

Aggie freshman pitcher Lisa Martinez swings at a pitch from a West Texas State University pitcher during the Aggies' 8-1 in the final twin over the Lady Buffs during the TAIAW state tournyear in a row.

ament. The Aggies defeated Sam Houston State University in the final two games to win the tournament for the third

Ag softball team wins fall title, finishes 36-3

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB

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For two days, it looked as if the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state championship softball tournament would never end.

The weekend's rainy weather caused several of the tourney's games to be rain-delayed, only postponing for more than 24 hours the championship that awaited the top-seeded Texas A&M University women's softball team.

Texas A&M won four of its five games in the double-elimination tournament, winning the state title for the third year in a row. After winning their first game, the Aggies fell into the losers' bracket when they lost to Sam Houston State University in their second game of the tourney

However, Texas A&M came back to defeat SHSU twice Sunday, giving the Aggies the state championship and a 36-3 fall season record. The Aggies now begin off-season workouts, returning to action in March for the spring

Texas A&M played West Texas State University in the first game Friday afternoon, but the game was called in the fourth inning because of rain. The Aggies and freshman pitcher Lisa Martinez led 6-1 at that point, but because of the wet fields at Conroe's Mont-

afternoon. Texas A&M scored two more runs Saturday to win 8-1, with Martinez pitching a onehitter and hitting a three-run

The Aggies didn't play another game until 11:30 that night, when they played SHSU in another rain-delayed game. With SHSU leading 1-0 in the sixth inning, a cold front brought winds and rain to the Conroe area, forcing the umpires to call the game.

The two teams resumed play again Sunday afternoon, and the Lady Kats finished with the 1-0 win. Aggie pitcher Lori Stoll lost the game, giving up five hits and striking out seven. The loss forced the Aggies into the losers' bracket, meaning they had to defeat SHSU twice to win the tournament.

In the next game, Texas A&M defeated the University of Texas at Arlington 1-0, as Stoll picked up the win. The Aggies had six hits, with Iva Jackson and Eya Resendez having two hits apiece That win set the stage for what

might have been the Aggies' last game in the tournament if they had lost. But Texas A&M beat SHSU 4-0 behind the one-hit pitching of Shan McDonald, while the Aggies totaled eight hits.

In the tournament's final game,

gomery County Sports Complex, the two teams weren't able to complete the game until Saturday the Aggies defeated the Lady Kats again, this time by a score of 3-0. Martinez pitched another onehitter and struck out 10, as Texas A&M scored all its runs in the seventh inning.

The team played excellent defense the entire tournament, with the most impressive play coming in the Aggies' 1-0 loss to SHSU. The Lady Kats had runners on first and third in the sixth inning when Terri Young bunted a slow roller down the first baseline. Aggie first baseman Shannon Murray picked up the ball, and while falling to her knees, shoveled the ball to catcher Gay McNutt. The catcher tagged out SHSU's Beth Smith at the plate and threw the ball to third, where alert leftfielder Jackson tagged out the SHSU runner coming around from first base.

The Aggies' three-man pitching staff closes the fall season with a 0.21 ERA, with Martinez finishing 13-0, McDonald at 13-1 and Stoll at 10-2. The staff struck out 319 batters in 263 innings, while walking only 21 and giving up 13 runs.

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Bamberger to be named new Met manager today to

United Press International NEW YORK — George Bamberger, claiming he has "no problem" with his health, will officially be named manager of the New York Mets today.

Bamberger, who had been the first choice of Mets General Manager Frank Cashen after Joe Torre was fired, said he would accept the position in a phone conversation from his home in St. Petersburg, Fla. His contract will be for an estimated \$200,000.

The Mets scheduled a news conference for 11 a.m. EDT today to introduce their new manager.

Torre, after managing the Mets for 41/2 years, was let go on the final day of the season, Oct. 4. Cashen approached Bamberger, who left the Milwaukee Brewers last year because of heart problems, when

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the Brewers were knocked out of the American League pennant

Following his major heart surgery, Bamberger claims he is now in good health, saying, There is no problem with my health. I feel fine and the doctors say I'm in excellent shape.'

"Bambi," as he is known, is 56 and has long been a popular baseball figure with a folksy manner.

A journeyman pitcher who spent most of his 18 year playing career in the minors, Bamberger

took over as Milwaukee manage in 1978 and was named Manager of the Year by the Sporting New the most after guiding the Brewers to as country's 69 record and third place in the author of American League East.

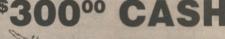
It was during spring training 1980 that Bamberger suffered is heart attack, and was replaced a have learn Milwaukee manager by Buck Rol be open gers. Bamberger resumed is managerial post that June, butres more me igned again three months later i mother's order to spend more time with is birth cor wife, Wilma, and his family.



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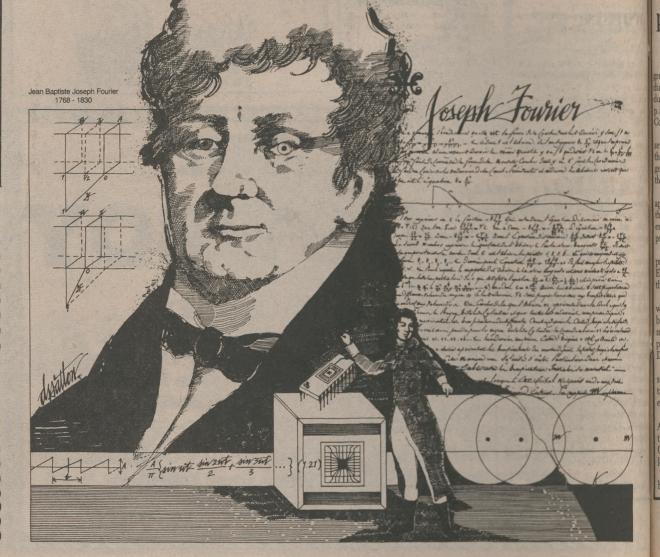
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