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**Softballers climb to No. 2**

By JOHN BRASHER

After being ranked No. 4 in the country since the beginning of the softball season, Coach Bill Galloway's Aggie softball has finally moved up and is ranked No. 2 this week by the National Coaches' Soft-

ball Poll.

Getting the No. 2 ranking wasn't easy for the 16-5 Aggies. The team had to play No. 1-ranked Cal. Poly-Pomona in a double-header, five games with previously No. 1-ranked Texas Woman's University, played a twinbill with No.-4 UCLA, and also

played a two-game set with No. 5-ranked Cal-State Fullerton.

So far, the Aggies success can be attributed to the pitching staff, which has combined for 10 shutouts in 21 games.

Shan McDonald has compiled an ERA of 0.18, struck out 33 batters, walked eight, and has allowed only 12 runs in the 77½ innings she has pitched.

Texas A&M's other regular starting pitcher, Lori Stoll, 7-3, has an ERA of 0.20, 54 strikeouts, 11 walks, and had allowed eight runs after 64 innings pitched.

Galloway said, "Even though we have a 16-5 record, I don't feel we have peaked yet and that's a good spot to be in. I'm pleased with the No. 2 ranking and it's good for the team and the program."

This week's National Coach's ratings and points:

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| 1. Cal. Poly-Pomona         | 63 |
| 2. Texas A&M University     | 60 |
| 3. Texas Women's University | 56 |
| 4. UCLA                     | 54 |
| 5. Cal. State Fullerton     | 50 |
| 6. Arizona State University | 48 |
| 7. U. of Northern Colorado  | 47 |
| 8. Western Illinois         | 30 |
| 9. Southwest Missouri State | 29 |
| 10. Kansas University       | 21 |

**Flynt beefs up football team**

By BRIAN BLALOCK

Sports Reporter

When the Texas A&M football team takes the field September 6 against Mississippi, one thing will be sure: It will be a stronger Aggie team, due to a weightlifting program which increased overall team strength by 47.3 percent.

Mike Flynt, Texas A&M strength coach, said it has been a little over a year since he tested the members of the football team in three basic weight exercises: the bench press, the power clean lift and the squat.

Flynt said when he tested the athletes in March the team showed an improvement in all the exercises with a 22 percent increase in the bench press, a 39 percent increase in the power clean and an 81 percent improvement in the squat.

He said he then ranked the players in order based upon their body weight and their improvement in the three exercises.

The top 15 players in order were:

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| Roger Wiley, Elvis Walker, Kent Adams, David Hardy, Danny Davis, Jeff Paine, Keith Balwin, Russell Labhart, Zach Guthrie, Darrell Adams, Johnny Hector, Ricky Lopez, Ronnie James, Ed Patterson and Temple Aday. |
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Wiley showed an increase from 303 pounds on the bench press to a 352-pound bench press. He improved from 253 pounds in the power clean left to a team record of 325 pounds, and went from 85 pounds in the squat to 495 pounds.

Flynt said he was pleased with the team's improvements and the team would continue to lift throughout the year.

"The weightlifting program will continue on a year-round basis," he said. "We're lifting right now, and even when they have the pads on, they will lift twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays on an in-season program."

Flynt said the players would get two weeks off during the latter part of April and the first part of May. He said after that they would start back on their off-season program which will consist of lifting four days a week through Aug. 1. During the football season the players will only lift twice a week.

He said several players had him they felt stronger and he said Flynt said the weightlifting program would not only help the athletes physically but also help their performance on the field.

"It increases their cardiovascular fitness, their circuit training and it makes them susceptible to injury," he said. "They've gained weight and they would be..."

Flynt said the athletic room in DeWare Fieldhouse is currently being used by 11 intercollegiate sports at Texas A&M with sport having its own weightlifting program similar to the one at the football team.

Flynt went on to say improvements in strength were found in female athletes as well as the athletes. Several members of women's softball team, he said, increased in the total amount weight they lifted.

Two members of Flynt's program, Jacob Green and G. Dickey, were selected to the All-America Strength Team.

**Wilson pleased**

United Press International

Texas A&M Aggie coach Wilson said Wednesday his offensive unit was coming along in the early days of spring training. His offense was off the pace.

Wilson, returning from hospitalization for kidney stones, supervised drills in the second day of workouts and said the first scrimmage would be Saturday.

"It was typical that the offense was ahead of the defense at first but (sophomore fullback) James caught my eye," he said. "He looked particularly well with the football. All of the drills had a good scrimmage but line Doug Carr, in particular, had afternoon."

Wilson said that overall he was satisfied that his team was in physical condition.

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