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Keahey itches no-hitter

By TRAVIS TINGLE
Sports Writer



Tim Cartwright dives safely into first base during the Aggies' double-header with North Texas State Uni-

versity Wednesday. Texas A&M swept the series, winning the first game 4-1 and the second 5-2.

Photo by PETER ROCHA

Kelley Keahey pitched a one-er Wednesday to lead the Texas A&M baseball team to a 1-0 victory over North Texas State in the first game of a double-header. Barry Smith picked up the win in the second game of the Aggies, 5-2.

Keahey, a sophomore from College Station, lost his chance for a no-hitter in the sixth inning on a North Texas double play with two outs.

It was the closest Keahey had ever come to pitching the elusive no-hitter since joining the Aggies. But he said he just tried to think about it.

"It's always on your mind when you're out there," Keahey said. "But you just try to keep your head like you have been and let it get to you."

Designated hitter Mike Janes didn't let anything get to him, or his hitting either. Janes hit a two-run homer in the second inning to put the Aggies in front to stay at 2-0.

In the second game of the double-header, the Aggies jumped out to another 2-0 lead in the first inning with freshman Jimmy Flowers on the mound. But Flowers gave up two-to-back doubles in the second inning, allowing North Texas to score twice and tie the game.

The Aggies then regained the lead for good with a single in the bottom of the fifth and two more in the sixth. Aggie relief pitchers Barry Smith and Rock King were called upon to seal the victory.

Texas A&M increased its record to 11-1, while North Texas remains winless after 15 games.

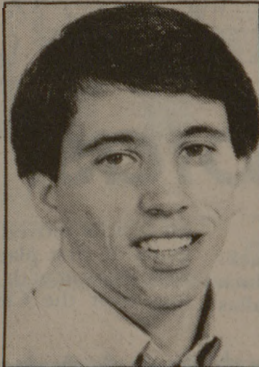
Coach Tom Chandler said his team has yet to be tested this season.

"North Texas doesn't give us too many scholarships, so it isn't as if we were playing the New York Yankees," Chandler said. "California was the toughest team we've played and we won a double-header with them."

That 10-2 loss to California is only blemish on the Aggies' record thus far and they'll try to wipe it that way over spring break.

Now that Texas A&M will host Southern Louisiana in a three-game series this weekend at Olsen Field, the team will then make its first road trip of the year to play Northeast Louisiana in Monroe and Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

Going out on a limb



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Wanna hear a gutsy prediction on who will win the Southwest Conference tournament?

The Houston Cougars. Wow wee Mr. Sports Columnist, way to stick your neck out. Don't you go too far out on that limb.

Okay, how's this for a limb: SMU over Arkansas for second place in the tournament.

Wow wee Mr. Sports Columnist, how did you ever slip out of that straight jacket long enough to write that. You're crazy. How could SMU possibly beat the team that, in a single season mind you, has beaten both North Carolina and Houston? Besides the fact that Arkansas has already beaten SMU twice this year.

How could I think that — it's easy. It may not be the most logical reasoning, but the Mustangs simply have to beat the Razorbacks, all the hopes and dreams of the Southwest Conference are riding on the backs of Jon Koncak and Co.

The only way the ugly step sister of major college basketball will send three representatives to the NCAA tournament is if SMU beats Arkansas in the SWC tournament.

The Cougars and the Razorbacks are assured a trip to Seattle, but unless SMU does something drastic, such as knocking off Arkansas, they will be at home in Dallas when the tournament rolls around. Heck it's not inconceivable that the Razorbacks won't be enough, SMU may need to beat Houston too.

The big question, however, is if SMU even deserves consideration for one of the 24 at-large bids. Are the 24-6 Mustangs that good or is their competition that bad. Well, maybe it's a little of both. In Baylor and Texas, the SWC definitely has two of the weaker teams to step out on a college basketball floor this year, but every conference has a few of those.

While TCU can't be perceived as much of a threat, they have had good teams in the past and

played some scrappy basketball this year. The three middle teams, Rice Texas A&M and Texas Tech are easily capable of upsets. Rice beat Arkansas and everyone here knows how close the Aggies have come, i.e. the one-point loss to Arkansas and the overtime loss to the Mustangs. Tech is a team that is just a cut below the top three. The Red Raiders will challenge for a NIT championship.

As Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf says: "The only people that knock the SWC are those haven't played the SWC."

Now back to the Mustangs. Besides Houston and Arkansas, SMU has only two other losses. They were beaten by Nevada-Las Vegas and Louisville, and you can bet your bottom basketball that both of them will be in the NCAA tournament. But more importantly, the Mustangs have beaten Duke, which hails from the immaculately conceived ACC. SMU has also beaten University of Alabama-Birmingham, a team with over 20 wins.

There are a total of 53 teams competing in the NCAA tournament and ideally that should mean those teams are the 53 best in the country. Will the field be able to live up to that expectation? NCAA officials will claim it does, but should SMU lose to Arkansas and they are left out of the tournament, the NCAA's claim will be meaningless.

A&M pistol team waiting for the invitation

By PAM BARNES
Reporter

The Texas A&M pistol team placed second in standard, free and air pistol divisions at the Intercollegiate Sectional Pistol Match in Austin recently, and now the team awaits an invitation to the National Intercol-

legiate Championships in all three events.

Coach Curtis Burns says the scores from the last match should get them the invitation to the national competition in Colorado Springs this April. The results will be announced next Monday.

Burns, a retired Air Force

fighter pilot, says he is optimistic about the nationals.

"I'm confident we'll get the invitation in all three events and even some individuals too," Burns says. "I've even made air-line arrangements."

Invitations to this year's national competition will be granted to the top ten teams in

the nation. The top 30 individuals in the nation will also be included.

The A&M pistol team has been one of the top ten teams in the nation for the past five years, Burns says. Last year the team missed going to the nationals by one position, he says. "Last year we were ranked

eighth," Burns says, "but only the top seven teams were invited. I was very disappointed."

This year's team consists of around fifteen individuals but only five are shooting competitive scores and will be included in the competitive team. These five are Ed Palacios, Mike Bar-

nett, Dan Williams, Matt Hoppe and Roger Davis.

Davis and Hoppe qualified for the United States Shooting Team tryouts to be held in Los Angeles this June. Members of this team will compete in the Olympics.

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