

SPORTS

Aggies looking for momentum to keep rollin'

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The public address announcer at C.E. "Pat" Olsen Field plays the theme from "Rawhide" whenever the Aggie baseball team gets on a roll. Coaches in every sport preach to their players the value of taking the other team's fans "out of the game."

And Texas A&M Head Basketball Coach Shelby Metcalf said the final two games of the '84-'85 regular season, against Rice at home next Saturday and in Houston against the Cougars tonight, are vitally important in gaining some momentum for the Southwest Conference Tournament.

"These two games are really important for our momentum," Metcalf said. "Arkansas didn't lose to Rice. Rice beat Arkansas (71-68 in Houston last Sunday). And I don't have to tell you what kind of athletes Houston has."

"Houston's got some great athletes." Any list of talented Cougars begins in their backcourt. Junior Alvin Franklin leads Houston in scoring with an average of 17.5 points per game and has also passed out 125 assists.

Eric Dickens, the other starting guard, averages 13 points per game and sixth-man Reid Gettys is the all-time SWC leader in assists. He leads the conference again with 180 this season.

"It's their inside game that really has me worried," Metcalf said. "That (sophomore forward Greg) Anderson is somebody who can really hurt you. He scores well."

Anderson's inside scoring hasn't quite off-set the loss of All-American center Akeem Olajuwon to the pros. Their 7-7 SWC record attests to the loss of superiority the Cougars have had over the rest of the conference in recent years.

And Houston has lost two games in a row. "They've got us and they've got SMU next," Metcalf said. "Those are two teams that are easy to get up for. They play the zone defense better than just about anybody and they run a lot of presses."

"They put a lot of pressure on you, without a doubt. But at least without Olajuwon down there you feel like you have a chance. He eliminated the easy shot on the inside and altered a whole lot more. He was bad for the indigestion, he made you eat so much rubber."

"We know now that we need to take care of business and win some games."

And hopefully, come tournament time, the Ags will be "Rollin', Rollin', Rollin'..."



A&M's Shelby Metcalf hopes he won't have to do much arguing tonight in Houston.

A&M 'walks' away winner; season record still perfect

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Harry Crenshaw, the home base umpire for yesterday's doubleheader with Oklahoma City at Olsen Field, called the strikes with a throaty gusto usually reserved for Neanderthal man hunting Neanderthal animals.

The OCU pitching staff was evidently suitably intimidated, as they issued 10 walks in the first game and a costly wild pitch in the second. The Aggies took the doubleheader "walking away," 15-0 and 7-4.

Texas A&M Coach Mark Johnson said the lack of strikes thrown by OCU pitchers made the first game almost a "gimme."

"The second one wasn't as easy," Johnson said, "but the first one was rough on them because we jumped on them really early. Their pitching put them in a hole and we just used it as a chance to let all of our guys get their whacks in."

"The bright spot today was our pitching, no doubt about it."

Philip Taylor limited the Chiefs to two hits in six innings in the first game before being replaced by Gary Westerlage in the seventh.

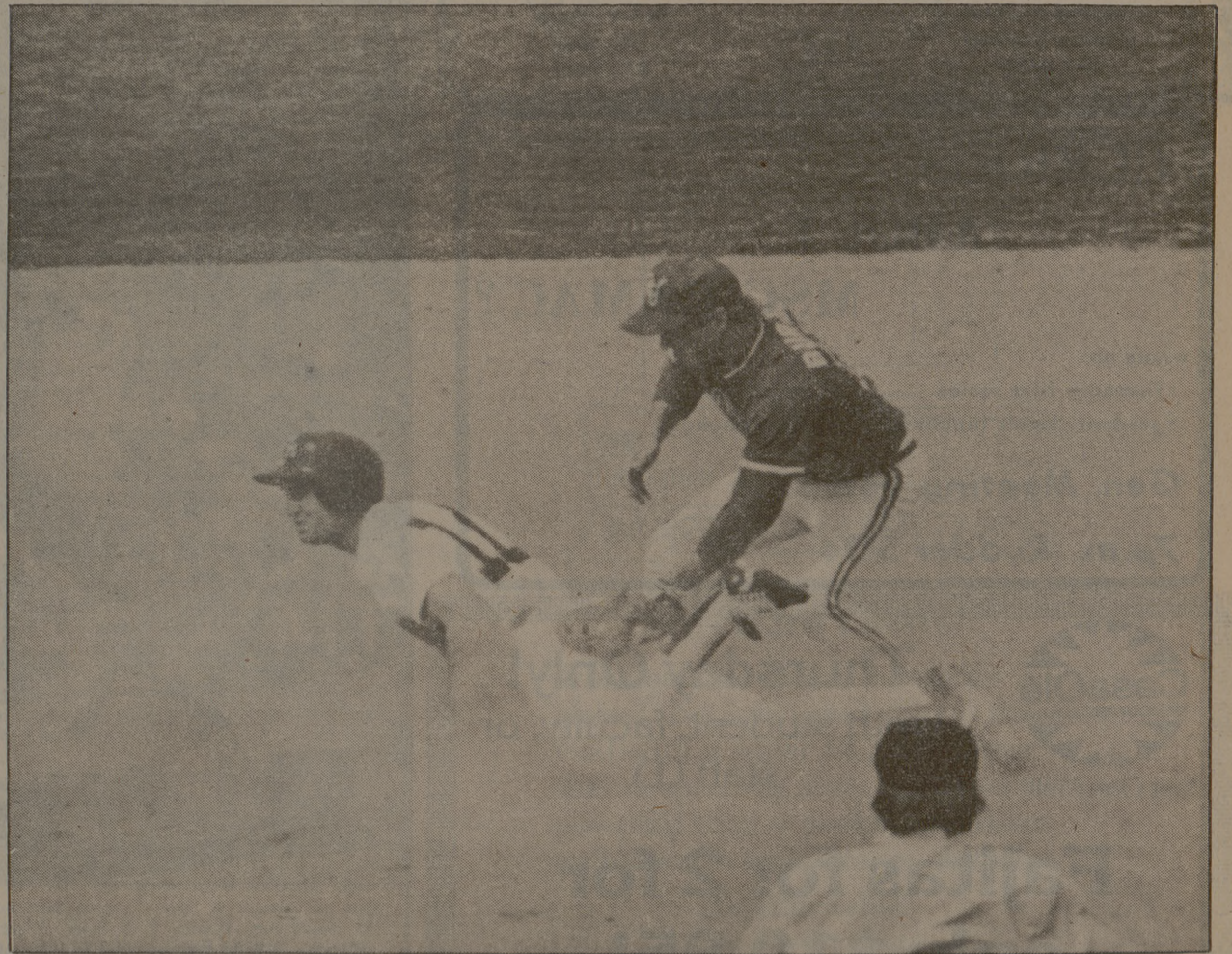
In the second game, junior college transfer Russ Swan allowed three runs on eight hits before yielding to freshman Kyle Atkinson in the eighth inning, who allowed a run but struck out two of the six batters he faced.

"I was very pleased with Philip Taylor and I was very pleased with Russ Swan," Johnson said. "That was the first time (Swan's) toed the mark for the Aggies."

"Even though we hit the ball well, for me as a coach the pitching was the bright spot."

"I was surprised (to have so good a performance) this early," Taylor said. "The key was that (Ag catcher Steve) Johnigan was calling an excellent game. My fastball was moving and it was moving in on their hands."

"Let's face it, with the guys we've got in our line-up, we're going to score a lot of runs. It's on the pitcher's backs how we do this season, if you ask me. What you saw out here wasn't a one-time thing; we're going



A&M's Buddy Haney (10) slides into second base under the tag of Oklahoma City's Kevin Burdick during Tuesday's double-header at Olsen Field. A&M defeated OCU, 15-0, 7-4.

Photo by **MIKE DAVIS**

to score a lot of runs against everybody we play."

First baseman Fred Gegan had three doubles in four at bats in the second game and designated hitter Bill Doug Potter went 4-8 for the second doubleheader in a row. And left fielder Buddy Haney hit the first home run of the season for the Aggies in the fifth inning of the second game.

"It was a fastball," Haney said of the ejected pitch. "Their pitcher had been doing a good job of mixing in his off-speed pitches, but I guessed fastball."

"We're real confident right now. After the other night against Northeast Louisiana, we know we can come back. And somebody new comes through each time."

somebody's gonna come in and pick you up."

With the wins, the Aggies moved to 4-0 on the season, while OCU dropped to 0-6. The last game in the teams' three-game series is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Olsen Field.

"There's still a lot of questions to be answered about this ballclub, but we have to like what we've seen so far."

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