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Aggie third baseman Tony Metoyer tags an unidentified runner during the second game of Saturday's double-header against the Southwestern Pirates. The Aggies split two games with Southwestern, losing the first game 4-3 and winning the second 12-0. staff photo by David Fisher

Ags split two with Southwestern

by Scott Griffin

Battalion Reporter
Despite his team's split in Saturday's double-header with Southwestern, Texas A&M baseball coach Tom Chandler described the Aggies' overall performance as a good one — "added that the players were a little tight" in the first game. Southwestern won the first game 4-3, but the Aggies came back to defeat the Pirates in the nightcap, 12-0. The Pirates jumped out to a quick lead in the first inning of the opening game, with Aggie pitcher Rick Luecken giving up

a two-out walk to designated hitter Pat Neuendorff. Phillip Wellman then reached first on an error by Aggie second baseman Clint Heard. Danny Mick-an singled to score Neuendorff and give Southwestern a 1-0 lead. The Pirates struck again in the third when Neuendorff walked and Wellman homered off Luecken. While Luecken struggled in the early innings, the Aggie offense was sputtering, hitting the ball hard, but right at Pirate defenders. In the fourth, it looked as if

the Aggies might put something together. Heard, who finished the game with two of the Aggies' six hits, tripled to right to start the inning. First baseman Buddy Haney then singled to right to score Heard. After Billy Cannon flied out, Don Robison singled, putting Haney in scoring position. Pirate pitcher Terry Knobel ended the inning, however, getting the next two batters to fly out. The Aggies never threatened again, with Knobel stifling batters with various off-speed pitches. Chandler said that Knobel's pitching confused

the Aggies and that he did a good job of getting the batters to chase pitches that were out of the strike zone. The nightcap was quite a different story, however. Texas A&M finished the game with 14 hits and pounded Pirate starting pitcher Jeff Livin with eight runs in the first two innings. Third baseman Tony Metoyer

and catcher Ron Devereaux each homered for the Aggies, who scored in four of six innings. Devereaux's shot was a inside-the-park blast to center field. Left-hander Sherman Corbett and reliever Barry Smith quieted the Pirate offense, allowing only six hits. Corbett collected the win, his first of the year, while Livin, now 1-1, suf-

fered the loss for the Pirates. About the overall performance this weekend, Chandler said: "I was especially pleased with the defense and our pitching. If we can just be consistent with good pitching and solid defense, we'll be OK."

Texas A&M will travel to St. Mary's for a 1 p.m. Wednesday matchup and will return to Olsen Field next weekend to play Hardin-Simmons. Corbett and Luecken will pitch on Wednesday, with senior right-hander Robert Slavens and freshman southpaw Scott Deskins getting the call for the weekend.

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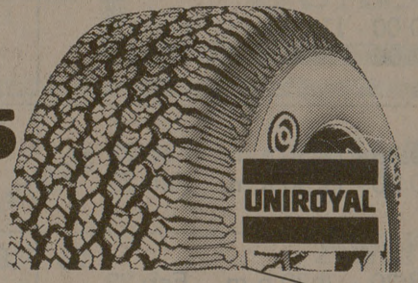
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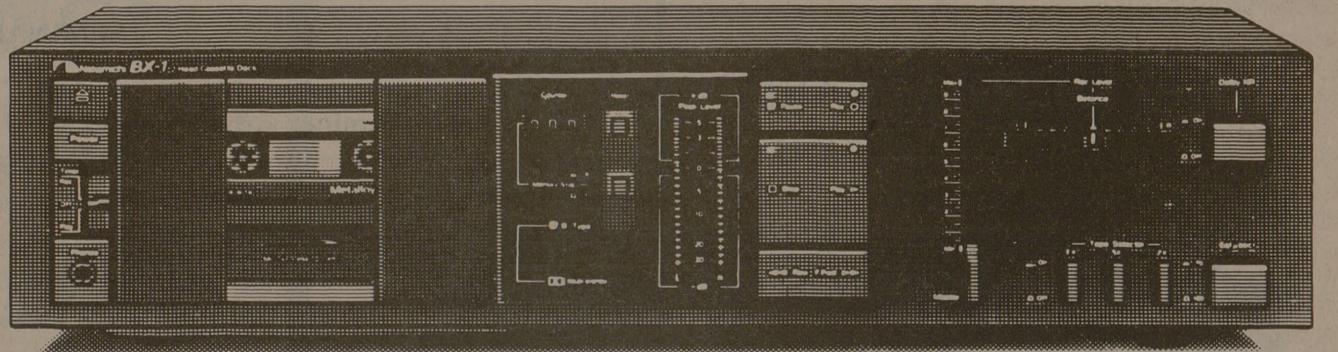
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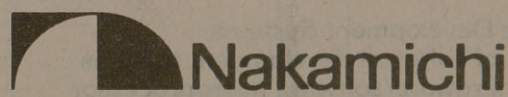
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