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## Brock 'satisfied' with NCAA championship

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A satisfied coach is an unusual sight. But to say that Texas A&M softball coach Bob Brock is anything less than satisfied would all but eliminate the word from the dictionary. If winning a national championship doesn't bring satisfaction, what does?

True, the Aggies' road to the top wasn't full of homers or blowouts, nor does Texas A&M's final 41-11 season record indicate perfection. But Brock's not losing any sleep over that. As the Aggie coach put it: "It wasn't pretty, as far as hits were concerned, but it was enough to win." And winning is what a coach is

paid to do. Tuesday afternoon, Brock walked into the women's athletics office looking like he'd just set down a 50-pound sack of potatoes. After all, surviving injury to a key pitcher, less than adequate hitting, and a loss in the first game of NCAA softball's College World Series can set a coach's nerves to rest, if

they're not already shot. In between a good night's sleep after Monday's flight home from Omaha, Neb., and celebration Tuesday, a cheerful Brock sat down to reflect on the championship series. "I just felt like that if we got by UCLA, we were going to win the tournament," the coach said of the Aggies 1-0 semifinal victory over the Bruins. "The (Aggies') defense was tremendous. It was actually Cal State-Fullerton's defense that made the errors that gave us the game. We never faltered, we never quit and we never made an error."

Tech, to help her team bounce back from a 2-0 loss to South Carolina in the first game of the series. "I decided that Lori had gotten us where we were at, and I knew I had Shan in relief when I needed her," Brock said. "(But) I think Shan pitched a big, big game when she beat Louisiana Tech."

"I don't feel like any of those teams could have beaten Shan or Lori. It's just that it seemed that Lori had the momentum going. She had a lot of things going her way." Stoll went straight home to Chillicothe, Mo., after the series. But in a long-distance telephone interview Tuesday, she cited confidence and determination as her motivating factors during her 26-inning pitching marathon Sunday.



Lori Stoll

## Sixers grab title ...

United Press International  
INGLEWOOD, Calif. — What a difference a decade can make. The 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers compiled a 9-73 record, the worst record in the long history of the NBA. And here we are with the 1982-83 version of the 76ers who stamped themselves Tuesday night as one of the NBA's all-time great teams with a 115-73 drubbing of the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers, completing just the fourth championship series sweep in league history. When the regular season ended with 76ers holding a sparkling 67-15 record, Philadelphia's Moses Malone was asked what he expected from his team. "Four, four, four," he replied. He meant four-game sweeps of each of the three playoff series. His expectations almost were

fulfilled. Only a single loss to the Milwaukee Bucks blemished the 76ers incredible playoff streak and their 12-1 postseason record goes into the book as the best in NBA history. Malone, who carried the 76ers to their first NBA crown in 16 years, was named the series MVP after scoring 24 points and grabbing an incredible 23 rebounds in the final game. "But he wouldn't take much of the credit. 'This is the greatest moment of Moses' life,' the burly center gurgled through a mouthful of champagne in the Sixers locker room. "But this isn't Moses' championship. We did it for our fans, and we did it for us, but mostly we did it for the Doctor." And Julius Erving, the "Doctor," was there. Tuesday night he silenced the critics who had said despite his enormous talent he would never play on a championship team. He sat quietly in

the middle of the wild celebration. "I'm not out of control now because of all the things I've been through, things that go beyond basketball," Erving said. "My family is still the most important thing to me. They stuck with me through six years of frustration." Erving finished the game with 19 points, seven coming in the last two minutes when the 76ers, who had not led since the opening period, bolted back into the game. An Erving steal and dunk with two minutes left tied the score, 106-106. With 59 seconds left, Erving slammed one home and was fouled. He made the free throw and the 76ers led, 109-107. After a free throw by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar pulled the desperate Lakers within 109-108, Erving dethroned the champions by drilling a 10-foot jumper with 24 seconds left.

## ... and Philly fans party

PHILADELPHIA — Thousands of joyful, screaming, beer-drinking fans took to the streets Tuesday night after the Philadelphia Sixers dethroned the Los Angeles Lakers to become NBA champions. Fireworks sputtered and popped throughout the center of the city and cars raced through the streets blowing their horns. Garbage trucks carrying their nightly rounds added a deeper note with their horns.

The celebrations erupted in bars throughout the city where many had spent the evening watching the 76ers take an early lead, fall behind, then fight back to a 115-108 victory. Mayor William Green called the 76ers' team, with its regular season record and its record setting 12-1 playoff mark, "one of the finest ever to set foot on a court." One of the 76ers' biggest fans and native Philadelphian, comedian Bill Cosby, watched the fin-

als at his Connecticut home with his wife Camille. "I loved it," Cosby said. "I kept saying L.A. is going to get tired. They are playing so hard, playing so far above themselves, reaching for every ball, going for every shot. "They ran out of steam in the last seven minutes of the game. They had given as much of themselves as they could." "It was a happy moment. Even my wife lit up a cigar," he said.

That extra effort was for a worthy cause. Earlier this spring in Albuquerque, Stoll went 19 innings against Fullerton and lost. This time she had already pitched 14 innings against UCLA in Sunday's semifinal. She had to pitch 12 more to secure Texas A&M's 2-0 victory over Fullerton in the championship game later the same day. The chance to pitch against UCLA was especially important for Stoll, who finished her career as a four-time all-American and one of the best pitchers in the nation. She had lost to the Bruins two years ago in 29 innings, 1-0. Brock said he decided to let Stoll handle a large portion of the pitching chores because she was on a roll and had momentum working for her. But relief pitcher Shan McDonald pitched the Aggies to a 2-0 victory early in the series over Louisiana

After its loss to South Carolina, Texas A&M defeated Indiana, 1-0, Friday, before knocking off Louisiana Tech Saturday. The Aggies beat Fullerton Saturday, 1-0, to earn a chance to play them again in the championship game. The Aggies faced the same problem in the championship series that they faced all spring. But field play made up, and, as Brock said, the hits came at opportune moments. "We didn't hit very well, but we hit enough, and we hit in spurts," Brock said. "And our defense and our pitching were so awesome that it was just a matter of time whenever we could get some hitters that could put something back-to-back." When the bats did crack, Brock said Iva Jackson, Cindy Cooper and Patti Holthaus were responsible for most of the splinters. Cooper was one of the youngsters who, to say the least, didn't disappoint Brock this spring. She made the all-tournament team — as a freshman — at third base. "I think the freshmen played outstanding," Brock said. "In the final two games I had a freshman in left field, a freshman in right field, a freshman at third base and a freshman at first base." Cooper, who was home in Bartlesville, Okla., Tuesday, said the newness of the championship series was hard to swallow until the time came to actually get out onto the field. "Before every game, I was real nervous," Cooper said. "It was hard to eat. It was hard to even think about anything else but playing. "I remember every extra inning that we went out there, we would keep saying, 'three outs.'" But Cooper and the Aggies were able to throw away all the

nervousness after the 12th inning Sunday against Fullerton. "I was crazy," Cooper said. "I mean I was the happiest I've ever been. I was so tired from having to play so much, but yet it was like every bit of energy I had left I spent on yelling and hugging people." For Brock, the winning experience wasn't a new one. His 1982 Aggies won the AIAW national championship. Nevertheless, he had powerful words of praise for his NCAA championship team: "I've never coached a team that was more together and more team-oriented. (They) never knew what the words 'give up' or 'quit' or 'we're through' meant. "I've never seen a team with more composure and more enthusiasm for the game. And never once did they ever say, 'we can't win this tournament.' "I'm very, very proud of them, as a coach. Basically all I did was make up lineups and encourage them. They did it themselves."

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