

Pan Am dusts A&M 4-2, sweeps series

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Pan American stymied Texas A&M hitters and completed a three-game sweep of the Aggies with a 4-2 victory at Olsen Field Sunday.

The 83-degree weather was easily the hottest thing at the ballpark Sunday afternoon, as the Aggies were out-hit 12-6 by the Broncs, now 4-1 overall.

A crowd of only 750 witnessed the final game of the series, which saw the Aggies' record fall to 0-3.

A&M pitcher Gary Geiger (0-1) kept the Broncs at bay for the first two innings before giving up two runs in the top of the third on a solo home run and three consecutive singles.

Pan Am's Jeff Benefield belted his first homer of the year and added the game-winning RBI single in a two-run sixth for the Broncs.

The Aggies netted their two runs in the sixth inning on a two-run homer by Mike Scanlin, with Scott Livingstone on base.

A&M had a chance to do even more damage in the sixth. With Geiger on first, Robi Chandler popped out to the first baseman and Geiger, who was running on the play, was picked off first for a rally-ending double play.

Geiger was relieved in the top of the seventh by Kyle Atkinson, who allowed Pan Am only three hits in three innings of relief.

A&M Coach Mark Johnson said the Aggies' hitting was off, but the pitching — particularly from the bullpen — was not.

"I was very pleased with the people out of the bullpen," Johnson said. "You've gotta try to take the pressure off and be as positive as you can. You can't panic."

Johnson said the Aggies were hurt by the bad weather last week and, because of that, they didn't get a lot of practice in game-type situations.

"(Opening day) wasn't one of those days where you had to try to jock the guys up to play," Johnson said. "They wanted to play and the effort was there. It's just a matter of things falling in place for us."

An opening day crowd of 1,200 saw Pan Am whip A&M 5-2 in the first game Saturday afternoon.



Photo by MIKE SANCHEZ

A&M's Scott Livingstone slides hard into second base to break up a double play attempt by Pan

American shortstop Cecilio Rodriguez. The Broncs swept the 3-game series this weekend.

A&M's Jimmy Flowers pitched near-perfect baseball for three innings before he was touched for five runs in the next two innings.

Flowers went 5 1/3 innings, giving up seven hits and five runs — four of them earned — and issuing two walks and six strike outs.

The second game was a wild one which saw the Aggies come from four runs down to take a 6-4 lead in the bottom of the eighth, only to lose 7-6.

Russ Swan started for A&M, but

was relieved by Russ Greene in the sixth. Greene gave up only one run in his three innings, but was then relieved by Darryl Fry, who gave up the two winning runs.

Scanlin provided the punch for the Aggies with his first home run of the year in the sixth. A&M added three more runs in the seventh on three hits, two walks and a balk by Pan Am's Santana Garza.

But Pan Am stormed back for three runs in the ninth on two con-

secutive walks and three consecutive singles to win the game.

Scanlin said the Aggies just need time to jell.

"As far as the team goes, we're all right," Scanlin said. "The team's going to come around."

A&M will try to notch its first win of the year Wednesday afternoon against St. Mary's of San Antonio. The first game of the double-header will begin at 1:00 p.m.

'Horn swimmers drop Aggies in dual meet

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The Texas men's and women's swimming teams dominated Texas A&M in the Aggies' last home meet of the season at P.L. Downs Natatorium Saturday.

The Longhorn women downed the Aggie women 49-29, while the UT men handed A&M a 55-40 loss.

But A&M Assistant Swimming Coach Tracy Johnston said the Aggies have a lot to be pleased with.

"(A&M) swam a lot of fast times in this meet," Johnston said. "We're heading in the direction we want to be as conference neers, so that's very encouraging."

The Southwest Conference swimming championships for women are Feb. 27-March 1, while the men's is March 13 to 15. Both will be held at the University of Texas Swimming Center.

Because the conference meet is just around the corner, the Aggies decided it was best to keep Head Swimming Coach Mel Nash at home for this meet.

The reason?

Nash is sick with a virus and decided it was best to keep the swimmers from being exposed to the illness. Nearly every A&M swimmer has been ill at one point during the season, and several of the men were sick the past week. Nash kept in touch with Johnston by telephone throughout Saturday's meet.

In Saturday's dual meet, A&M's Chris O'Neil did not swim his specialty, the backstroke, but did score two first-place finishes in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

The only other wins for the Aggie men came in the 400-yard freestyle relay and Scott McDonald's 400-yard individual medley win.

For the A&M women, Edlyn Bell won the 200-yard backstroke and Vicki Moir took the 200-yard breaststroke.

Johnston said she also was pleased with the fast times for Suzanne Fiori, Jody Tanner and Chris Kanning, who had a personal best in the 200-yard men's butterfly.



Photo by JOHN MAKELY

A&M's Chris Kanning swims toward a 4th place in the 400-yard individual medley against UT at the P.L. Downs Natatorium Saturday.

A&M men take second place at SWC indoor track meet

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Texas A&M surprised everyone at the Southwest Conference indoor track and field championships with a second-place finish by its men's team.

A&M's used three first-place finishes — all by freshmen — to come within 33 points of first-place Arkansas. UA scored 94 points followed by A&M with 61 and Texas with 59.

Stanley Kerr, an Aggie freshman sprinter from Snook, won the 60-yard dash and qualified for the NCAA meet with a time of 6.22 seconds.

Possibly the biggest surprises of the entire SWC meet were the first-place finishes of A&M's Lawrence Felton in the 60-yard high hurdles and Gary Pervis in the 600-yard run.

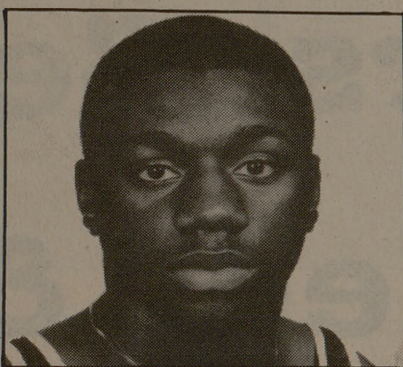
Felton, who had the fourth-best

time in the conference going in, pulled off a major upset by clearing the hurdles with a time of 7.29. Pervis claimed his victory in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:10.23.

"(Pervis) was really unbelievable because, going into the meet, everyone said the 600-yard run was going to be the hardest and toughest race," said A&M Head Track and Field Coach Charlie Thomas. "Our guys really had an all-out team effort. Everybody was pulling together. We had some super performances."

In addition to the three first places, the Aggies collected a second place from Randy Barnes in the shot put (63 feet, one-quarter inches) and third places from Ian James in the long jump and Kendrick Wesley in the 600-yard run.

Two Aggies finished fourth in their events, Floyd Heard in the 30-



A&M's Stanley Kerr

yard dash and Francisco Olivares in the triple-jump.

A&M's two-mile relay team of Matt Dunn, Calvin Gaziano, Derek Green and Craig Calk placed fifth with a time of 7:51.81. The Aggies

got a sixth-place finish from their mile-relay team of Maurice Holt, Pervis, Dunn and Wesley, which ran a time of 3:14.52.

The A&M women's track and field team got its first points in a SWC meet in two years when high jumper Brandy Stubblefield placed third with a leap of 5-8.

A&M scored eight points to finish in seventh place overall.

UT dominated the women's division. Winning 10 of the 12 events, the Longhorns rolled up 180 points to post a 106-point victory margin over second-place Houston.

The Aggie women also took two sixth places — L'Tanya Brown in the triple jump (37-7 1/4) and the two-mile relay team of Beth Drees, Gloria Vecera, Carmen Richardson and Mary Phillips (9:49.52).

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