

# Ags take two from Bearkats

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The Texas A&M baseball team certainly knows how to keep its fans on the edges of their seats — even if almost all of them can fit in one seat.

In front of a meager Olsen Field crowd of about 200, the Aggies swept a double header from Sam Houston State University Tuesday night by scores of 7-6 and 4-3. The Aggies are now 23-14-1, while the Bearkats, ranked 16th in this week's NAIA poll, are 28-13.

The Aggies hit well in the first game, pitched well in the second game and played excellent defense in both games on their way to the sweep. They made several outstanding defensive plays during a double header which was so close it could easily have been an SHSU sweep rather than an A&M sweep.

The Aggies won the first game in extra innings by scoring a run in the bottom of the eighth on a double by Clint Heard and an RBI single by David Kennard. Heard

and Kennard led the A&M offense with three hits apiece, while Tom Dean Chandler had two hits.

SHSU scored in the first inning off A&M starting pitcher Robert Slavens on a single, a stolen base, and an RBI single. The Aggies scored one run to tie the game in their half of the first on a solo home run by third baseman Tim Boyes.

In the third, the Bearkats took the lead 3-1 on two walks, a sacrifice and a two-run single. However, the Aggies scored three runs in the bottom of the third to make the score 4-3 on a single, an error, a walk and a following two-run single by Mark Magee.

Slavens seemed to take command when he struck out the side swinging in the fourth, at one point retiring seven batters in a row. But when the Bearkats loaded the bases with two out in the sixth, Coach Tom Chandler brought in reliever David Flores to replace Slavens.

Flores immediately gave up a three-run single to pinch-hitter David Plummer, making the score

6-4 after six innings. That lead did not last long, however, as the Aggies scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game on a single, two walks, another error and a RBI ground ball.

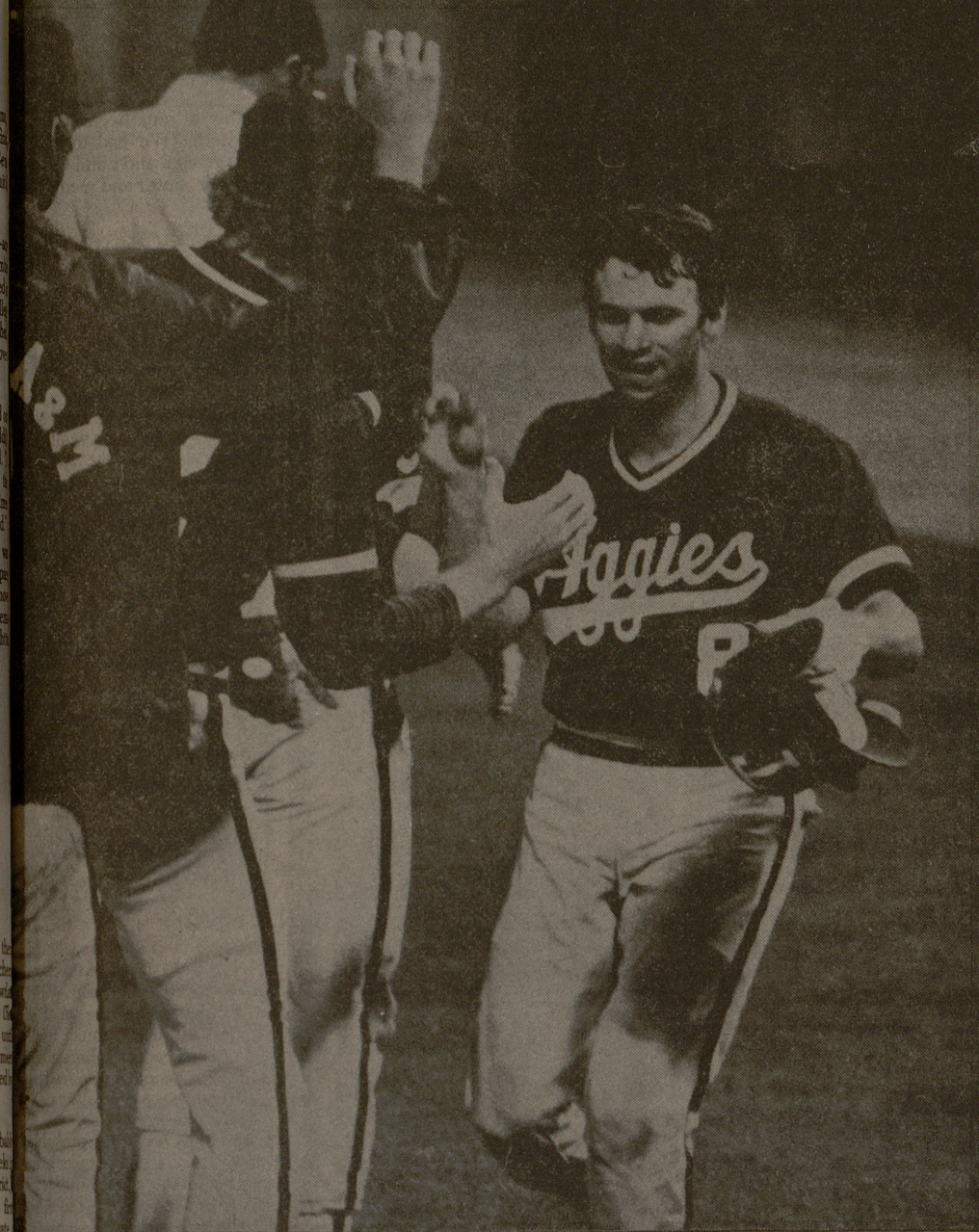
Flores, 4-3, won the game when Heard and Kennard combined for the winning run in the eighth.

In the second game, all four of the Aggies' runs and all five of their hits came in the first three innings. In the first inning, Joe Paul Bramhall's bloop double and a wild pitch scored a run to make

the score 1-0.

The Aggies scored two more runs in the second inning on three hits, a stolen base and an error. They scored their last run in the third on a walk, a double and a sacrifice fly.

Freshman Marvin Keller, after having pitched only eight innings all year, started and won the second game for the Aggies. Pitching exceptionally well, he retired 14 of the first 16 batters he faced, when Perry Swanson relieved him with one out in the sixth.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Texas Aggie second baseman Clint Heard is congratulated by teammates as he crosses home plate after scoring the winning run in the eighth inning on David Kennard's hit. Action came in the first game of Tuesday's double

header with Sam Houston. Texas A&M won both games, 7-6 and 4-3. The Aggies return to action Friday when they will visit Texas Tech in Lubbock.

## Softball team sweeps two

The Texas A&M women's softball team swept a double header from Cal State-Fullerton Tuesday night at Bee Creek Park by scores on 3-2 and 5-0. The sweep increases the second-ranked Aggies to 31-5 for the spring.

Lori Stoll, 16-2, was the winning pitcher in the first game, in which the Aggies scored two runs in the fifth inning and one run in the sixth. Shannon Murray and Maria Resendez each had one RBI, while Resendez had two hits as well.

game while the Aggies made one in each contest.

The softball team will play in the University of Texas at Arlington Invitational this weekend, with its first game being Friday night at 5:30 against LSU.

The Aggies took a 3-0 lead into the seventh inning, when Cal-Fullerton scored two runs, but fell short in its effort to tie the game.

In the second game, Shan McDonald, 16-3, pitched the shutout for the Aggies. Karen Guerrero hit a two-run home run and Rhonda Reese hit a triple in the fifth when the Aggies scored four of their five runs.

Cal-Fullerton outhit A&M in both games six to five, but they also made three errors in each

## Rockets defeat Spurs

United Press International  
SAN ANTONIO — Tiny Calvin Murphy scored 36 points and center Moses Malone added 34 to lead the Houston Rockets to a 123-117 victory over San Antonio Tuesday night and take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference playoffs.

Malone, who has dominated the playoffs by scoring better than 22 points in each of the first three games, got off to a slow start. He scored only four points in the first quarter but came back with 11 before the half.

The 5-10 Murphy, the smallest and oldest man on the court, gave

a dazzling performance, hitting 16 shots from the floor and four-of-four from the freethrow line.

Houston dominated the final three quarters of the game before a sellout crowd after taking a second-quarter lead on a 20-foot Murphy jumpshot. Murphy put in at least eight 15-foot jumpers and sparked the Houston offense when it seemed to slow down with sloppy passing.

Rookie forward Reggie Johnson kept the Spurs in the game, hitting 25 points, and forward Mark Olberding backed him up with another 21 for San Antonio.

Spurs' guards James Silas and George Gervin appeared to have trouble moving the ball for the San Antonio backcourt, hitting only 2 of 14 shots between them in the first half.

Houston went into the locker room at halftime leading 31-27.

San Antonio tried to come back with Gervin and Olberding scoring 8 and 6 points respectively and San Antonio came as close as one point, 105-106, with 3:42 left.

The Spurs stayed within two until there were two minutes remaining in the game and Malone hit two baskets and two free throws, putting the Rockets ahead by seven.

San Antonio came within three with 33 seconds remaining on a

driving shot by Johnny Moore but lost the game when Moses Malone hit two pairs of free throws.

The sixth playoff game in the best-of-seven series will be in Houston Wednesday night.

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