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Ags beat No.1 Fullerton

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Sports Writer

The Texas A&M women's softball team won the battle, but lost the war.

By beating No.1 Cal. State-Fullerton 4-0 Sunday afternoon, the Aggies got revenge for the 3-1 loss to the Titans Thursday.

That was the battle.

The war the Aggies lost was their own invitational tournament. A&M suffered upset losses to Sam Houston State and Texas Tech to finish third behind Fullerton and Tech.

But for coach Bob Brock and his team, this time it was the battle — not the war — that was important.

"Beating Cal. State-Fullerton was better than winning or losing the tournament," Brock said. "Now it doesn't really matter what happened in the rest of the games."

Besides just beating the No.1 team, it was important that Yvette Lopez was the winning pitcher. Lopez, who has been struggling with inconsistency all season, allowed four hits and two walks and struck out two against the heavy hitting Titans. In Friday's loss to Sam Houston, Lopez was wild, hitting two batters.

"She pitched a fine, fine game," Brock said. "Psychologically, it was very important for her."

The Aggies broke a scoreless game wide open in the fifth inning, scoring four runs. Ann Hadley and Gaye McNutt each had RBI singles and Josie Carter had two RBIs. Carter hit a bases loaded grounder to second base and Cindy Cooper running from first, beat the fielder's choice throw to second which allowed the two runs to score.

Earlier in the day, the Aggies also had a major battle against No. 9 ranked Louisiana Tech, which they won, 3-1. The A&M bats exploded for 11 hits, while pitcher Shawn Andaya threw a three-hitter. Saturday against McNeese State, Andaya pitched her fifth no-hitter of the year, winning 5-0.

The three-day tournament held at Travis Park in Bryan featured seven teams: Fullerton, Tech, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, Sam Houston, Baylor and A&M.

The Aggies season record now stands at 32-8. They travel to Baylor Tuesday for a doubleheader.

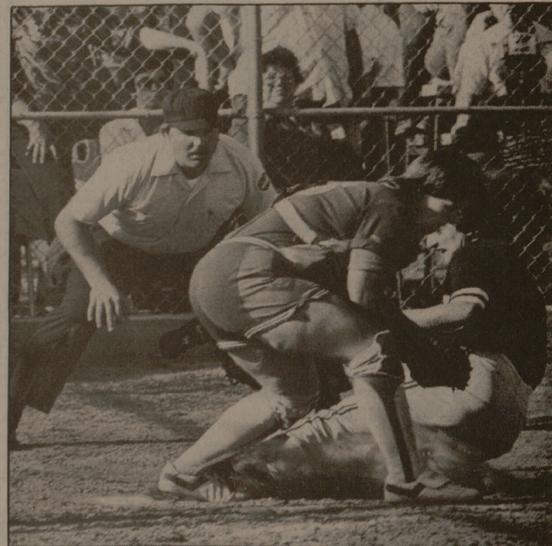


Photo by DEAN SAITO

Texas A&M's Rose Ruffino slides into home ahead of the tag of Cal-State Fullerton's Melody Richards. The Aggies won the game 4-0, but Fullerton won the tournament.



Photo by BOB CASTER

Arturo Barrios splashes through a water pit while running the 3,000 M steeplechase this weekend at the Texas Relays. Barrios placed seventh.

Texas Relays marks fall

By BOB CASTER
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AUSTIN — As the 57th Annual Texas Relays came to an end Saturday evening, it once again left no doubt in the some 2000 spectators minds that it is the premier track and field meet in state of Texas.

In spite of blustery winds and showers during the finals, seven meet records were compiled, as well as a national collegiate record.

Einar Vilhjalmsson, the University of Texas' Swedish immigrant, set a new national collegiate standard in the javelin on Friday with a throw of 303-1. That mark is also the best in the world so far this year.

Other meet records which fell in the collegiate division were: the 800-meter relay, won by Arizona with a time of

1:21.1; the 110-meter hurdles, with Houston's Cletus Clark bettering his own record in 13.54; and the 1500-meter run, won by Oklahoma State's Paul Larkins in 3:41.15. Texas A&M's Andy Elliott, who placed second in that race with a personal best of 3:46.16, also crossed the finish line ahead of the old record.

But the biggest show stopper of the day Saturday was not an NCAA superstar, but a group of high school teammates from Dallas Roosevelt. Led by Senior anchorman Roy Martin, Roosevelt's 400 and 1600-meter relay teams set two meet records in the high school division and became the first high school team in the meet's history to be named the outstanding men's team.

The Aggies, still competing without their two premier

sprinters, recorded a number of season bests Friday and Saturday.

Craig Moody, who placed fourth in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, clocked 50.52 and Chappelle Henderson took second in the invitational division of the same event with a time 50.66. The 1600-meter relay team of Tony Tolson, Kendrick Wesley, Cliff Chatham, and Henderson ran a season best of 3:06.84.

In the field events, Ethan Glass tied three ways for third place with a jump of 7-3 1/2. However, places one through six all went out at the same height and final placings had to be determined by number of attempts.

Juan de la Garza placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 252-7 and long jumper Kurt Thome had a season best jump of 23-7.

Astros, Rangers lose again; Thon hit in eye by bad pitch

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Mets 3, Astros 1

Hubie Brooks drilled a one-out seventh inning single to knock in Darryl Strawberry with the go-ahead run and prevent her from hitting Sunday night to lead the New York Mets to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros.

The triumph gave the Mets a keep of the three-game series, marking only the second time in their history that they have kept a three-game series at the stadium. The last time the Mets accomplished the feat was in July of 1966.

Tim Leary, 1-0, took over with two outs in the sixth inning after starter Mike Torrez developed a blister on his pitching arm and pitched 1 1-3 in-
nings to get the victory. Doug Skidmore hurled the last two innings to gain his second save.

Strawberry lined a one-out double to right center off loser Niekro, 0-2, in the seventh.

advanced to third on Mookie Wilson's infield single and scored on Brooks' single to left center.

Houston scored in the eighth when Craig Reynolds reached first on Backman's error, advanced to second on Jose Cruz's ground out and scored on Jerry Mumphrey's single.

A crowd of 10,625 had an anxious moment in the third when Houston shortstop Dickie Thon was hit above the left eye by a Torrez fastball. Thon crumpled to the ground and was removed from the field on a stretcher. He was taken to Methodist Hospital and admitted for observation with a broken bone above his left eye.

Yankees 4, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Don Mattingly drove in the winning run with his fourth hit, a bloop double down the left field line, with two outs in the 13th inning Sunday to give the New York Yankees a 4-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Mattingly's hit made a winner of Dale Murray, 1-1, the last of four Yankee pitchers, who hurled the final two innings.

Butch Wynegar led off the 13th with a single and was erased at second when Tim Foli bunted into a double play. Omar Moreno singled with two out off loser Dave Tobik, 1-1, and advanced to second on a walk to Willie Randolph. Odell Jones replaced Tobik and yielded Mattingly's hit. The run was the first earned run off Tobik in 28 innings dating back to last season.

The Yankees tied the score at 3-3 with a pair of runs in the eighth. Moreno led off with a double and stoppd at third on Randolph's single. Mattingly's single scored Moreno to make it 3-2 and sent Randolph to third. Randolph scored on Don Baylor's long fly to center.

New York took a 1-0 lead in the first on Mattingly's one-out RBI single, but Larry Parrish tied the score 1-1 in the second with his first homer of the season.

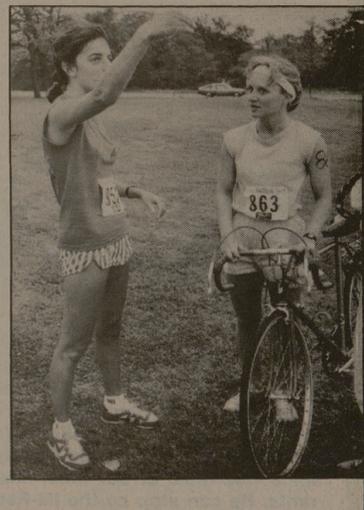


Triathlon Swim bike run

The third Texas Triathlon was held Saturday in College Station. Over 800 participants swam one-kilometer, ran 10-k and biked 30-k. Nancy Smith No. 952, finished her first triathlon in a time of 2 hours, 40 minutes.

Smith, a senior management major from Sherman, has been training since January to compete in her first triathlon.

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Baseball team wins one of three

Ags hold onto first in SWC

By TRAVIS TINGLE
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The Texas A&M baseball team is still tied for first place in the Southwest Conference standings even though they lost two of three games against the Arkansas Razorbacks in Fayetteville this weekend.

A&M and Texas both have 7-2 records in SWC play.

A&M's overall record stands at 30-8, while Arkansas boasts a 28-8 mark, 7-5 in the SWC. The first loss snapped a 16-game winning streak for the Aggies. It tied the Aggies' longest winning streak, set in 1976.

Rice and Arkansas are tied for third in the conference, while Texas Tech and Baylor are battling for fifth at 6-6. TCU is seventh at 4-8 and Houston continues to dwell in the cellar with a 1-11 mark.

Friday, Mike Scanlin and Rob Swain hit home runs in a six-run eighth inning that propelled Texas A&M to a 10-8 victory over Arkansas.

With Arkansas leading 7-5, Scanlin drove in three runs with a shot over the wall off Arkansas reliever John Miller. Steve Johnigan also drove in a run for the Aggies with a single.

Rob Swain's two-run homer came off of Miller's reliever, Dera Clark.

Arkansas' Norm Roberts opened the bottom of the ninth with a solo homer, but Rock King retired the Hogs after that to pick up his fourth save.

Scanlin, Swain and Tony Metoyer had three hits each for the Ags. Both teams combined for 25 hits during the course of the game.

John Miller took the loss for Arkansas, while A&M's Phillip

Taylor pitched 6 1/3 innings to boost his record to 3-1.

The 10-8 victory was just another example of the Aggies ability to comeback in the clutch, but Coach Chandler said it best after the Houston series a week ago.

"All out hustle is the best characteristic of this ballclub," Chandler said.

Saturday, Arkansas pitchers Rudy Garcia and Kevin Campbell allowed A&M just five hits the entire day to pace the Razorbacks to 1-0 and 4-0 victories.

Arkansas' two wins marked the first time since 1975 that the Aggies had been held scoreless in a doubleheader.

Garcia didn't give up a hit for 6 1/3 innings in the first game, until A&M's Tim Cartwright doubled. A&M's Tom Arrington, 7-1, took his first loss of the

year despite giving up only two hits. At one point, Arrington retired 10 batters in a row.

Arkansas scored its lone run in the second inning when Roberts singled, stole second, went to third on a single by Brett Harrison and scored on a fielder's choice.

Saturday's second game was called in the bottom of the eighth because of rain, but Arkansas' Campbell controlled the Ags by striking out five, walking two and giving up just four hits.

Mark Berry provided all the runs the Hogs needed with a two-run double in the third.

A&M's Kelly Keahy dropped to 5-1 with his first loss of the season.

The Aggies will remain home this weekend to take on Texas Tech. Friday's first game will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Olsen Field.

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