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Photo by DEAN SAITO

The A&M baseball team hopes to get past Arkansas as easily as Jimmy Flowers (32) got back to first on this pickoff play.

Barnyard beasts infest Olsen Field

Ags hope to rock Razorbacks

By BRANDON BERRY
Sports Writer

C.E. "Pat" Olsen Field is located just west of the Texas A&M main campus, between the railroad tracks and the horse farms.

In accordance with its rural setting, Olsen Field and the A&M baseball team host two highly regarded barnyard animals this weekend — the Arkansas Razorbacks and the San Diego Chicken.

The Ags face the Hogs Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m.

No. 5 Arkansas (22-4, 4-2 in the Southwest Conference) claimed two victories at the expense of the perennial power Texas in a series played in Fayetteville last weekend.

The Ags obviously have their "chores" cut out for them.

"It's really tough for us, but it's great for baseball fans in this area," said A&M Coach Mark Johnson, "to be able to start the conference season with an opponent as good as Arkansas and be able to add in the San Diego Chicken, too — he's a great entertainer."

"I'd be really disappointed if we didn't have some big crowds for these games."

Johnson has had his share of disappointments lately.

Since beginning the season 11-0, the Aggies have stumbled to a 21-8 record that has included losses to Oklahoma, Kansas, Houston and, most recently, Minnesota.

"There's no question that we're in a little bit of a slump right now and

everyone's a little bit frustrated," Johnson said. "But we talked about the possibility of this happening before the season began. Every team goes through what we're going through at some time or another."

The Ags' problems can generally be traced back to two crucial ingredients — pitching and defense.

A&M committed 11 errors in four games against Minnesota and gave up more unearned runs than they had in all eleven games of the season-opening winning streak combined.

Pitching, a major concern of coaches and players before the season started, has escalated into an enigma of inexperience and attrition.

Tom Arrington, a right-handed pitcher who was the 1984 Southwest Conference Post-Season Tournament's Most Valuable Player and the ace of the Aggies' pitching staff, has missed over three weeks with back spasms.

Russ Swan, a left-hander who had started the season well with three victories, has also missed his last two turns in the starting rotation due to an injury.

"We have had some sore arms on our staff and you can't help but miss a pitcher like Tom Arrington," Johnson said.

"Arkansas is a really good team and, from what people have told me, they've done it with pitching. They run the bases well and they are well-coached. But I'll tell you one thing — we won't be intimidated by them."



Photo Courtesy A&M Sports

The San Diego Chicken (above) takes his wild antics into Olsen Field Friday night for the A&M-Arkansas baseball game.

NCAA swim meet marks shattered

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Florida's Mat Cetinski and California's Matt Biondi shattered American and meet records in the men's 500-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle, respectively, on Thursday during qualifying trials in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships at the University of Texas Swim Center.

Cetinski's time of 4:14.85 bettered the American and NCAA record of 4:15.56 established by George DiCarlo of Arizona in 1984. The Olympian DiCarlo was sec-

ond in qualifying at 4:15.48 and Olympic teammate Mike O'Brien of Southern California was third in 4:15.73.

Biondi, a Trojan sophomore, posted a time of 19.32 seconds to eclipse the American and NCAA record of 19.36 established by UCLA's Robin Leamy in 1981.

Thomas Jager of UCLA tied the old record to finish second in qualifying with Scott McCadam of Iowa State third in 19.63.

The Stanford Cardinals' 400-yard medley relay team also established a

new American record with a qualifying time of 3:11.93, breaking the old mark of 3:12.63 by Southern Methodist in 1983.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Morales qualified No. 1 in the slow time of 1:46.49, well off the American record of 1:45.00.

The early qualifying events represented some disappointments for the Florida team, which is seeking its third consecutive title.

Florida failed to qualify even for the consolation finals in the 400-yard medley relay.

Texas A&M Sportscope

A&M baseball team host Arkansas in 3-game series

Mark Johnson's Texas A&M baseball team (21-8) hosts its first Southwest Conference game at Olsen Field against the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, the teams will complete the three-game series with a double-header at 1 p.m.

No. 7 A&M men netters take on Louisiana Tech, women to battle Lamar

David Kent's No. 7 Texas A&M men's tennis team (14-2) hosts the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs in a dual-match Friday at the Omar Smith Tennis Center beginning at 1 p.m. Jan Baldwin's women netters will be in action Saturday at home in a dual-match with Lamar, beginning at 10 p.m.

A&M softball team hosts Aggie Invitational Tournament

Bob Brock's No. 3-ranked Texas A&M softball team will be in action this Friday through Sunday, hosting the Aggie Invitational Softball Tournament at the Southwood Athletic Complex in College Station.



The Humphrey Bogart Festival



Friday March 29	Casablanca - 7:30 p.m.	Saturday March 30	Treasure of The Sierra Madre
	The Petrified Forest - 9:45 p.m.		Key Largo*
	The Big Sleep - Midnight		The Caine Mutiny
	Tickets are \$1.50 per film.		* schedule change

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