



Making a switch

staff photo by David Fisher

When Texas A&M freshman pitcher Sherman Corbett (second from left) had trouble getting the ball over the plate during the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader with the Lubbock Christian Chaparrals, coach Tom Chandler (32) decided to make a change. Re-

placing Corbett is freshman Phillip Taylor (25), while catcher Joe Szekely waits for the change to be made. The Aggies, who host the league tournament starting Friday, won the first game 11-5, but lost the finale 7-4. Texas A&M hit four home runs for the day.

Dream season

Softball team prepares for national tourney after winning regional title

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It's been a dream season for the Texas A&M women's softball team.

But Coach Bob Brock knows that starting May 20, it's time to wake up. That's when his team will participate in the AIAW national tournament in Norman, Okla.

"This is kind of like pro ball," Brock says. "It's an all new season, and records don't mean a thing. This is what really counts."

Brock, who believes that his team will be seeded anywhere from first to fourth in the national competition, has watched the Aggies compile a 77-8 record during the spring and fall seasons. The Aggies' most recent success came over the weekend in Oklahoma City, Okla., where they won the Southwest Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women regional tournament and earned an automatic berth in the national tourney.

"The pitching was pretty good," Brock said after his staff defeated Stephen F. Austin 11-0, Oklahoma State 1-0 in 12 innings and the Cowboys again 8-1 in the championship. "In the first game, Shan McDonald pitched an outstanding game — in fact a perfect game, and once again, the bunch has really been hitting."

McDonald, who has a 20-1 spring record after finishing the fall 13-1, had a 0.40 ERA for the spring in leading the Aggies to a 41-5 record. Texas A&M won the state title in the fall with a 36-3 record.

Pitcher Lori Stoll has a 19-4 record during the spring, giving her a combined mark of 29-6 for the year. Stoll and McDonald, both juniors, have pitched their



Bob Brock



Shan McDonald

way to an exceptional 0.33 ERA during the spring after managing a 0.21 during the fall season.

Freshman pitcher Lisa Martinez, who withdrew from the University during March, earned the Aggies' other two victories this spring.

Brock said: "In the second game of the regionals, Lori (Stoll) struggled during the whole game. I really want to praise (shortstop) Carrie Austgen's heads-up baserunning in the 12th inning. She had reached base on a base hit, stole second base and then scored all the way from second on an error."

Second baseman Patti Holthaus laid down a perfect drag bunt, and when the throw went over first baseman Pam Harper's head, Austgen scored.

"I think it caught OSU by surprise," Brock said. "I think that was the reason for the desperate play that went awry."

Texas A&M's team batting average stands at .289, compared to .287 during the fall. Fresh-

man outfielder Josie Carter, who hit .312 and had a team-high 38 RBI for the fall, leads the team in average with a .359. Carter has 28 RBI to give her 66 on the year.

Whereas the Aggies stole 54 of 58 bases in the fall, they were successful 69 times in 80 attempts during the spring. Austgen led the team with 13 steals in 15 tries.

Six Texas A&M players were named to the regional team after the victories over OSU. Here is a list of the players named to the team, with the catcher still to be decided upon due to a tie between two players:

- Lori Stoll, pitcher, Texas A&M
- Pam Harper, first base, OSU
- Patti Holthaus, second base, Texas A&M
- Carrie Austgen, shortstop, Texas A&M
- Maria Resendez, third

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