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No. 17 in NCAA

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Aggies streak to 3 SWC wins

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The last time the Texas A&M baseball team started off the Southwest Conference season with a three game sweep of an opponent was 1979. But this weekend the 1983 Baseball team started off the same way — sweeping three games from the TCU Horned Frogs.

"I hope this is a sign of things to come," said head coach Tom Chandler.

On Saturday, the Aggies defeated TCU in a doubleheader, winning 5-4 and 6-5. Sunday's single game, replacing Friday's rained out game, was won by the Aggies 10-1.

In Saturday's first game, the Aggies found themselves down 3-0 after the third inning. But in the bottom of the fourth, Kevin Smith ripped a single down the third base line, scoring Tony Metoyer. Steve Johnigan brought Smith home from third with a hard hit ball to second base. Buddy Haney's RBI in the fifth scored Rob Swain, tying the score at 3.

TCU then mounted a scoring threat in the sixth inning but Beje Mahoe was called upon to replace starter Sherman Corbett and was able to get the Aggies out of the inning without a run scored.

But TCU scored a run in the seventh to make the score 4-3.

It was up to the Aggies in the bottom half of the game's final inning.

With the Aggies' largest crowd of their year on their feet and raising Cain, Swain took the first pitch and doubled to right field. The Aggie fans got even rowdier after Haney hit a single off the bag at third to put runners at the corners.

Metoyer then grounded to third — TCU threw Haney out at second, but couldn't turn the double play to get Metoyer. It was here that Shawn Choruby became the hero. Choruby tripled to right center field to score Swain and Metoyer and bring the Aggie dugout swarming onto the field.

In Saturday's 6-5 victory, Aggie starter pitcher Tom Arrington picked up his sixth straight win.

In Sunday's 10-1 trouncing of the Horned Frogs, Starter Kelly Kealey went eight complete innings to improve his overall record to 4-0.

Aggie batters had a field day with the TCU pitching staff, recording sixteen hits. Coach Chandler was undoubtedly pleased with the performance.

"We had our hitting clothes on today," Chandler laughed.

Texas A&M will take their 23-6 season record into another three game series with Oklahoma City University this week. The Aggies host the Chiefs in a doubleheader Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Olsen Field.

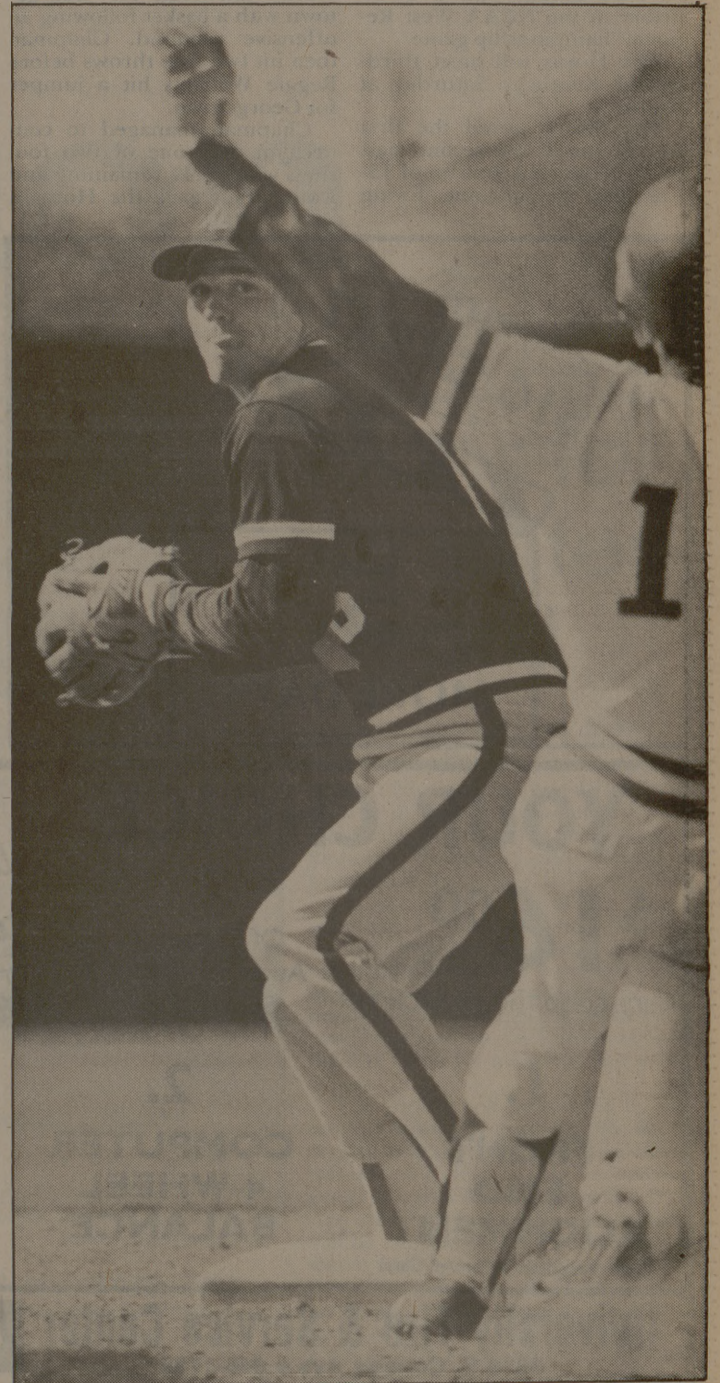
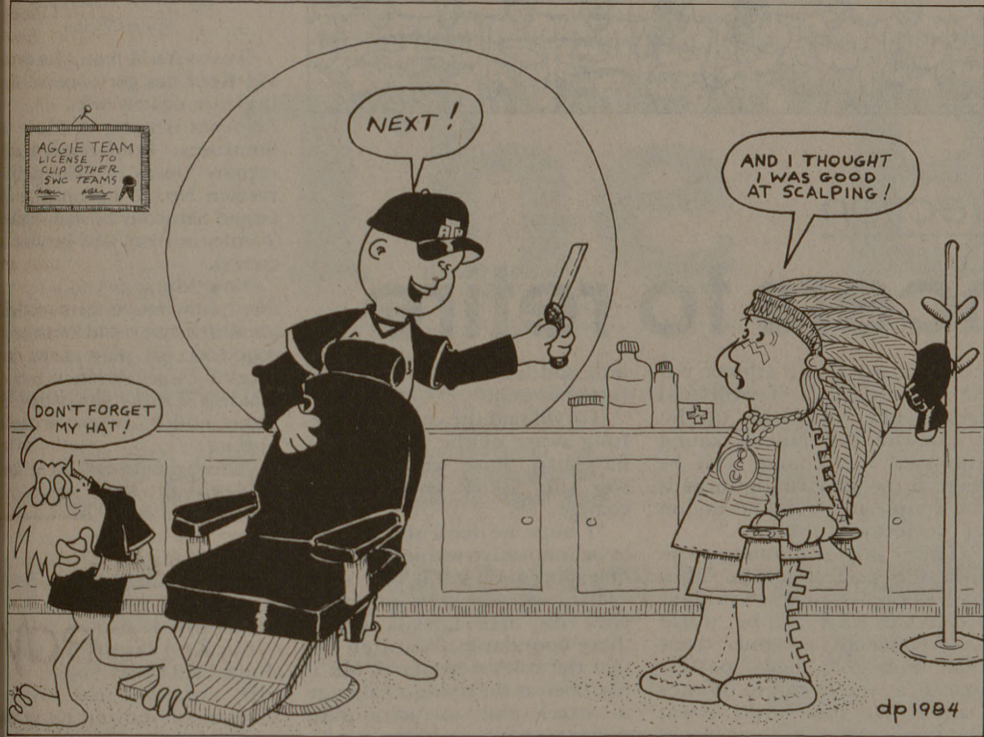


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Texas A&M's Todd Edwards (left) turns the first half of a double play in the Aggies first game against Texas Christian. A&M swept the series to take over first place in conference.



Houston in Final Four

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ST. LOUIS — Akeem Olajuwon's 29 points and an inspired second-half performance by Michael Young gave No. 5 Houston a 68-63 victory over Wake Forest in the NCAA Midwest Regional championship game and a berth in the Final Four for the third straight year.

The Southwest Conference Champion Cougars will face another Atlantic Coast Conference school, Virginia, in the NCAA semifinal round in Seattle next Saturday.

Young scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half to propel Houston to a school record-tying 31st victory of the season and 15th win in the last 16 games.

Wake Forest Coach Carl Tacy tried four different defenders — Lee Garber, Anthony Toms, Mark Cline and Danny Young — on Michael Young in the second half but all were frustrated by a series of devastating picks by Ricky Winslow and Reid Gettys that shook the third-team All-American forward open for his shots.

Garber sank a pair of free throws 27 seconds into the second half to cut the Houston lead to 34-33 but Michael Young then went to work.

Capitalizing on the Winslow picks, Young scored seven points over the next five minutes to shoot Houston out in front 54-37.

But the Demon Deacons refused to fold and scrambled back on 20-foot jumpers by Danny Young, who scored six points, and the baseline play of Kenny Green, who had eight points, to close the gap to 53-51 with 8:42 left.

Field goals in the paint by Anthony Teachey and Green offset a dunk by Olajuwon and Wake Forest then had two op-

portunities to tie the game. But guard Delaney Rudd lost his dribble out of bounds for a turnover and Danny Young's pass on a 2-on-1 fast break was intercepted by Michael Young.

Michael Young and Teachey exchanged baskets, leaving Wake Forest two back at 57-55 with 5:24 remaining but the Deacons then went the next four minutes without a point.

Houston capitalized with six consecutive points with a Michael Young foul shot of his own miss, a short turnaround jumper by Olajuwon and a pair of free throws by Winslow to move into a comfortable 63-5 lead before Cline ended Wake's drought with a 22-foot bomb from the left corner.

Houston missed the front end of three 1-and-1 situations in the final 90 seconds to allow the Deacons to climb back within four on two occasions.

But Alvin Franklin's three free throws in the final 49 seconds ended Wake Forest's season at 23-9.

Green scored 18 points and Teachey 13 for Wake Forest, which lost for the first time in 16 games this season to a non-ACC opponent.

Olajuwon, a 7-foot, second-team All-American center, sank 14 of 16 shots including five dunks and also had 12 rebounds, three block shots, two steals and two assists for one of his best overall games of the season.

Winslow also chipped in 10 points and Franklin nine as the Cougars extended their winning streak to five games.

Rudd added 12 points and Cline 10 for Wake Forest with Green contributing a game-high 16 rebounds.

Houston jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead on an inside basket by Olajuwon, a pair of free

throws by Franklin and a 19-foot jumper from the right side by Gettys. But Cline's four points helped Wake Forest at 8-8 with 14:59 remaining.

When Winslow missed a short 5-footer for Houston in the Lane, Wake Forest went into a spread offense to draw the Cougars out of their 2-3 defense.

When Houston did come out to chase the ball, the Deacons found a soft spot in the key where Rudd was free for the 16-foot jump shot. He scored 10 points over the next six minutes in a game of cat-and-mouse with the Houston defense. Wake held the ball whenever it was in the lead or the game was tied.

The Deacons got a slam dunk on a foul shot by Green to build their biggest lead, 29-24, with four minutes left but Houston Coach Guy Lewis then went to a two-man trap on the ball defensively.

A succession of Wake Forest turnovers enabled the Cougars to move back in front for good, 34-31, by intermission. Olajuwon had 17 first-half points to help Houston offset the offensive absence of Michael Young, whose only basket of the half came on a 15-foot jumper with 33 seconds remaining.

Ag softball team loses two of three

FULLERTON, Ca. — Plagued by a long road trips, stiff competition and a rash of injuries, the Texas A&M Women's softball team had an early exit in the Cal State-Fullerton Invitational tournament this weekend.

The Aggies won their first game 1-0 against Minnesota. Freshman pitcher Shawn Andaya held Minnesota to four hits and had nine strike outs in getting her 12th win of the season. Catcher Gay McNutt drove in the winning run.

The team lost to Cal Poly, which went on to win the tournament, in the second game, 4-0. Losing pitcher Yvette Lopez gave up two hits and four walks

in six innings before being relieved by Andaya in the sixth. The Aggies made five errors in the game.

The team lost its second game of the double-elimination tournament to Utah, 2-1 in eight innings. It was pitcher Andaya's first loss of the season. She gave up 10 hits and struck out five.

Assistant coach Sue Lilly said it was "just one of those games" for Andaya.

"It was bound to catch up with her some time," Lilly said. Lilly said the same about the play of the entire team.

"You can't play perfect ball every game," Lilly said. "I think we aired all our mistakes out this weekend."

Rugby team wins state

For the eighth year in a row, the Texas A&M Rugby team has won the Texas Collegiate Rugby Championship. This weekend the team swept through the tournament, defeating the University of Texas in the finals, 28-6.

The victory qualifies the team for the first round of the national tournament, which will be held in Boulder, Colo. on April 21 and 22. If the team wins that first round they will compete with four other teams for the national championship.

On March 17 and 18, the team added another impressive victory to its already successful season. The team won the Texas Club Championship; a ti-

tle not achieved by any recent A&M team.

The team will play this coming Saturday, March 31, against the Austin City Rugby Club.

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