

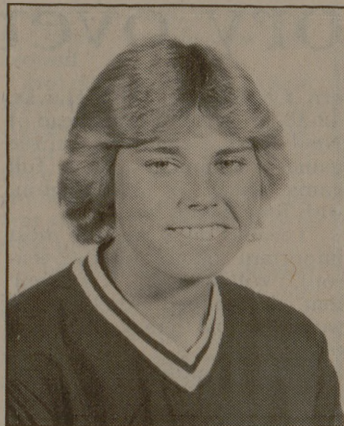
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Back on the road

Brock says softball team 'rejuvenated'; ready for SHSU, Diamond Invitational tournament

by Joe Tindel Jr.



Shan McDonald — hoping to regain form this week

Almost as soon as the Aggies returned from a grueling two-week road trip, they hit the road again for today's double-header as well as this weekend's Diamond Invitational in Albuquerque, NM. But softball coach Bob Brock said he thinks the week home helped rejuvenate his weary team and better prepare him for the upcoming road trip. "I thought we had done the right things to improve ourselves since we got home," Brock said. "The biggest thing

nately showed in the tournament.

"I think as long as we play some good defense and play as a team and keep hitting the ball ... we're going to be awful hard to beat."

The Aggies proved not only hard to beat, but impossible to beat, as they won all seven games during the Aggie Invitational last weekend, including a title-winning victory over ninth-ranked Utah State.

And the Aggies also beat Sam Houston in the tournament at Travis Park. Nevertheless, Brock said he has respect for the scappy Division II club.

"I think Sam Houston is an excellent ball club," Brock said. "They're well-coached, and they give everything they've got — especially when they play the

Aggies. They play each game as if it's the World Series, and of course, we do too."

Brock said senior Lori Stoll will pitch the first game and Shan McDonald, who missed several games with a shoulder injury, will handle the duties in the second against Sam Houston.

Sam Houston was the only NCAA Division II team that played in the Aggie Invitational, and they played well enough to advance to championship bracket play.

Brock said he was pleased with the improvement the Aggies showed during their brief home stand and praised their almost flawless defensive play, but he's still looking for improved hitting.

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staff photo by David Fisher

Texas A&M's Rose Ruffino, shown here against McNeese State, and the rest of the Aggie softball team are in Huntsville today to play SHSU.

Aggie baseball team's downfall has players looking for answers

by John P. Lopez

Even "The Shadow" probably doesn't know what evil lurks in the hearts of the Aggie baseball team.

Well, maybe it's not "evil," but whatever possesses the Texas A&M team certainly isn't good. The Aggies have lost nine consecutive Southwest Conference games and are quickly becoming known as "chokers" in the clutch.

Perhaps the problem with the Aggies is not that they're falling short of their pre-season expectations — they're not. They were

supposed to have a terrible record this year, with just a few starters returning and absolutely no pitching depth.

What's puzzling for the Aggies is that they are falling flat on their faces after a surprisingly good start.

In the early part of the season, the Aggies defeated both Cal State-Fullerton and Maine — both ranked in the top 20 nationally. And they broke into the top 20 themselves after hitting and fielding their way to an 18-4 record. It seemed nothing could stop Texas A&M's run to the top of the standings.

Nothing, that is, but the Aggies themselves.

Texas A&M second baseman Clint Heard said the entire team can be blamed for the downfall.

"I really don't think you can put your finger down on one thing," he said. "It's probably two or three things. We're just snakebit. I've never seen anything like it. We get a big lead on a team and we don't hold it. If there's ever a chance for the other team to make a big play then they will."

To say the least. In their last three games, the Aggies scored 24 runs — and lost all three

games. "It's a tough pill to swallow," Heard said. "You keep saying to yourself 'How the hell did we get beat?' Lady Luck just isn't very good to us."

Aggie right fielder Kevin Smith is also confused about Texas A&M's downfall, but has his own thoughts on luck.

Smith said: "I'm a firm believer that you make your own luck."

Then what is the problem, Kevin? "We just don't seem to have a leader on this team. But then

Women golfers in fifth at Sun Devil Invitational

The Texas A&M women's golf team is in fifth place after two rounds in the Sun Devil Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.

TCU leads the field of 21 teams with a score of 603, SMU is second with 610, Tulsa third with 621 and Lamar is fourth with 622.

The Aggies are five strokes

behind Lamar at 627.

SMU's Amy Bonz is the individual leader with a two-day total of 146. Texas A&M's Patricia Gonzalez shot a 77 Tuesday, bringing her overall stroke total to 151. She is tied for fifth place.

The rest of Texas A&M's individual scores follow, with the two-day total listed second:

- Shirley Furlong: 79, 155
- Angela Atkins: 82, 160
- Susan Yantis: 81, 161
- Kerry Bower: 84, 164

The tournament concludes today. This is the Aggies' last tournament before the Southwest Conference championships, in Fort Worth, April 25-27.

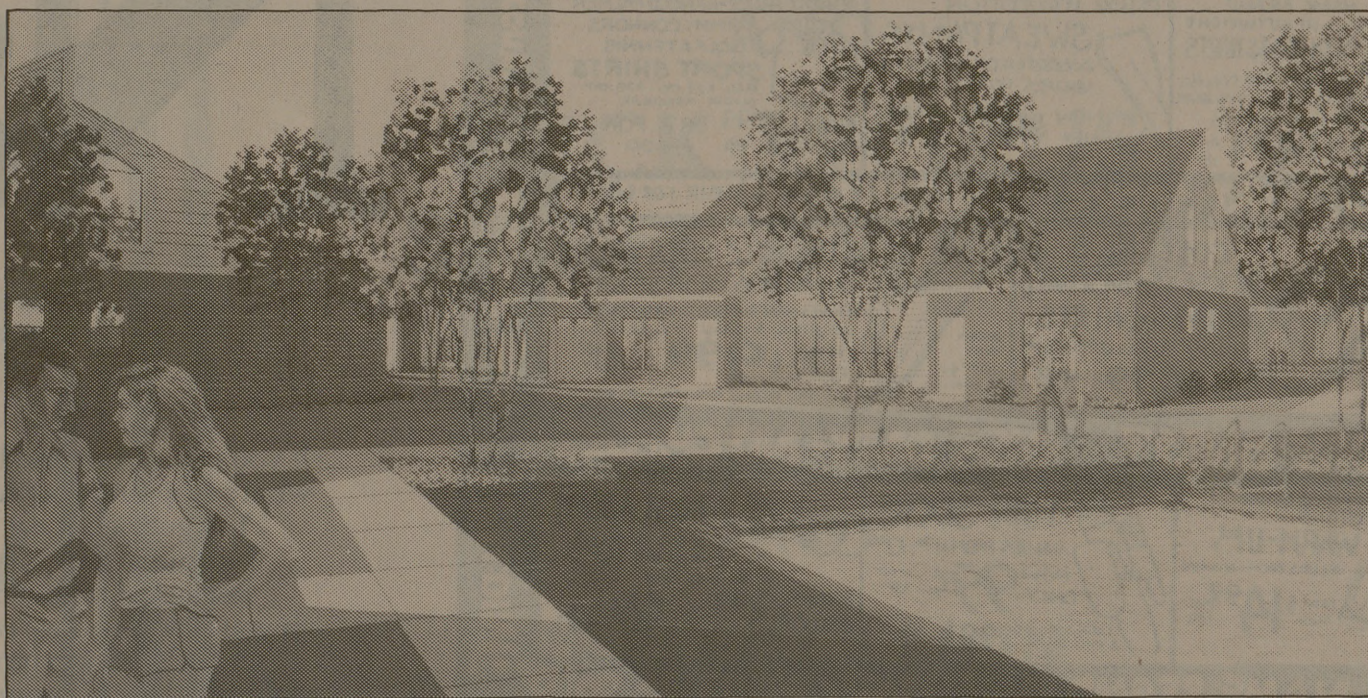
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