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A&M wins 11-10

Cannon hits two home runs in victory over Oklahoma

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Billy Cannon proved that the best defense is a good offense Monday afternoon against the Oklahoma Sooners.

Cannon hit two home runs, one an inside-the-park shot, as the Texas Aggies outscored the Sooners 11-10 in Norman, Okla.

With one out in the top of the ninth, Cannon broke a 10-10 tie with his sixth home run of the year. The ball was hit to deep center field, and Sooner center fielder Foster Mullen crashed into the wall attempting to make the catch. While Cannon's shot bounced off the top of the wall, he dashed around the bases to score.

The Aggies started early, scoring six runs in the top of the first. Sooner starter Brent Worcester lasted only four batters. Clint Heard led off with a double for the Aggies and things went downhill quickly for Worcester after that. He walked the next two batters, then hit Dave Kennard with a pitch to score Heard.

But the Sooners chipped away at the Aggie lead, scoring two runs in the second, one in the third and fourth, and two each in the fifth and sixth to take an 8-6 lead.

In the seventh, Grant Pries singled and went to second on a ground out by catcher Joe Szekely. Bobby Beach reached first on an Oklahoma error, and Cannon belted his first home run of the game, a 411-foot shot, scoring Pries and Beach to give the Aggies a 9-8 lead.

Texas A&M picked up another run in the eighth when Kennard singled and stole second. Pries singled to score Kennard and the Aggies led 10-8.

Sooner second baseman Kevin Bates tied the score in the bottom of the eighth with his second home run of the game, a two-run shot off winner Bobby Taylor.

That set the stage for Cannon's ninth inning heroics, giving the Aggies their 27th win of the year. Texas A&M's record now stands at 27-15-1 and Oklahoma's record is 20-16.

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Robert Slavens started the game for the Aggies, lasting three innings and giving up three runs. David Flores came on in relief and gave up five runs in three innings. Taylor then entered the game and was credited with the win. His record is now 2-1.

Davis Maschino was the losing pitcher. His record is 2-1 also.

The Aggies had 11 hits and left seven men on base. Oklahoma finished with 15 hits, five of those home runs, and left eight men on left on base. Both teams committed two errors.

The Aggies, in sixth place

with a 5-9-1 record in the Southwest Conference, plays fourth-place Texas Tech this weekend in Olsen Field. Texas A&M must sweep the series to have a chance at earning a berth in the SWC post-season tournament.

Friday night's game starts at 7:30 and Saturday's afternoon's double-header begins at 1.

Rose signs pact to stay with Phils through 1986

United Press International PHILADELPHIA — After Monday, Pete Rose may start commemorating April 12 as a special day.

That's when the Phillies gave him an early birthday present by signing him to the eagerly awaited "Ty Cobb Contract"

through the 1986 season.

Under terms of the year-to-year pact, the Phillies tear up the final year of a four-year contract Rose signed as a free agent in December 1978 and hike his annual salary from \$810,000 to a figure between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million.

The contract assures that Rose will be in a Phillies' uniform if he gets within range to break Cobb's all-time record of 4,191 career base hits. Rose is within 491 hits of that total, and he feels he can break the record before the 1984 All-Star game.

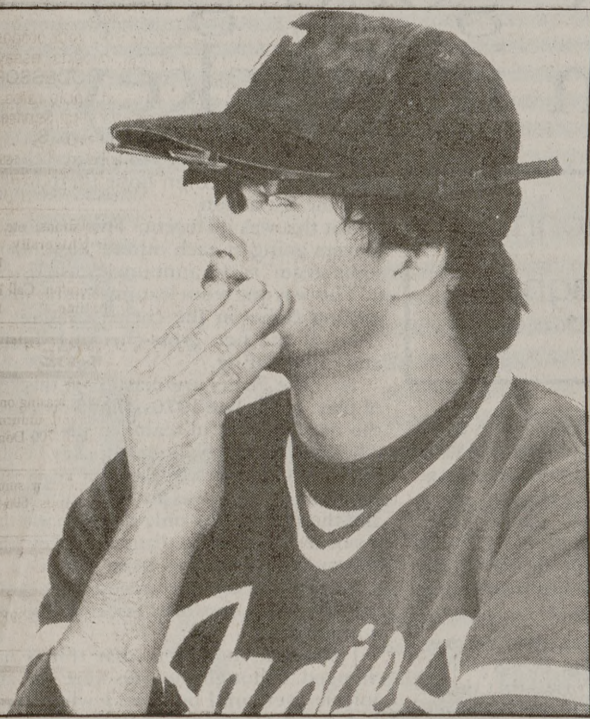


photo by C. Michel Chang

The Aggies' Kevin Smith seems to be pondering the team's future during a victory over the Oklahoma City Chiefs April 6. Texas A&M, after defeating the Oklahoma Sooners Monday, must sweep a three-game series from Texas Tech this weekend in order to have any hopes of qualifying for the SWC tournament in May.

Men's track squad wins in Arlington

The Aggie men's track team easily outdistanced four teams in winning the Arlington Invitational over the weekend, compiling 107 points for the victory.

Coach Charlie Thomas said bad weather conditions didn't stop the team from performing well in the meet.

"We had a real good meet," Thomas said. "We had some good performances even though the competition wasn't real strong. It was cold and rainy, but we still pulled it off."

Also participating in the meet were the UT-Arlington, TCU, North Texas State and West Texas State. UTA placed second in the competition with only 66 points.

The Aggies will compete in the Baylor Invitational Friday in Waco.

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