



Texas A&M shortstop Bryan "Twig" Little leaps to avoid sliding Rice third baseman Dave Edwards. The Aggies swept the Owls this weekend, outscoring them in three games, 28-13,

and ending the regular season. The victories insured A&M a second place finish in the Southwest Conference race, and a berth in the SWC tournament here May 16-17.

Photo by Dave Einsel

Ags sweep Owls

By RICHARD OLIVER
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The Texas A&M University baseball team ended a long and satisfying 1980 regular season Sunday, pounding Rice University 9-5.

The Aggies, despite a mediocre pitching performance by ace Robert Slavens, 11-0, rode the three hits of "Twig" Little and a seventh-inning home run by Joe Paul Bramhall to the victory.

The win ended the Aggie regular season with a 17-6 Southwest Conference record (36-10 overall), second only to the University of Texas.

Slavens was shaky most of the day, but finished strongly to clinch his 11th victory.

The Aggies got off to a fast start, pounding Rice starter Henry Johnson, 1-4, for three hits and three runs in the first inning.

The Aggies didn't score again until the fifth inning, when they erupted for another three runs.

Bramhall's homer in the seventh, his first of the season, and two runs in the eighth finished the scoring for the Ags.

In the meantime, Slavens was being touched for 11 hits and five

runs by the Owls, but managed to hold on.

On Saturday, the Aggies defeated the Owls in an afternoon doubleheader, 2-1, and 17-7, clinching at least second place in the final SWC standings.

The Aggie bats had been dormant for the past few games prior to this weekend's 28-run outburst, and Aggie coach Tom Chandler is relieved that has changed.

"We kinda broke out of our slump," he said. "Of course, the Rice pitching staff is not what we'll be facing in the Southwest Conference tournament, but it's still positive. Maybe it'll give the boys confidence going into the tourney."

The Aggies take on Arkansas at 8 p.m. May 16 to start off the double-elimination SWC tournament. The teams qualifying are Texas Tech, Texas, Arkansas and Texas A&M.

Scott shines, leads Ags in Florida track meet

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When Tim Scott puts his mind to something, it usually gets done.

The Texas A&M University track star uncoiled to toss a 200-2 in the discus and 63-9 in the shot-put to work away with two firsts and lead his track partners to an impressive showing in the Domino-Sunkist Track Classic in Florida this weekend.

Scott was selected the meet's outstanding performer, and was given a \$500 scholarship to tote back to Texas A&M.

The meet was filled with outstanding Aggie performances.

The Texas A&M pole vaulters ran away from the competition. Randy Hall won the event with a vault of 15-9, more than two feet higher than second place finisher, Aggie Paul Montgomery.

Leslie Kerr, once a prime Olympic hopeful for the Aggies, sped to a

victory in the 400 meters with a clocking of 45.5 seconds. Vernon Pittman finished third at 47.3. Steve Willis posted a 46.6 in the University division as the Aggies claimed another first.

One disappointment, however, was the 1600-meter relay team, who lost their first race this season, finishing .7 seconds behind Florida State University. Texas A&M clocked a 3:08.8, while Florida State was 3:08.1.

Jimmy Howard qualified for the NCAA national meet with a 7-1/4 jump, good for another Aggie first.

Aggie star Curtis Diekey, although he had previously run in relays and was the favorite to win the 100 meters, sat out the race due to a sore knee.

The Aggie tracksters have an 11-day layoff before their next meet, the SWC outdoor championships in Austin May 8.

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