

Texas A&M

# The Battalion Sports

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## Fast start

### Freshman pitcher Andaya helps Aggs sweep double-header from Bearkats

by John Wagner  
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The women's softball team shouldn't have wasted time warming up Tuesday.

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No need to. They're warm enough. They're defending national champions — and they're scorching from last season's NCAA national tourney.

The summer layoff didn't appear to hurt Coach Bob Brock's team in the slightest, as the Aggies swept a double-header from arch-rival Sam Houston State 6-0, 4-3, Tuesday at Penber-Of Innamural Field.

Freshman pitching sensation Shawn Andaya baffled the Lady Bearkats with a two-hit performance in the opening game, striking nine and walking only one. If nothing is indeed a question mark

for the Aggies, then Andaya just might be the answer.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth, when Brock gathered his players together and urged them to make things happen offensively.

"Let's start (hitting the ball) right now," Brock said to the Aggies.

His pep talk worked. A&M scored all six runs in that at-bat.

Leadoff hitter Gay McNutt slammed a homer over the left fielder's head to give A&M a 1-0 lead. The next batter, Mary Schwind, singled, and advanced to second on a walk to Paige Peterson.

Schwind then scored on Rose Ruffino's single to make it 2-0.

Andaya singled to score Peterson, and after Judy Trussell struck out, Cindy Cooper reached first on an error to the shortstop. Patti Holthaus then singled to score both Ruffino and Andaya.

Cooper came home later in the inning to make it 6-0.

A&M had nine hits in the opening game, led by Ruffino's 3-for-3 performance. Andaya was 2-for-4.

Transfer Yvette Lopez took the mound in Game 2, but her performance didn't quite match up to Andaya's. But an opportunistic Aggie offense saved the day, as A&M scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the seventh inning to win.

The Aggies scored two runs in the second inning and one in the third to take a 3-0 lead over the Bearkats. But a wild pitch and an error allowed SHSU to score three times in the top of the fourth and tie the score.

It stayed tied until Trussell reached first on an error in the A&M half of the seventh. Cooper and Holthaus singled, and Trussell scored on a wild pitch to McNutt to end the game.



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Women's softball player Cindy Cooper slides home to score a run in the Aggies' 6-0 shut-

out of Sam Houston Tuesday. The defending NCAA champs took the second game, 4-3.

## Condon says A&M volleyball team ready for 'powerhouse' Bulldogs

by Scott Griffin  
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Texas A&M volleyball coach Terry Condon says her team is eager to play Thursday night against perennial Division II powerhouse Texas Lutheran College.

"We're ready," Condon said Tuesday. "We've had a little bit too much time in between games and we're anxious."

Part of that eagerness, Condon said, stems from the Aggies' performance two weeks ago in the University of Kentucky tournament. A&M went 4-4 in the tour-

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ney, losing to Michigan State, Central Michigan, Cincinnati and Eastern Kentucky.

Condon was disappointed with the showing.

"We should have beaten those teams, and they know it," she said. The biggest problem the

bright spots. "Our defense was excellent," she said. "And I'd say our overall performance was excellent."

Condon added that the team has been working hard to improve on the problem areas, especially offensive passing and shot placement.

"So far it's been working out well in practice," she said. "But we're ready to see if we can handle ourselves better in game situations."

Condon said the Aggies are prepared for a fight Thursday.

"It'll be a good match. TLC has been No. 1 and 2 in the nation in Division II for the past two years and they're a fundamentally sound club."

"A lot of people don't think Division II is very good, but I've seen a lot of good ball played in that division."

Play begins at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. There is no admission charge. Next week, the Aggies host Lamar University Monday at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

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