward to seeing him in his natural habitat: Third base at Olsen Field.

## The man from Whitehouse hits big time Holt trying to make his mark

By JAY PEDEN  
Of The Battalion Staff

George Bush's Presidential Library may or may not land in College Station, but another White House resident will be making an impact in Aggeland this baseball season.

But this man is from Whitehouse, Tex., a town of 2,100 people eight miles outside of Tyler.

If you haven't heard of Whitehouse, join the crowd.

The Aggies' newest center fielder once was introduced this way: "This is Tim Holt, and he's from Whitehouse, Tex."

The reaction: "Everybody just started laughing, and they'd say, 'Whitehouse? Where the hell's Whitehouse?'" Holt said.

Some day, Holt just might put Whitehouse on the map.

"If I play well this year, maybe in the future some team will want to pick me up in the draft," Holt said. "Playing professional baseball isn't something that I've got my heart set on, because there's only a select few that get to do it, but I'd love the chance to try it and see what it is like."

"Once you get there, you never know what you're going to do."

Holt knew early in high school what he wanted to do in college. He told his high school coach he wanted to play baseball, not football.

"It wasn't any fun," Holt said. "I like playing football, but our team just never won. We had good talent and everything—we just didn't win. But we were always good at baseball, from the time I was a freshman until I graduated... We always made it to the playoffs."

Holt said he was glad to play his college baseball at Texas A&M.

"I liked A&M," he said. "I came down here for the A&M-Texas series three years ago, and I looked at the field and the way they played. I liked it. I was really interested. When I had the chance to come here, I jumped at it."

"It turned out well. It's a nice place to be."

Last year, his first after being red-shirted as a freshman, Holt batted .190, but he only had 21 at-bats. He played in 20 games, often as a pinch-runner or defensive replacement.

This season, he'll get more of an opportunity to play.

Kirk Thompson, last year's starting center fielder, is in the minor leagues with the Kansas City Royals organization.

Replacing Thompson won't be easy, but Holt said it'll be something he will have to deal with.

"It'll be tough, but I already know what people are going to say about me and about our team this year, just because of the team last year," Holt said. "We had such a good sea-

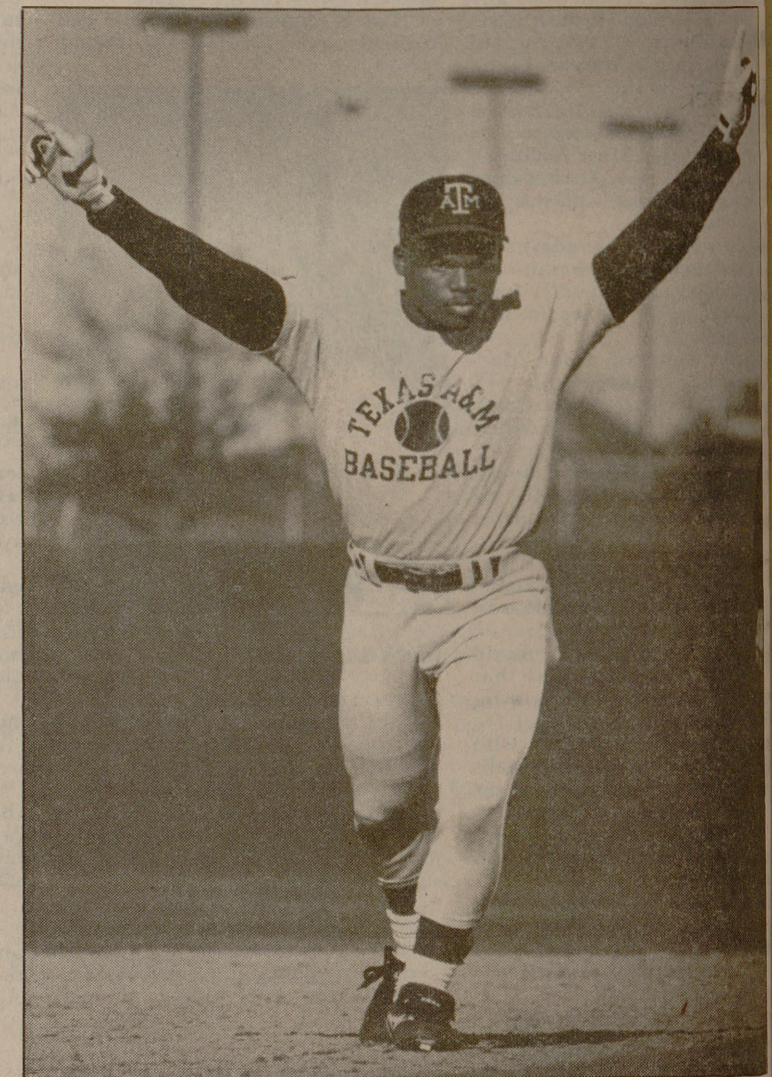


Photo by Jay Janner

Tim Holt will step off the bench and into centerfield.

son. Every little mistake we make, we're going to be compared with last year's team.

"They're going to say, 'Well, if so-and-so were here he would have done that,' and, 'If so-and-so were here he would have done this.' But we already know that, and that's going to happen."

"We just have to go out and play our game each time we go out, and concentrate on what we have to do."

Coach Mark Johnson called Holt the team's best defensive outfielder. If his hitting improves from last year, Holt could stay in center field all season.

His goal for this year is not very lofty.

"I just want to play consistently,"

he said. "I've got to concentrate—going out to each game—on consistent play."

Holt knows it will be a tough season, since the Aggies lost so many players. But he said he isn't overly worried.

"I think we're going to surprise a lot of people," he said. "We're going to win some games just because of the characteristics of our team. Everybody out here is a winner. Everybody out here can play."

And if Tim Holt can stick in center field and help the Aggies get back on top of the Southwest Conference, someday no introduction will be necessary.

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