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A&M 20-2 after sweep

Aggie Ladies dump Bears

by John Wagner

Battalion Staff
Something about Baylor University brings out the best in the Texas Aggie softball team. The two teams had met five times this year prior to Thursday night's double-header, and the Aggies had won all five games.

So one could chalk up the Aggies' double-header sweep of the Bears as tradition.

Or one could shrug it off as luck. Or maybe, if you believe in such things, it's a hex, a jinx, or even voodoo.

But whatever it is, it works. Seven games, seven Aggie victories. And even more astonishing is the fact that in those seven games, the Bears have yet to score.

The Aggies have scored 22 runs to the Bears' zero, including Thursday's 5-0, 4-0 sweep at Travis Field in Bryan.

Lori Stoll pitched the first game for Texas A&M, throwing a one-hitter at the Bears while striking out 10. Stoll has 101 strikeouts on the year, and has given up 29 hits and 16 walks.

Stoll is now 11-0 with an ERA of 0.35.

The Aggies were led offensively by Debbie Rollman and Carrie Austgen, who both had two hits in three at-bats. The Aggies had seven hits in the first game.

Josie Carter and freshman Mary Schwind paced the Aggies in the second game, picking up five of the team's nine hits and knocking in two of its runs. Car-

ter was 3-for-4 with one RBI, and Schwind was 2-for-3, also with one RBI.

Shan McDonald was the winning pitcher for the Aggies, giving up six hits and striking out seven. She is now 9-2.

McDonald has struck out 96 batters this year and given up 43 hits. Her ERA is 0.49.

The Aggies have a team batting average of .298, and a fielding average of .965 through 22 games.

Sue Lilley, the Aggies' assistant coach, says there's no magic to the team's success. It's simply hard work.

"We work on batting every day," she said. "And the bats are really starting to ring."

And Lilley said the play of several freshman, a key factor in

the Aggies' hopes for success starting to come around.

"They're (the freshmen) progressing at a good rate," Lilley said. "We don't have a lineup yet, and we're moving people around, but most of our players are able to play anywhere. At this point, I'd we're really pleased at they're coming along."

"The fall season is designed show us who can do what, and I'd say we have some talented athletes. We're a versatile team."

The 20-2 Aggies will play Louisiana Tech in a double-header Tuesday starting 12:30. Sam Houston State will be in town Wednesday, also in a double-header beginning at p.m.



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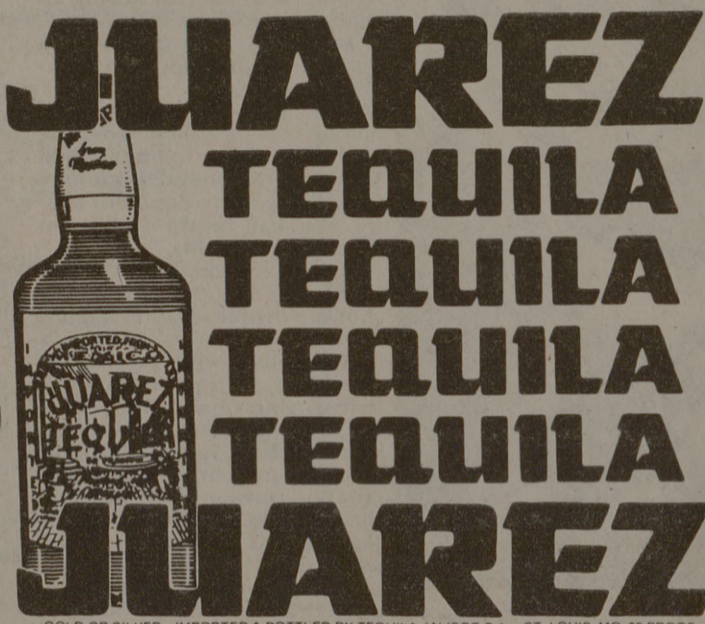
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Porter's struggle against alcohol, drugs not over

by Milton Richman
UPI Sports Editor

Darrell Porter is no Elmer Gantry. You don't catch him jumping on a soapbox and preaching to the sky will come down on you if you take the wrong road in life the way he did for a while.

No, sir, Darrell Porter doesn't lean on you like a lot of other reformed drinkers do.

That doesn't mean he's forgotten all about what happened to him. He'll never do that — not after what he went through.

Porter has come a long way since then, and what I admire about him is that he isn't standing around taking bows for reaching his destination yet. He nearly destroyed himself a few years ago with false euphoria of alcohol and drugs. He will remember how far he slipped as long as he lives and how he somehow found enough inner strength to chart a new life for himself at The Meadows in Arizona in 1980.

The struggle isn't over. Not by a long shot. He is resigned to the fact he'll have to discipline himself the rest of his life.

Porter is an individual of unusual sensitivity. He appreciates good fortune at being part of a ballclub like the St. Louis Cardinals, a team that could be in the World Series in a few weeks if it does not run into a mine field somewhere along the way.

But that possibility hasn't become the driving force in his life.

Porter's values have changed dramatically since his ordeal. It relates to people much better than he ever did, which could be the reason the Cardinals' 30-year-old catcher feels the compassion does every time he sees another drug user in professional sports coming out of the closet.

"It hurts me when I see them do that only because they don't really know what they've got ahead of them," Porter says. "When they come out and say 'I did drugs and I quit, so I don't have a problem anymore,' I just shake my head. They have no idea in the world what they have in front of them. None whatsoever."

"If they think it's that easy to quit, to turn it off just like they're only kidding themselves and nobody else. You're never really out of the woods. You have to keep fighting it all the time."

Porter says it's been over two years since he had a drink.

"The only thing that really tempts me is a glass of beer," he says. "I like beer, but I haven't had one in over two years. The people at The Meadows told me it's dangerous and I believe them. You know, sometimes I'll look at a glass of beer on one of those very days and say to myself, 'Oh, you can handle it,' but then I also think about what those people told me. They said it's not the one that kills you, it's the first one. I don't want to take a chance because I was as miserable a human being as I can possibly imagine, and I don't want to be like that again."

Darrell Porter looks like Clark Kent. Particularly when he's on his horn-rimmed glasses. He's even built like Superman but he realizes he's only mortal, and fallible enough to slip again, so he guards against it as best he can by not taking that first bad step.

And he's happy. Perhaps happier than he's ever been in his life now that he and his wife, Deanne, are the parents of a 5-month-old girl, Lindsey Deanne, their first child.

Porter said he didn't know his wife when he had drinking problems.

"I'm glad I didn't," he says.

Whitey Herzog, the Cardinals' manager, says quite openly that he expected more from Porter with the bat this year but also pointed out that despite his .230 average, Porter has made an important contribution in keeping the Cardinals on top with his 45 RBIs and 10 homers.

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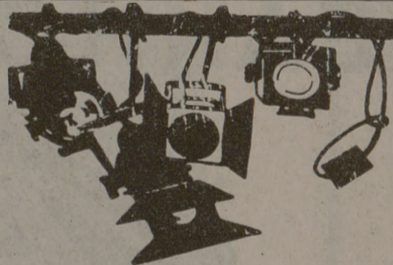
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