

Longhorns sweep; Kansas wins one

Long baseball weekend for A&M

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The Texas A&M baseball team concluded a full week of baseball Sunday when it split a double-header with the University of Kansas at Olsen Field. The Aggies won the first game 5-3 but lost the second 6-3.

Center fielder Billy Cannon hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning for the first of two Aggie homers in the first game.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Grant Priess tripped to right-center field with one out. Joe Szekely then hit a home run over the left-center field wall to give the Aggies the victory. Szekely went 2-for-4 in the first game with three RBI.

Sherman Corbett pitched the entire game for the Aggies and won his third game of the season

against no losses. The losing pitcher was Jim Phillips, who also pitched a complete game.

The Aggies used three pitchers in the second game, with starter Greg Smith getting the loss in his first decision of the year.

Smith gave up four runs and lasted only two-thirds of the first inning. Gerry Salinas came on to pitch four and two-third innings and Steve Davis finished the game for Texas A&M.

The Aggies scored all their runs in the second inning. With the bases loaded, Mark Magee picked up an RBI by grounding out to second base. Thomas Dean Chandler then hit a double to left-center field to drive in the Aggies' other two runs.

Dennis Coplin was the winning pitcher and Matt Gibson earned a save for the University

of Kansas. The Jayhawks' record is now 5-8.

The Aggies' are 18-7 for the season and three of those losses came against the University of Texas Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Texas A&M lost the first game Friday 11-2. David Flores, 4-1, was the losing pitcher. The Aggies lost the double-header Saturday 8-3 and 16-2. Rick Luecken and Robert Slavens were the losing pitchers, respectively, and the losses were the first this year for the two Aggie right-handers. Luecken is 2-1 and Slavens is 3-1.

Coach Tom Chandler said his team was mentally prepared to play the Longhorns but failed to produce on the field.

"Our team went in there ready to play," he said. "We just broke down in every phase of

our game. Our pitching wasn't good. Our pitchers were wild and couldn't get the ball over the plate.

"To win, you have to have good defense and good pitching, and we didn't have either."

Texas is ranked fifth in the nation and is 33-0 for the season. One more Longhorn victory will tie the NCAA record for most consecutive wins in a season. The Longhorns set the current record in 1977.

A&M softball team member withdraws

Freshman pitcher Lisa Martinez, who posted a 13-0 record in the fall for the Texas A&M softball team and had added two more victories — a perfect game and a no-hitter — this spring, has withdrawn from Texas A&M because of academic difficulties.

"It was definitely a big loss, and I was more or less shocked at the news," Coach Bob Brock said. "She had figured very heavily into our plans for a national championship."

"I hope that whatever it is she gets it straightened out and is back pitching for us in the fall."

Martinez withdrew from the University March 12.

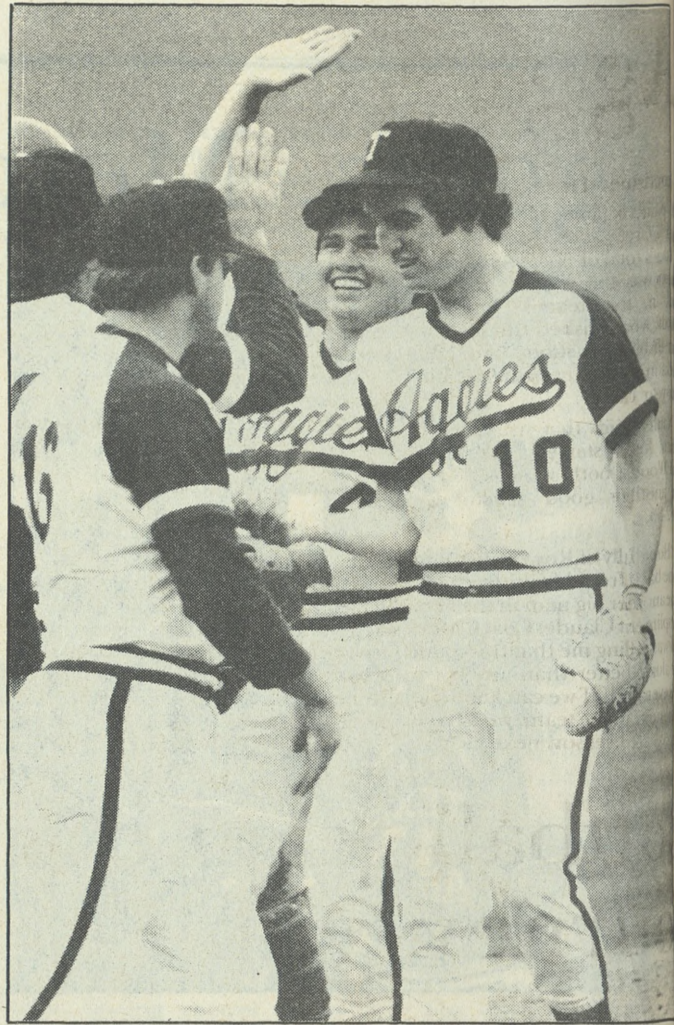


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Several members of the Aggie baseball team, including first baseman Buddy Haney (10), second baseman Brad Hisle (behind Haney) and relief pitcher Bobby Taylor congratulate each other after a no-hitter against Delta State last week. Completing the no-hitter was the Aggies' Rock King (left, hand extended toward Hisle).

Lady Horns victorious in AIAW tournament

AUSTIN — Fifth-ranked Texas held off Central Missouri State 67-64 Sunday in the first round of the AIAW national basketball tournament.

The Longhorns will take a 33-3 season record and 30-game win streak into their second round game Tuesday against Wisconsin, which advanced Sunday by beating Colorado 60-59. The winner of the Wisconsin-Texas matchup will advance to the AIAW semifinals in Philadelphia Friday.

Texas was led to the win over Central Missouri by Terri Mackey, who scored 20 points and had eight rebounds.

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