

Women's softball team places 3rd

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The Texas A&M University women's softball team lost two heartbreakers, 1-0 each, in the AIAW National Championships last weekend to finish third in the nation.

The Aggies, who entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed, won their first game over Southwest Missouri State, 1-0, but lost in the second round, 1-0, to Indiana University. The loss forced them into the loser's bracket.

The Ags won four straight games to advance to the finals of the loser's bracket, where they lost once again by a 1-0 score to eventual national champion Utah State. In that game, Aggie hurler Lori Stoll lost her first game since mid-March.

All seven games the Aggies played in the tournament were decided by one run, and five of those were decided by a 1-0 score.

For coach Bill Galloway, the loss to Utah State marked the end of a season coaching what he calls the

greatest team he's ever been associated with.

For the players, the loss was a frustrating end to a season in which they had climbed to a No. 1 ranking while amassing 67 wins against 14 losses during the year (40-7 in the spring).

Last season, the Aggies finished fifth in the nation, and this year's third-ranked team lost only one player to graduation.

The closest game in the tournament was the Cal-Poly at Pomona-Texas A&M game in the loser's bracket.

The 11-inning game was won by the Aggies in the bottom of the last inning, 3-2, when Nancy Sullivan drove in the winning run with a single. Earlier, she had sent the game into extra innings by knocking in the tying run in the sixth inning.

"Lori Stoll went the distance for us," said Galloway. "It was a good game because they (Cal-Poly) had the bases loaded about six times with only either none or one out, and they couldn't score against us."

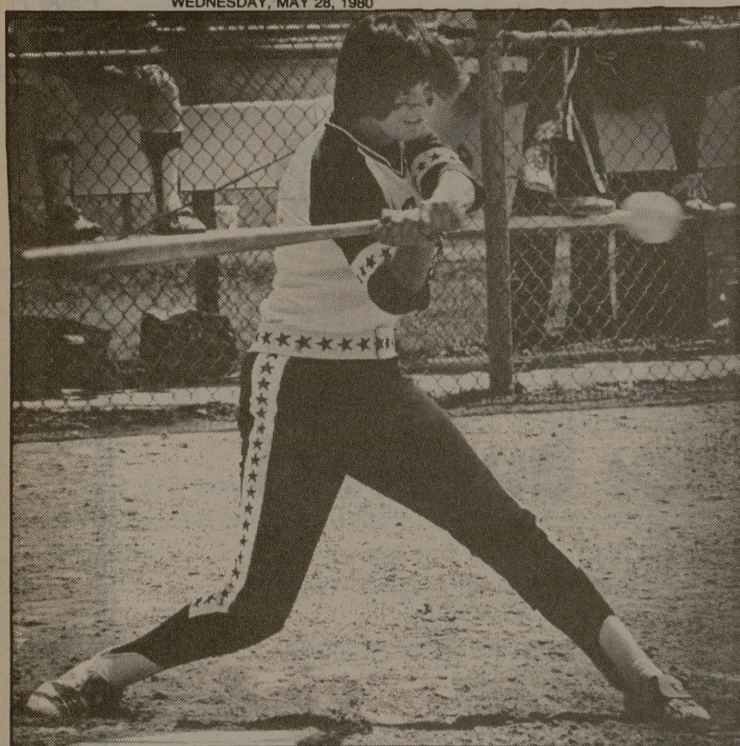
The Aggies finished the season with a 72-16 record. Lori Stoll, who was selected to the AIAW all-tournament team, finished with a 35-6 record, and Shan McDonald finished 29-9.

Despite the success of the past two seasons, Galloway is reluctant to point to a national championship for next year.

"That (the championship) remains to be seen," he said. "We lost only one player to graduation, so ..."

Galloway is not reluctant to talk about this season, however.

"It's been just a fantastic season," he said. "We finished 72-16, which is phenomenal. This is the greatest team I've ever been associated with."



Texas A&M first baseman Nancy Sullivan swings at a pitch against Oklahoma State during the regional tournament the Aggies hosted April 30-May 2 at Bee Creek Park. The Aggies finished third in last weekend's AIAW National Championships in Norman, Okla.

Staff photo by Lee Roy Leschper

WTSU infractions found; conference penalties given

United Press International
TULSA, Okla. — The Missouri Valley Conference Tuesday placed West Texas State University on probation for two years and ordered the school to forfeit several athletic contests in which ineligible players participated.

The two-year penalty included one year of sanctions, which prohibits West Texas State from participating in the NCAA post-season

competition during the 1980-81 academic year. The football and basketball teams will not be permitted to play post-season games that year, and the university will not share in any basketball revenue generated by the conference.

The school's grants-in-aid for 1981-82 will be reduced by two, to 13, the conference said.

A conference spokesman said West Texas State also would be re-

quired to forfeit "a large number of its victories in various sports the 1978-79 school year because eligible players were used."

"The conference found its procedures to be deficient and investigation conducted by office uncovered a significant number of eligibility violations," MVC Commissioner David Pr...

Aggie golf, track teams active despite vacation

Although most Texas A&M University athletic teams have gone home to try and recover from their respective seasons, some athletes are still competing.

The men's track team will compete Saturday in the Kansas Invitational Meet in Wichita, Kansas, and

the men's golf team will be in Columbus, Ohio for the NCAA Golf Championships today through Saturday.

Several members of the men's track team will be at the NCAA track meet in Austin June 6-7.

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