

SPORTS

'Batt Sports' salutes best, worst of 1985 Ag spring athletics

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Another semester has come and gone.

The Texas A&M sports teams made us laugh, smile and cry. Thanks for the memories and good luck in all your endeavors. Here's the Last Annual Battalion Sports Awards for the spring of '85.

America's Team Award — For outstanding team play. This one was easy. Since only one A&M team won the Southwest Conference championship, the prize is theirs. Kitty Holley's Aggie women's golf team destroyed the other SWC foes en route to its first league title.

Bubble Yum Bubble Gum Award — For that winning tradition that's lasted a long, long time. Bob Brock's No. 2 ranked Aggie softball team is going for its third NCAA title in four years. Winning is a way of life in Brock's camp. These Ags always make A&M look good, in and out of uniform.

Captain America Award — For outstanding individual play. To tennis A&M ace Grant Connell, who went undefeated in regular season SWC play. Connell will leave A&M to play in the Canadian amateur circuit. See you at Wimbeldon, Grant.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award — For Coach of the Year. To Aggie women's basketball coach, Lynn Hickey, who took over a disaster team and led them to a winning record in her first year. Then, she went out and had one of A&M's best recruiting years, ever.

MX Missile Nosedive Award — For the biggest disappointment. Mark Johnson's Aggie baseball team was expected to challenge for the SWC championship and instead will be sitting home watching the league tournament next week. We'll get 'em next year guys.

Twelfth Man Award — For the use of the Twelfth man (almost had to have one of these). The women's soccer team was forced to make use of this Aggie tradition when injuries and AWOL's hit the team.

Houdini Award — For the best disappearing act. Aggie basketballer Kenny Brown disappeared after the SWC tournament loss to Texas Tech. The Ags lost to New Mexico in the NIT tourney without Brown.

We're In The Money Award — For those players getting rich on athletics. The five Aggies drafted in the recent NFL draft and the two players who signed as free agents will be seeing green if they make a NFL squad. You got any extra?

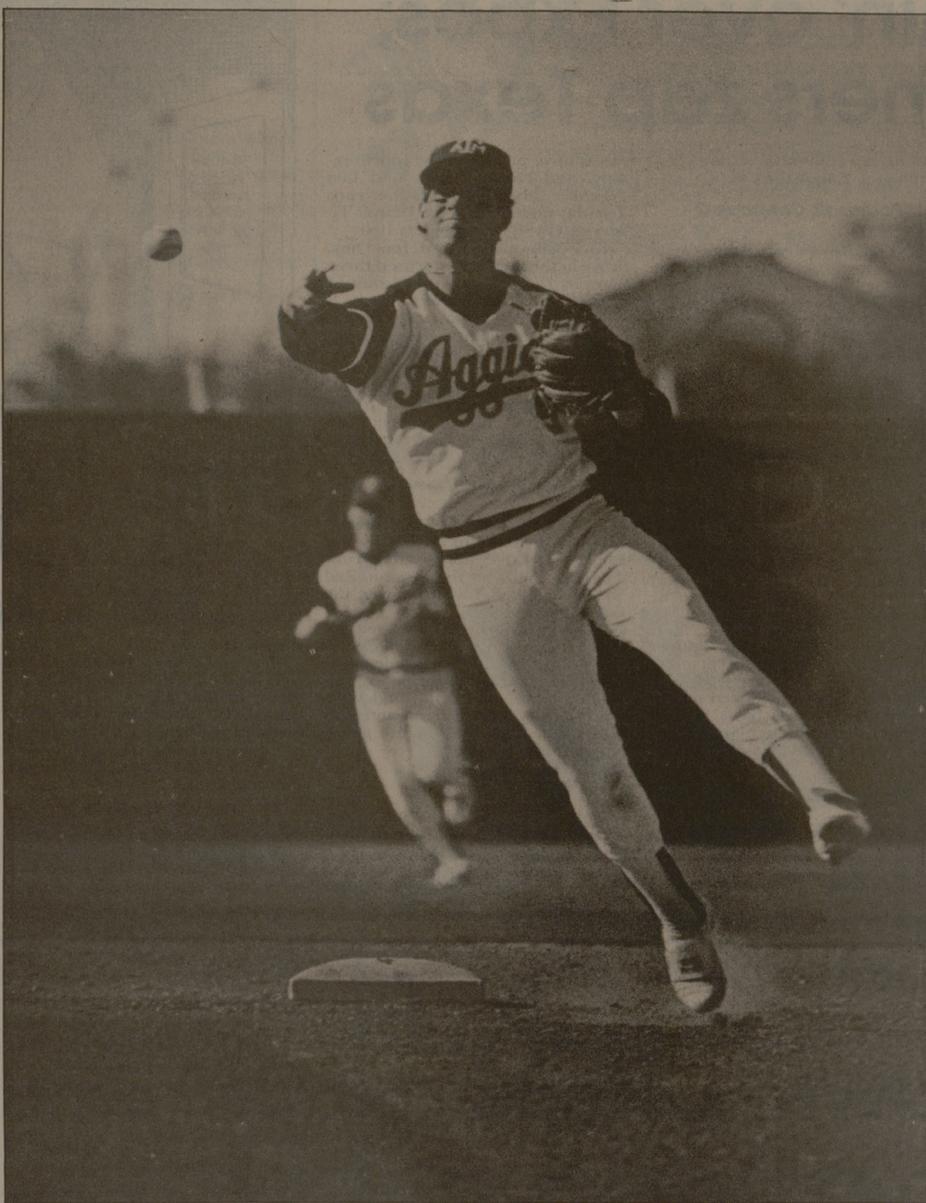
Avon Lady Award — For the "makeup" call of the year. Terry Condon's Aggie volleyball team was wronged last year when they didn't make the NCAA tourney although they were ranked 15th in the nation and had a 33-4 record. In the open season, the Ags lost to Texas but were awarded a bid to the USVBA national tourney. The Ags leave for New York Sunday.

Earth Shattering Award — For the "unbreakable" athlete. To trackster Ethan Glass who consistently high jumped his way to wins. Glass could always be counted on not to bend under pressure but to "break" records.

Mr. Goodwrench Award — For reliability. First baseman Fred Gegan could always be counted on to come up with a hit when the Aggies needed it most.

Gold Fish Award — For outstanding play by freshmen. To baseballer Scott Livingstone and softballer Liz Mizera. Livingstone and Mizera broke all kinds of records on their way to outstanding years. Hey guys, you're sophomores now.

Reality Award — For the outstanding seniors who will now face the real world. Golfer Patricia Gonzales, who won the SWC championship. Baseballer Rob Swain, who will more than likely go pro after just two years of outstanding play at A&M. Distance runner Arturo Barrios, who ran his way to NCAA qualifying times. The five A&M women swimmers who made All-American. To pitcher Yvette Lopez, who overcame injuries last season to win games this season.



Texas A&M shortstop Rob Swain was one of the outstanding Aggie seniors this past semester. The All-American candidate, who

turned down a contract to play for the Chicago White Sox in 1984, will probably accept a professional offer in July.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

House bill sets agent guidelines

Committee sends bill to House for passage

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A House committee has approved a bill that would provide a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for sports agents who do not follow guidelines set up by NCAA-affiliated Texas college coaches for contacts with athletes.

The bill also would require sports agents dealing with Texas athletes to register annually with the secretary of state's office and post a \$100,000 surety bond. Filing of contracts, fee schedules and client lists with the state also would be required.

The version of the agent bill approved by the House Business and Commerce Committee last week allows coaches to limit to 10 days the period in which registered agents can contact senior athletes from NCAA institutions who haven't yet played their last intercollegiate contest.

Berlanga said he and lobbyist Rusty Kelley, former University of Texas and current Detroit Lion tackle Doug English and Messer formulated the bill.

Regulating when agents can contact athletes was inspired by UT football coach Fred Akers, who told the committee at a hearing in early April of agents who "wined and dined" several of his players three days before the Oklahoma-Texas game.

The bill would also require that all travel and entertainment expenditures incurred by an agent in recruiting a client be reported annually to the secretary of state's office.

Unlike California agent legislation — the only current such law — the \$10,000 civil penalty would go to the state, not the athlete involved. Otherwise, athletes could file false charges or try to lure agents into making illegal contacts in order to collect the money, Berlanga said.

The bill would make it illegal to offer to an athlete anything of value beyond reasonable entertainment and transportation expenses to and from the agent's office.

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