

Ag softball consistency comparable to dynasty

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When you think of professional baseball, you think of the New York Yankees. Professional football — the Dallas Cowboys. College basketball — the UCLA Bruins. Professional basketball — the Boston Celtics.

When you think about college softball, the Texas A&M Aggies come to mind immediately.

Just like the aforementioned, the Aggies have achieved acclaim through winning — consistently.

The Aggies have won two national championships and finished second in the past three years. The 1985 season should be even better.

"Our outlook is very good," said A&M Coach Bob Brock. "I am excited about this team. I think we're going to be as good or better than the teams we've had in the past. We have depth, speed and offensive punch. I don't see any weaknesses with these players."

"Our pitching will also be a lot better. We've added a lefty since last season."

Karen Athanacio, a freshman from San Mateo, Calif., is the left hander added to this year's squad. Athanacio was unbeaten this fall (5-0) and may also contribute at first base.

In addition to Athanacio, Liz Mizera, a shortstop from Garden Grove, Calif., and Zina Ochoa, an outfielder, are freshmen who will help out immediately.

Mizera hit three home runs in the 18-game fall schedule. Ochoa will be the Aggies' leadoff hitter.

"Plus we have some freshmen who will do a good job in backup roles," Brock said. "It seemed like we never had enough players last year."

The other additions to last year's team are outfielder Jane Mesek, infielder Roshele Friudenberg, catcher Rita Shea and third baseman Tara Szymczak.

These newcomers will be added to the 11 returning lettermen, including three All-Americans.

Pati Holthaus, Rose Ruffino and Linda Lancaster are the only players not returning from last year's squad. Catcher Gay McNutt, outfielder Jose Carter and pitcher Shawn Andaya are the returning All-Americans.



Ag All-American Jose Carter

we have started worrying about what the Aggies are doing."

Brock said the new players quickly get in the winning tradition.

"The old players tell them 'we want you to be on a national championship team,'" Brock said. "We're a together team. You'll hear me talk about all those 'together' words like 'us' and 'we.' We have a team filled with the best athletes from the area they came from. Each player has something to do and she understands her role on the team."

Pitching is the Aggies biggest strength and the main reason is simple — Andaya.

"I don't want to call Shawn our ace, but she's probably the pitcher who pitched most of our games," Brock said. "She will pitch most of our tough opponents. She was All-American last year and she appears stronger this year."

Andaya was 40-10 in her freshman year, 7-1 in the fall, and 33-9 in the spring.

Yvette Lopez, a senior pitcher, was 22-9 in her first season with the Aggies, including a 5-0 fall mark.

Brock said the Aggies need to keep working on hitting, but the biggest battle would not be against their opponents but against themselves.

"There are things we need to work on to stay on top," Brock said. "We have to continually work on our hitting skills. We will do a lot of live hitting."

"The one thing that bothers me is that we're strong enough that we're our own enemy. We can't get complacent and beat ourselves."

At times last year the Aggies did have to battle complacency, Brock said.

"It had to do with injuries and depth, things like that," Brock said.

Brock said the Aggies should be back in the College World Series if they play as well as they can.

"There's no team in the nation we can't beat," he said. "If we play like we're capable of playing, we should be back in the World Series. If we don't make it, we want to know we did our best to try and get there."

The schedule could take its toll on A&M, if the players aren't mentally prepared.

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"(Outfielder Iva) Jackson, Carter and McNutt have been with me since I've been here," Brock said. "You can't put a price on that kind of experience. With the experienced players added to the contributing freshmen and sophomores, we seem to perpetuate ourselves."

"We're really relaxed and hard working. We have quit worrying about who's on the other team, and

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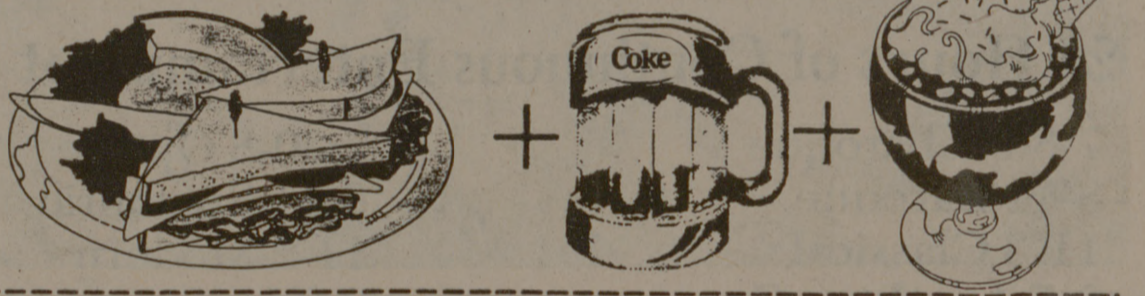
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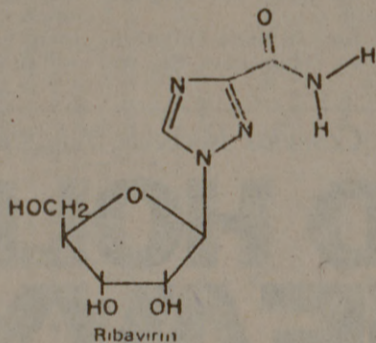
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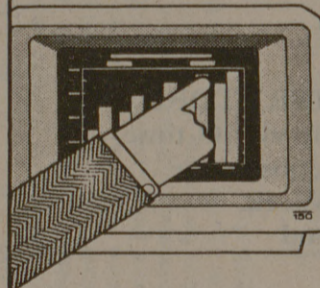
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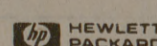


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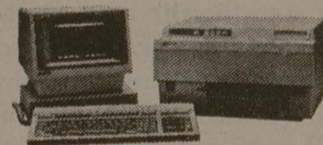
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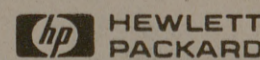
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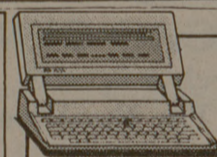


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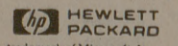


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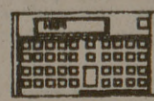


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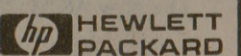


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