

SPORTS

# Few questions asked after Aggies drub Indians

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Sports Writer

Going into yesterday's double-header at Olsen Field with Dallas Baptist, the 9-0 Texas A&M baseball team already knew a few things about itself.

The Aggies knew they were a good hitting team, as proven by their .340 team batting average and the 87 runs they have scored this season. They knew their pitching had potential, as proven by a 3.58 ERA and 55 strikeouts. And they knew they had not really been tested, as proven by their opponents' dismal won-loss records and the lopsided scores in A&M's favor.

What they didn't know was whether they could hit, and hit with power, against quality pitching. And they didn't know if they could keep up their winning streak against teams of comparable talent.

Second baseman Jeff Schow hit two home runs, first baseman Fred Gegan hit a four-run shot, center fielder Mike Scanlin sent two men across the plate with his trip "downtown" and shortstop Rob Swain pounded the outfield fence as A&M swept DBU 11-1 and 5-0, and improved to 11-0 on the season.

"They saved their best two pitchers to use against us," said A&M Baseball Coach Mark Johnson. "Both of those guys were drafted by pro teams. We just did an excellent job of battling them."

And battering them. DBU's pitcher in the first game, Lester Lancaster, was belted early and often. Schow, who did everything in the double-header but mow the outfield grass, walked to lead off the game and Scanlin brought him home with his first home run of the year.

"I'll usually take the first pitch of the game just to see what type of stuff the pitcher is throwing," Schow said. "I'd rather get a walk out there than almost anything else. I told myself to be a little more aggressive at the plate."

His aggressiveness resulted in two home runs of his own — rather strange statistics for a lead-off hitter.

But it was Gegan's four-run homer in the fifth that proved to be the crushing blow, as the first game was called in the seventh due to the 10-run rule.

The Aggies lost their starting pitcher even before that, however.

Tom Arrington, the Aggies' most proven starting pitcher this season, left the game with back spasms in the third inning. Johnson said the injury probably wasn't severe, but would sideline the right-hander for a few games.

"We need Tom to be ready for Houston (March 22)," Johnson said. "That might mean him being unavailable for our upcoming road-trip. We just want to be sure that (the injury) doesn't develop into something more serious."

The Aggies travel to San Antonio this weekend for a single game with St. Mary's on Saturday and then move south to the Citrus Tournament in Edinburg. Fifth-ranked Oklahoma, Kansas, Kansas State and host Pan American are also entered in the tournament.

"Dallas Baptist was our first real test," Johnson said of the now 8-3 Indians. "And (left-handed freshman Collin) Charland, their pitcher in the second game, is an outstanding prospect for them."

The good thing is that it's not one guy doing it all out there for us. We broke loose today and that has a way of loosening-up a ballclub."

According to that philosophy, Swain must be the proverbial goose. He went five for eight with a double and a triple in addition to his homer.

"Their pitchers got behind of our hitters and whenever that happens, you can count on the pitcher to throw the hard-stuff," Swain said. "It really helps when you know what's coming."

Johnson, however, would rather not think about what's coming. "You can't think about what's coming up because you take one game at a time," he said. "When you're winning, you have to make sure that you're still getting better and I think we're getting better."

"I'm pleased because the last four games we've played, we've gone out and beaten the other team. Before that, we had some games where we felt that the other team lost it more than we won it and there could have been doubt as to who was the better team."

"The last four games, there has been no doubt that the best team won."

And very few questions remain to be answered for the Aggies.



Texas A&M's Bill Doug Potter (29) slide past the tag of Dallas Baptist catcher Ray Hyde during the Aggies double-

header victory over the Indians Wednesday at Olsen Field. A&M, now 11-0 on the season, defeated DBU 11-0 and 5-0.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

## Aggie handball team wins nationals

By CINDY GAY  
Reporter

Handball coach Lance Lowy loves walking into his office this week.

Embracing the front corner of his desk is the national championship trophy which his Texas A&M Handball Team triumphantly carried home this past weekend.

Forty-five players traveled to the University of Texas campus in Austin to compete against 14 other teams in the National Collegiate Handball Tournament.

For the first time ever, the Texas A&M men's and women's teams came out on top.

"It was a big surprise because Lake Forest College of Chicago has

won that tournament for nine years in a row," Lowy said.

Accumulating a total of 26 points, the Aggie handball team finished with a comfortable four point edge over of Memphis State University.

"We clenched (the national championship) on Saturday night," Lowy said. "It was unbelievable, because that never happens."

A&M's Julie Werner now reigns as the individual national champion in women's handball, with her first-place finish in Class A. Renee de Lassus cornered third place for the Aggies in that category.

"In the women's (divisions), we just wiped them out," Lowy said. "The support they gave to each

other pulled out some wins for us."

The only Aggie to compete in men's Class B, Bobby Witans reached the quarter finals. David Allen, Randy Pullen and Tim Sutton boosted A&M's point total by winning second, third and fourth places respectively in men's Class C.

A&M's Dave Utsey, Mark Smith and Larry Wisdom were Class C quarter-finalists.

"We just pounded through with depth," Lowy said.

Unlike the teams who roped in the "hot-shot junior players" from high school, Lowy said all the A&M players were introduced to handball at college. A&M's Witans said he began playing his freshman year.

After capturing second place in the tournament last year, Werner said the pressure intensified for her to win the national championship this time around.

Drawing from the 150 members of the Texas A&M Handball Club, a flexible number of players compete in tournaments throughout the school year, including two Aggie-land Classics.

Witans said he expected the teamwork exhibited in the past weeks to pay off at Nationals.

"I figured we'd win this year as a team," he said.

Lowy added, "Camaraderie was what the whole thing was all about."

## LA Clippers hope to change losing ways with new coach

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Don Chaney, who played on two National Basketball Association championship teams during a 12-year career, was named coach of the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday, succeeding the fired Jim Lynam.

Chaney, who turns 39 later this month, has been an assistant coach under Lynam since the beginning of the 1983-84 season.

"Right now, I'm trying to recover from the shock," Chaney said at a news conference. "I've always wanted a chance to coach in the NBA, and I'm going to make the best of it."

"We were scheduled to have a (coaches') meeting this morning. That's when I found out," he said.

The Clippers, who entertain the Cleveland Cavaliers Wednesday night, were 22-39 under Lynam this season and lost 17 of their last 20 games under Lynam.

Lynam, 43, was hired to coach the team prior to the 1983-84 season, the club's final year in San Diego. The Clippers were 30-52 in that season.

Only last week, Clippers' General Manager Carl Scheer said publicly that a coaching change wouldn't be made until the end of the current season, if a change was to be made at all.

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