

Baseballers rally to take two from Bearkats

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The Texas Aggie baseball team shook off early inning problems to down Sam Houston State University

twice Tuesday. A&M easily manhandled the Bearkats 9-3 in the opener and followed with a 3-2 win in the second game.

The dual victories lifted their season record to 4-0. The trend in this young season has been for the Ags to fall behind early, only to erase the deficit with a combination of explosive hitting, excellent base running and superb bullpen assistance.

to give the Aggies a 7-2 lead after four innings. Coach Tom Chandler's men put on the finishing touches in the sixth inning as first baseman Kirk Campbell knocked in two runs following a pair of walks and a base hit by catcher Buster Turner. Lockett began throwing hard and struck out six batters, allowing only three base runners before being lifted in the fifth inning.

afternoon as he had three hits and reached base six times in eight plate appearances. Sam Houston scored again in the fourth as a hard hit ball scooted by first baseman Campbell for a single. An error moments later enabled the runner to score giving the 'Kats 2-0 lead.

the bases to setup a double play situation. But the Bearkat strategy backfired as Verde hit a blooper to the right side of the infield, scoring Blanchard. The second baseman fielded the ball and threw to the shortstop, forcing Whiddon at second. He then fired the ball to first as Verde was crossing the bag. The first baseman then helplessly held the ball as Thurmond darted home. He slid under the tag and the Farmers jumped in front, 3-2.

four Sam Houston hitters' collegiate appearance. "I was nervous from the beginning," he said. "Under circumstances, I'd say it was an average performance. I'll probably do better next time."



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Such was the case in the first game, as Sam Houston lit up the scoreboard quickly, rapping Aggie pitcher David Lockett for two runs in the initial inning. Lockett responded to the treatment in stylish fashion striking out the side in the opening frame. Shortstop Robert Bonner got things rolling for the Aggies in the bottom half of the inning as he tripled to the left center power alley and scored on a passed ball. A&M's lead was upped to 3-1 the next inning when junior college transfer Winston Whiddon drilled a hanging curve ball over the left-center field barrier. "It was kind of a lucky shot," said Whiddon. "I'd played against him (the Bearkat pitcher) in junior college and I was expecting a curve ball. He threw me one and I just got it up in the air."

David Mocio and Clint Thomas took over the relieving duties, fanning five additional batters and yielding only one hit in the final three innings. Lockett was the winning pitcher and Thomas was credited with the save. "I lost my concentration there in the beginning," said Lockett, "and my motion was all messed up. I was pitching the ball either too low or too high and I couldn't find a medium point. After I calmed down, I threw it pretty well until the fifth inning when I was replaced." In the second game, Aggie starting pitcher Mark Ross gave up a run in the first inning when 'Kat third baseman Steve Maas rapped a single and scored on a two-bagger by teammate David Mire. Maas performed consistently throughout the

Power hitting right fielder Billy Raymer let his presence be felt as he ripped a double to knock in a run, closing the gap to 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning. The scoreboard remained silent for three innings before the Ags finally gained the lead. In the seventh, designated hitter Randy Blanchard singled and Thurmond walked. The 'Kats then intentionally walked Whiddon, loading

During his tenure, Ross gave up two runs on four hits and struck out

The squad will entertain Christian College this Saturday p.m.



Texas A&M pitcher David Lockett puts one down the pipe to a Sam Houston batter. Lockett went on to get credit for a 9-3 victory.

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Women tracksters prepare now for Astrobelle Relays

The women's track team will head to Pasadena this Saturday to compete in the Astrobelle Relays at San Jacinto Junior College.

Debbie Timmons clocked 43.9 as she took fifth place in the 300-yard run. Martha Sartain's time of 1:34.7 also gained her a fifth place in the 600-yard run.

fourth with a jump of 154 1/2 feet. The Aggies have shown performances in the indoor events, but because of the size of the team, they have been unable to field any relay teams.

"It will be a top-notch meet," said Coach Dave Williams. "All of the top teams in the state will be there."

Lyman also won third place in the discus event with a throw of 115-6. Ehmman placed a close fourth with a throw of 113-11.

"We're not going to win any of these events with our small team," Coach Williams said. "For the girls we're taking to the meet, we're doing real well. Runners are welcome to come and try out."

The field events will begin at 9 a.m. and the running events will commence at 2:30 p.m.

In the javelin throw, it was Kim Walker giving the Ags' best performance with a throw of 88-9 1/2 which earned her sixth place. Sartain placed well in the broad jump, taking

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Several Aggies, facing a hard, driving wind, placed well in the track events. Sharon Boyle took fifth place in the 1,000-yard run with a time of

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Fem cagers trek to Waco for tourney

The women's basketball team will travel to Waco tomorrow to compete in the Zone Tournament. Coach Don's team is seeded second.

Last Saturday the women's team defeated Lamar University in the men's winning example of the C. Rolie White Coliseum.

The taste of victory was especially sweet for the Aggies since Lamar beaten A&M in both previous meetings this year.

Margaret Byrne led the club the Ags, scoring 21 points and bringing nine rebounds. Cissy scored 17 points and pulled in nine rebounds while Cindy and Sally Morisse each scored points.

The Aggies weren't so hot when they played Temple College last Monday in Temple, earlier loss to the Ags.

The Aggies made 50 per cent of their attempted shots in the first half and trailed by a slim margin of points at halftime. But the second half found the Ags completely cold, as they shot less than 30 per cent from the floor.

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