

# Women's softball team wins

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The nationally second-ranked Texas A&M University women's softball team took a step toward a national championship Wednesday night when they crushed Northeast Louisiana, 13-2.

Meanwhile, the top-ranked team in the nation, Texas Women's University, lost a close battle to Sam Houston State, 6-5, in the second round of the SWAIAW Division 1 Softball Tournament at Bee Creek Park in College Station.

Texas A&M University was ranked second in this week's National Coach's Poll for Division 1 TAAIW softball teams.

Both Texas A&M and TWU had received byes in the first round. The Aggies take on the winner of the LSU-Oklahoma University game in the semi-finals today at 5:30 p.m.

In first round action, Sam Houston State knocked off Stephen F. Austin, 5-0; LSU beat McNeese State, 2-1; and Northeast Louisiana, 13-2.

Aggie ace Shan McDonald, 17-5, pitched a three-hitter over the Indians, striking out six and walking two. She lost her shutout in the seventh inning when a single, three Aggie errors and a fielder's choice allowed two unearned runs.

The victory was Texas A&M's 20th in a row, and raised their season record to 37-7. The team's overall season record, spring and fall, is 64-14.

The highlight of the game for the Aggies was their first triple play of the year. It came in the seventh inning, with runners on first and third. The batter hit a grounder to third, and the third basemen threw to the second basemen, who threw to first, who threw to home plate catching the runner who was on second trying to score.

The Aggie hitting attack was led by Carrie Austgen, who was four-for-five with three runs batted in, and Rhonda Reese, who was three-for-four with three RBIs.

Aggie third baseman Maria Resendez steals a base past Northeast Louisiana second baseman Priss Jackson during the Aggie Ladies 13-2 victory Wednesday night.

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# TAMU soccer team claims first place

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In a match where the "steaks" were high, the Texas A&M University's women's soccer team knocked off Stephen F. Austin, 4-1, April 26. The win gave the Aggies the state title.

"Their (SFA) coach offered them steaks if they could beat us," said Texas A&M coach Allan Heath. "I guess they had cube steaks instead."

The matches between the two clubs have customarily been close. Earlier this spring, the two teams tied, resulting in last weekend's play-off for the undisputed Texas Women's League title.

The Aggie women ended their spring season with a 5-0-1 record, and a 21-2-3 record for the spring and fall.

Texas A&M outscored their opponents 33-11 in 10 games, and finished first in the Austin's Women's League Tournament and fifth in the Colorado College Tournament earlier this semester.

Heath noted six of the team members are freshmen, so the team should remain strong next season.

In the SFA game, the Aggies led 3-1 at the half on goals by Donna Ellerbe, Carol Sullivan and Shantel

# Gymnasts take 3rd in state

The Texas A&M Men's Gymnastics Team came in third on April 26 at the Texas Gymnastics Conference Championships held in Arlington, highlighting the "finest season the team has ever had."

The team brought home 12 medals along with the third place trophy. The University of Texas took first at the Championships, followed by Texas Tech.

"We almost took second (only missing by 2.5 points)," said Jim Foght, who took sixth place in the rings competition.

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