

Welcome to Kyle Field!

Texas A&M's defense led by Arlis James, Mike Little, Cal Pevetto and half the Aggie team say "Howdy" to the University of Houston's John Newhouse in Saturday's game at Kyle Field.

The Aggies finally get a well-deserved rest this week after playing five games on the road and one at home.

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Ags take second at State tourney

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The women's softball team ended its fall season on a disappointing note last weekend, finishing second to Texas Woman's University in the State Tournament in Fort Worth. Sam Houston State took third.

Finishing second at State would be a victory in itself for many teams, where the challenge is simply to make it to the finals against the top teams in the state. But the Aggies had made it to the championship game the last two years in a row. And again this year, like the previous two, they finished runner-up to TWU.

"We're disappointed," A&M coach Bill Galloway said. "We had set our sights on winning. We played well but we just couldn't get the hits at the critical times. In big games, it's the little things like that that will come back to haunt you."

The Aggies beat Sam Houston State 10-4 in their opening game, which was highlighted by Carrie Austgen's two-run homer. Treshan McDonald was the winning pitcher.

Later the same day A&M lost to TWU 1-0. The Ags had three hits while pitcher Lori Stoll gave up five to TWU. Despite the loss, A&M still had a chance to win the double elimination tournament.

Saturday morning A&M defeated Sam Houston, who had come out of the loser's bracket, 6-2. Austgen hit her second home run of the tournament in the game, and Stoll picked up the win.

That night the Aggies again faced TWU for the championship, but were powerless against TWU pitcher Kathy VanWyk who threw a perfect game. A&M lost 2-0.

"It was that first game (against TWU) that was so hard to lose," Galloway said. "We just didn't take advantage of the opportunities."

A&M's defense was solid throughout the tournament, sparked by Maria Resendez' play at third. The Ags committed only three errors in the four games.

The Aggies finished what Galloway calls "an extremely good fall season" with a 27-7 record, and broke several school records along the way. Carrie Austgen set new records for most hits (43) and most stolen bases (14).

Pitcher Lori Stoll finished with the lowest earned run average of any previous Texas A&M pitcher with a 0.30 ERA. A&M's team batting average of .298 was the highest ever in fall season.

The Aggies also scored more runs and allowed fewer hits than in any previous fall season.

Landry lauds Staubach

United Press International
DALLAS — This was the ideal time, of course, so Tom Landry put in his annual plug for Roger Staubach Tuesday.

After Dallas' 30-6 win over Los Angeles last Sunday night, Landry said he had not seen Staubach throw the ball any better this season. But on Tuesday, he went further.

"I don't think there's any question as to the best quarterback in the league," said Landry. "I've never seen him throw better than he did the other night. He came out ready to go."

Staubach completed 13 of 18 passes against the Rams and all 18 of them were balls that could have been caught. His three touchdown passes raised his career total to 137, breaking the team record previously held by Don Meredith.

"The only thing wrong with Roger," said Landry, "is that he's such a great competitor that he

thinks he's a running back every time on a while.

"You hold your breath every time he runs like he did the other day."

Staubach gained 45 yards on five carries against the Rams and had a 20-yard pickup in which he tried to crash between two tacklers at the 3-yard-line. Landry hinted he had expressed his disapproval of such tactics to Staubach when he said:

"I don't think you will see that any more."

Staubach, however, was just a part of the overall effort the Cowboys had against the Rams.

"Our team shows promise at times, as it did Sunday night," said Landry. "It was a great night where everything fit together perfectly. But that's just one game. It could change next week."

"I've said all along this team has as much potential, offensively, as any team we've had. Roger is at the top of his game and everybody else

who is playing in there is experienced. That always gives you your best situation.

"Our defense has needed to regroup again because of changes in our personnel. But the defensive team shows promise. Right now we are playing the run much better than we had earlier.

"And we had an outstanding day in the secondary against Los Angeles. They had 12 situations on third down and made one of them. When you have got that going you are not going to let them control the ball very often."

Through it all, Landry said he was not particularly astonished by the outcome of Sunday's game.

"I was not surprised, because when you play the Rams you are going to get ready," he said. "Our team was ready to play. And I don't feel the Rams were quite as ready because of the problems they have had the last few weeks. They are not quite at the top of their game."

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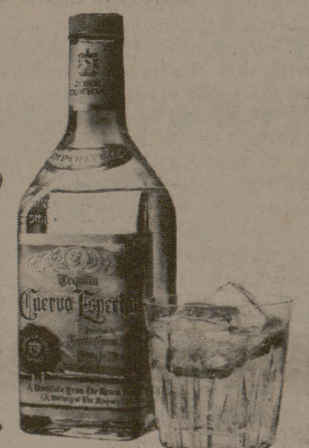
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