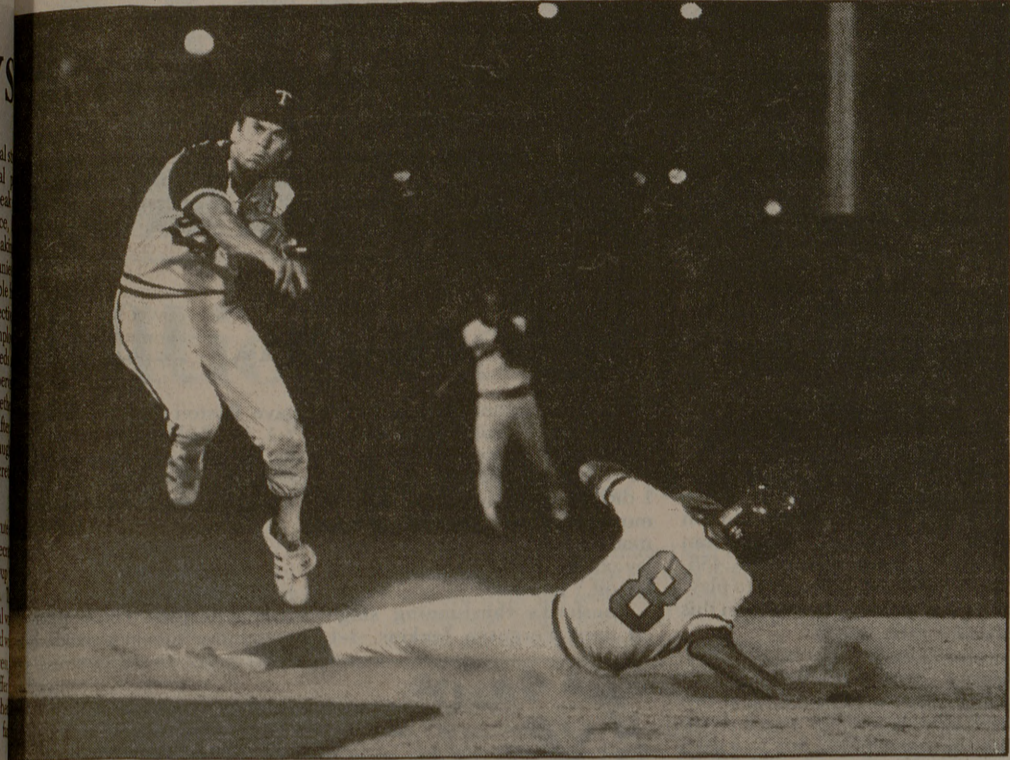


Sports



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Aggie bats come alive in win, 9-3

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB
Battalion Staff
When the bats of the Texas Aggie baseball team come alive like they did in Tuesday night's game with the University of South Alabama, there's no question about who's going to win.

Scoring all their runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings, the Aggies beat the Jaguars 9-3 in Olsen Field in front of only about 200 people.

Coming into the game with a 30-12 record and coached by former professional baseball player Eddie Stanky, USA put on a major-league performance with their conduct, but their performance on the field couldn't match the display put on by the Aggies.

The well-disciplined Jaguars showed what it's like to have a former major-leaguer for a head coach by standing along the first-base line for the playing of the national anthem, and also by displaying a hustle-at-all-times attitude on and off the field.

Jaguar starting pitcher Joe Brown, entering the game with a 7-2 record, retired the Aggies on only two hits through the fifth inning, and took a 2-0 lead into the sixth. But after two outs in the sixth, Brown walked two and gave up a single.

Stanky brought in reliever Dave Czosek, who gave up a three-run double on his first pitch to Joey Szekely and a run-scoring single to Kevin Smith. Czosek had more trouble in the seventh, when he gave the Aggies two runs on doubles by Clint Heard and Rodney Hodde, and an RBI ground ball by David Kennard. Heard was 4 for 4 in the game with three singles and the double.

The Aggies scored again in the eighth, as Szekely hit a two-run homer to end the game with five RBI. Aggie pitcher Marvin Keller, 2-1, pitched a strong seven innings before being relieved by Bobby Taylor.

A&M, now 26-15-1, will play USA again today in a single game at 1:30 p.m. in Olsen Field.

Aggie netters sign three

By RICK STOLLE
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Predicting great things from the recruits and the team, Texas A&M tennis coach David Kent had nothing but praise for three new recruits he has signed.

Kent has signed Mike Pazourek of Tacoma, Wash. and Greg Hill of Henderson, Ky. to national letters of intent. He expects another letter in the mail from Kimmo Alkio of Finland.

"I am real excited about this group," he said. "They have been winners in the past against quality competition and I predict some great wins in the future from this bunch."

Kent said a coach has to have good players to have a good tennis program. With the additions of the three new signees, the team is filled with good, quality players.

"This will be the first year here, I will have recruited all the players on the team," he said. "And these new freshmen are the best I have ever recruited."

He said the freshmen will play on the tennis circuit in the summer and come to Texas A&M "tournament tough".

"I am really looking forward to next year," he said.

Alkio is from Lukupurontic, Finland and is an outstanding prospect. He is on the Finnish

Davis Cup team and is the number one junior player in Finland. He went to high school for six months in Florida and won 23 straight matches. Kent said he was not beaten in the six months until the finals of the high school tournament.

Alkio was highly recruited and has recorded wins over the top players at the University of Georgia and Southwest Louisiana University.

Pazourek is a friend of Texas A&M's top player Brian Joelson. Kent said he is also of the same quality as Joelson.

"He is left-handed, tall and strong," said Kent. "I will label him as a can't miss prospect. We sure got a good one in him."

Pazourek was highly ranked and recruited last year. He also beat Tim Gullickson, a pro on the tour.

Hill is the sleeper of the three.

Not many teams heard about the young Kentuckian until he was already in the A&M camp.

"Greg played basketball in Kentucky and never devoted his full attention to tennis," said Kent. "We got the inside track due to some connections in Florida I have with a high school coach there who saw Greg play."

He said Hill is easily in the same class as the other two recruits and could be the strongest.

"He has one of the strongest serves I believe I have ever seen," said Kent.

Hill has a lot of potential, he said, and has played the national tennis circuit but an injury cut his playing short. He will play the national circuit this summer to prepare for his entry to college tennis.

"I could be wrong about these recruits," Kent said. "But I don't believe I am."

Texas A&M second baseman, Clint Heard, slides to break up the throw. Thames was out but the batter was safe at third. The Aggies won the game 9-3 and will play USA again today at 1:30 p.m. to conclude the series.

Malone leads Houston past Kansas City, 97-78

United Press International
KANSAS CITY — Twenty-nine points, 12 rebounds, an empty net and a bus ride home.

Just another day on the job for Moses Malone Construction — a firm that specializes in the construction of NBA fortresses.

Malone's latest demolition on Tuesday night propelled the Houston Rockets to a 97-78 victory over the Kansas City Kings in the opening game of the Western Conference finals.

Houston's human wrecking ball collected 11-of-17 shots and also collected two steals and two blocked shots as the Rockets won their fourth road game in the current season.

Houston had previously beaten the Lakers in Los Angeles twice to win the best-of-three mini-series and then beat the Spurs in San Antonio three times to capture the best-of-seven series. The fatherhood news for the Rockets is that Kansas City has the home-court advantage in this series.

"Moses Malone gets the least amount of publicity of any great player that's ever played the game," said Houston coach Del Harris. "People seem to be realizing what kind of player he is now."

— but that's only because he's playing in their living rooms (on television during the playoffs)."

Malone single-handedly kept the Rockets in the game in the third quarter with 13 points and three rebounds. After Mike Dunleavy hit a 3-point basket 35 seconds into the second half to move Houston from a 3-point half-time edge into a 47-41 lead, Malone collected a dunk, a rebound, a blocked shot and a steal in the next 3½ minutes to give the Rockets a 53-43 advantage.

Malone added 11 of Houston's 13 points during the final five minutes of the period to keep the Rockets in front through 36 minutes, 66-60.

That enabled the Rockets to blow the game open in the final period with a 13-2 run over a four-minute span midway through the quarter, expanding a six-point lead into an 86-69 advantage. Malone left the game for good with 6:01 remaining, but not before collecting his final four points and three rebounds in the period.

"People say, 'As Moses Malone goes, so go the Rockets,'" said Harris. "Some even call us,

'Moses Malone's Rockets.' But that's not true. I wish it was. If we went as Moses goes, we'd have been 75-7 this year instead of 40-42. He has a good game almost every time out. In my opinion, he was the most valuable player in the league this season."

Robert Reid added 19 points, Dunleavy 13 and Allen Leavell 10 for the Rockets while Ernie Grunfeld topped the Kings with 20. Scott Wedman added 19 and Reggie King 16 for Kansas City, which hosts Houston in Game 2 tonight.

CBS decision causes heartaches for Rocket fans

United Press International
HOUSTON — CBS-TV's decision to televise the Houston Rockets' Western Conference final series games from Kansas City on a taped-delay basis caused the Rockets offices to be besieged by phone calls Tuesday.

Rockets General Manager Ray Patterson said his staff fielded 100 calls from angry fans, but there was no recourse.

"It's the network's policy to show the games on a delayed basis. They can do it now. They can do it for the NBA championship game if they want," he said. "The Rockets don't like it, but there's nothing we can do."

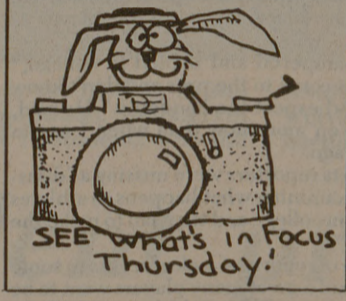
He said he was told by CBS that the ratings of NBA playoff games were not good enough to preempt prime time shows.

Several of the Rockets' previous playoff games this season have been televised on local station KHTV, but CBS's contract with the NBA gives it exclusive rights, Patterson said.

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