

# A&M subdues St. Mary's for first wins

## Ag pitching tames Rattler bats 3-2, 9-4

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The Texas A&M baseball team hasn't exactly lived up to its slogan of "Swinging the Sticks in '86," but the Aggies did get their first wins of season by sweeping St. Mary's of San Antonio 3-2 and 9-4 in a double-header Wednesday.

In the first game, the Aggies (2-3) held off a late seventh-inning rally by the Rattlers (1-4) to chalk up their first win of the year.

Behind the strong pitching of Darryl Fry and relievers Barry Smith and Dale Berry, A&M limited St. Mary's to two runs on five hits, gave up three walks and struck out four batters.

Fry, who evened his record to 1-1, said he simply threw whatever the Rattlers weren't able to hit.

"I threw a lot of fastballs to see if they're going to hit it," Fry said. "If they started hitting it, I'd change it up. But the last couple of innings, I finally got the breaking stuff working and threw strikes with it. It helped me a lot."

Fry was relieved after the fifth inning and replaced by Smith, who went 1 1/3 innings before exiting for Berry. Berry entered in the seventh and gave up a single before putting down the next two hitters to earn his first save of the year.

A&M first baseman Gary Geiger, who is hitting .378, belted his first home run of the year in the second inning to put the Aggies in front 1-0.

Both teams added a run in the third, but the Aggies grabbed the lead for good in the fifth when Ever Magallanes singled home Jeff Schow, who had singled and moved to third on consecutive Rattler errors.

The Aggies opened up the offense more in the second game, collecting nine runs on eight hits.

A&M took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when catcher Maury Martin was issued a walk with the bases loaded.

St. Mary's then moved ahead 3-1 in the top of the third on Keith Troutman's three-run home run off A&M's Russ Greene.

But the Aggies cut the lead to one run with two outs in the third, when Rattler third baseman Gary Gardetto dropped a sure-out pop fly by Geiger and then threw the ball away, which allowed A&M's Mike Scanlin to score all the way from second base.

Greene was pulled in the fourth for reliever Pat Wernig after serving up another home run and a single, which put St. Mary's ahead 4-3.

The Aggies retaliated in the bot-



Photo by DEAN SAITO

A&M's Robi Chandler (right) turns a double play, despite the efforts of St. Mary's Gary Gar-

detto during the first game of Wednesday's double-header. A&M defeated St. Mary's 3-1 and 9-4.

tom half of the fourth as Scott Livingstone swatted a three RBI double to seal the win.

With two outs, Martin singled an 0-2 pitch to center field, and moved to third on Don Wren's follow-up single. Schow then was issued a walk to load the bases for Livingstone's game-winning hit.

Wernig went 5 1/3 innings in relief, as he retired 16 of the 24 batters he faced. He allowed only three hits and struck out seven Rattlers to pick up his first victory.

A&M Head Baseball Coach Mark Johnson said it felt good to win, but he was still unhappy with the Aggie offense.

"We haven't really cut loose our offense — and it's going to happen — but it hasn't happened yet," Johnson said. "I'm still disappointed in our offense. It's going to have to fall into place for us to win ball games."

Johnson said while A&M's offense is lacking, the pitching and defense have kept the Aggies in games until the hits come around.

"The strength of today's games was we finally got a couple of clutch hits," Johnson said. "Scott Livingstone got the big hit out in left-center field with the bases loaded to put us back on top."

Offensively for the Aggies, Geiger went 3-for-6 on the day, including a home run, two singles, two walks

and three runs scored. Potter was 3-for-5 in the second game with a double, two singles and two runs.

The Aggies barely outthrew the Rattlers, but did play a better defensive game.

St. Mary's committed five errors compared to three for the Aggies. However, the Rattlers were burdened with more mental mistakes like wild pitches, passed balls, balks and hit batsmen.

A&M's long home stand continues this week as it hosts McNeese State to a three-game series Friday and Saturday. The Aggies and Cowboys will play a single game Friday beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday's double-header will begin at noon.

# Texas survives SMU's last-second shot 58-57

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Karl Willock sank a free throw with 25 seconds left to play Wednesday night to give Texas a 58-57 victory over SMU and sole possession of first place in the Southwest Conference basketball standings.

Point guard Butch Moore controlled the ball as the Mustangs set up for the last shot, but instead of taking the shot himself, Moore dished off to reserve center Glenn Puddy, who missed a 12-footer with three seconds left.

"No one person was supposed to shoot the shot — just whoever was open with less than 10 seconds left," SMU Coach David Bliss said. "We had a good shot and nearly got the tip-in."

"I'm sorry we didn't win it, but it was a great game and a great win for (Texas Coach) Bob (Weltlich)."

The Longhorns, 12-2 in the conference and 17-8 overall, moved ahead of 11-2 TCU, which was idle Wednesday. SMU is now 8-5 in SWC

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play and 16-8 overall. SMU, led by clutch shooting from guard Butch Moore, held a 43-37 lead with 16:51 left in the game.

Patrick Fairs tossed in eight points by the 11:38 mark to help pull Texas within two, then Raynard Davis tied it at 45 with 10:38 left. The Longhorns then took a 47-45 lead on Fairs' layup.

Moore, hitting his third basket of the night with time running out on the shot clock, tied the game again at 57-57 with 1:08 left to play.

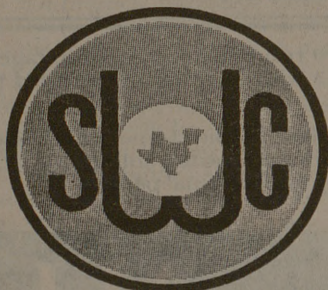
Fairs scored 18 points and pulled

down seven rebounds, both team highs. John Brownlee added 14 points for Texas.

Moore, averaging just 8.9 points a game, scored 16 points. Terry Lewis, SMU's leading scorer with a 19.9 average, was held to 12 points. Puddy added 11 points and nine rebounds.

Texas took an early six-point lead in the first half after Fairs and Broadway hit their first three shots each to put the Horns ahead 12-6.

Weltlich commended his team for its defense, which outthrusted the Mustangs in the second half and



held them to 20 second-half points after giving up 37 in the first half. "To hold that bunch to just 20 points is a real tribute to our guys," Weltlich said.

Arkansas 60, Rice 59  
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Rice's Jeff Crawford swished a 25-foot jumper with 9 seconds left, but misfired on a 30-footer at the buzzer and Arkansas escaped with a 60-59 victory over the Rice Owls in a Southwest Conference game Wednesday night.

After Crawford nailed his long jumper, Rice fouled Kevin Rehl on the in-bounds pass before any time could expire. Rehl, who had hit his first four free throws, missed the front end of the 1-and-1, allowing the Owls their last-ditch effort.

Arkansas, winning for only the second time in seven Southwest Conference games at Barnhill Arena, raised its record to 12-13, 4-10 in the SWC. Rice dropped to 9-15, including 2-11 in the league.

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