

## Aggies sweep Nebraska

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After each game, the women's softball team huddles and yells "beat the hell outta ---," filling in the blanks with their next opponent.

Thursday, the Aggies took both games of a doubleheader from Nebraska, but because they face the same Cornhusker club in the first game of the

Baylor Invitational tournament in Waco Friday morning, the women had to do the yell silently — they didn't want to be rude to the Nebraska team standing just 20 feet away.

Although the Aggies weren't rude to the Cornhuskers, the women weren't exactly hospitable either.

Yvette Lopez pitched shutouts in both games and held Nebraska to a total of six hits as the Aggies won 5-0 and 1-0.

Lopez was forced to pitch both games because the Aggies other pitcher, Shawn Andaya, is out with the flu. Lopez has had problems with consistency from one inning to the next, which in turn has caused her to lack self-confidence. But the two well pitched games helped.

"You're darn right it helped," Lopez said. "It just happened that it was do or die because Shawn wasn't there to back me up."

Even though Andaya wasn't there, the rest of the Aggie team provided plenty of support, both offensively and defensively.

In the first game, outfielder Deb Rollman knocked in the winning RBI with a double in the second inning.

The second game saw the women score one run in the first inning and then settle back to play steady defense to win the game.

## Scrimmage rocks Kyle Field

The bleachers at Kyle Field weren't rocking and the Aggie Band's rendition of "The Noble Men of Kyle" was not pounding the west side decks with a relentless beat Thursday afternoon. But down on the playing field, in the midst of that empty concrete monster, it was business as usual for Jackie Sherrill and his Aggies.

The team wrapped up another week of practice with a full-contact scrimmage that lasted almost two hours — and somebody forgot to tell them that it wasn't the real McCoy.

When all was said and done, Sherrill felt fairly good about his team's performance — especially his offense.

"Offensively I think we've improved some, teamwise," he said. "Our quarterbacks and receivers looked real good, they're showing some continuity."

But defensively the Aggies have a couple of big holes to fill. "We're still trying to find some people at linebacker and nose guard on defense," Sherrill said.

Quarterback Kevin Murray hit 11 of 15 passes for 149 yards while Jeff Holley and Jeff Nelson both ran back kick-offs for 80 and 100 yards respectively.

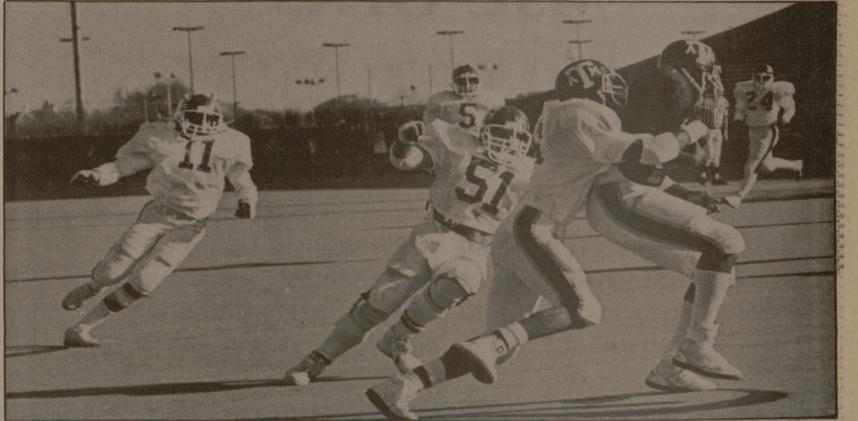


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The Texas A&M football team is getting caught up in spring practice with full scrimmages every Thursday afternoon.



## Aggies battle Cougars

By TRAVIS TINGLE  
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If the Texas Aggies can sweep three games from the Houston Cougars this weekend at Olsen Field, they have a good chance of taking sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference when the dust clears.

The Aggies are tied with Texas for first in the SWC with identical records of 3-0. But Texas tangles with Arkansas this weekend and could easily be upset. If so, the Aggies can move into first all alone with a sweep of Houston.

Friday night, the Aggies will face the Cougars at 7:30 p.m. in a single game. Saturday, the teams play a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

The Aggies are 26-6 overall going into the series. The Cougars bring in a 22-13 overall record, 1-5 in the SWC.

Last year in Houston, the Cougars swept three games from the Aggies. Coach Tom Chandler hopes his team can return the favor.

"They wiped us out last year," Chandler said. "We're hoping to change things this time."

Chandler said the Cougars have been troubled by inconsistency all season.

"At times they've had good hitting and pitching, but they gave up 33 base on balls against Texas," he said.

Texas swept the series from Houston last weekend, winning one game 19-0.

With a score like that, one might think the Cougars are lacking an adequate pitching staff. Chandler said right-hander Greg Brinkman, 6-3 in 1983, is best the Cougars have to offer.

Houston catcher Riley Epps, who batted .305 last year, is considered one of the best in the SWC.

Texas A&M also takes a 12 game winning streak into the Houston series. The Aggies suffered their last loss against Southwestern way back during spring break. Also, the Aggie defense has yet to commit an error in the last nine games.

The Aggies have been winning some real close games lately. The team came from behind Wednesday to defeat Oklahoma City 9-8. They also rallied twice to beat TCU in the late innings, 5-4 and 6-5, during last weekend's doubleheader. Those comebacks weren't exactly easy, but Chandler said that was the beauty of it.

"The makings of a good ball club, is being able to come from behind," Chandler said.

"Hopefully, the Aggies won't need to come from behind against the Cougars this weekend. The Aggie pitching staff will see to that."

Sherman Corbett, Tom Arrington and Kelly Keahey are expected to be the starting pitchers for the Cougar series this weekend.

Corbett is 4-2 on the year and started in last weekend's 5-4 victory over TCU.

Arrington has yet to be defeated in six starts for the Aggies. As of March 10, Arrington's earned run average was the lowest in the nation at 0.50, according to Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Keahey is undefeated in four starts, including a 10-1 win over TCU. Chandler said he's been pleased with Keahey's performance.

"He's been the biggest surprise of the pitching staff," Chandler said.

Chandler said Houston's attitude towards Texas A&M could make this weekend's series interesting.

"They don't like Aggies," Chandler said.

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