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A&M bats spark Lamar sweep

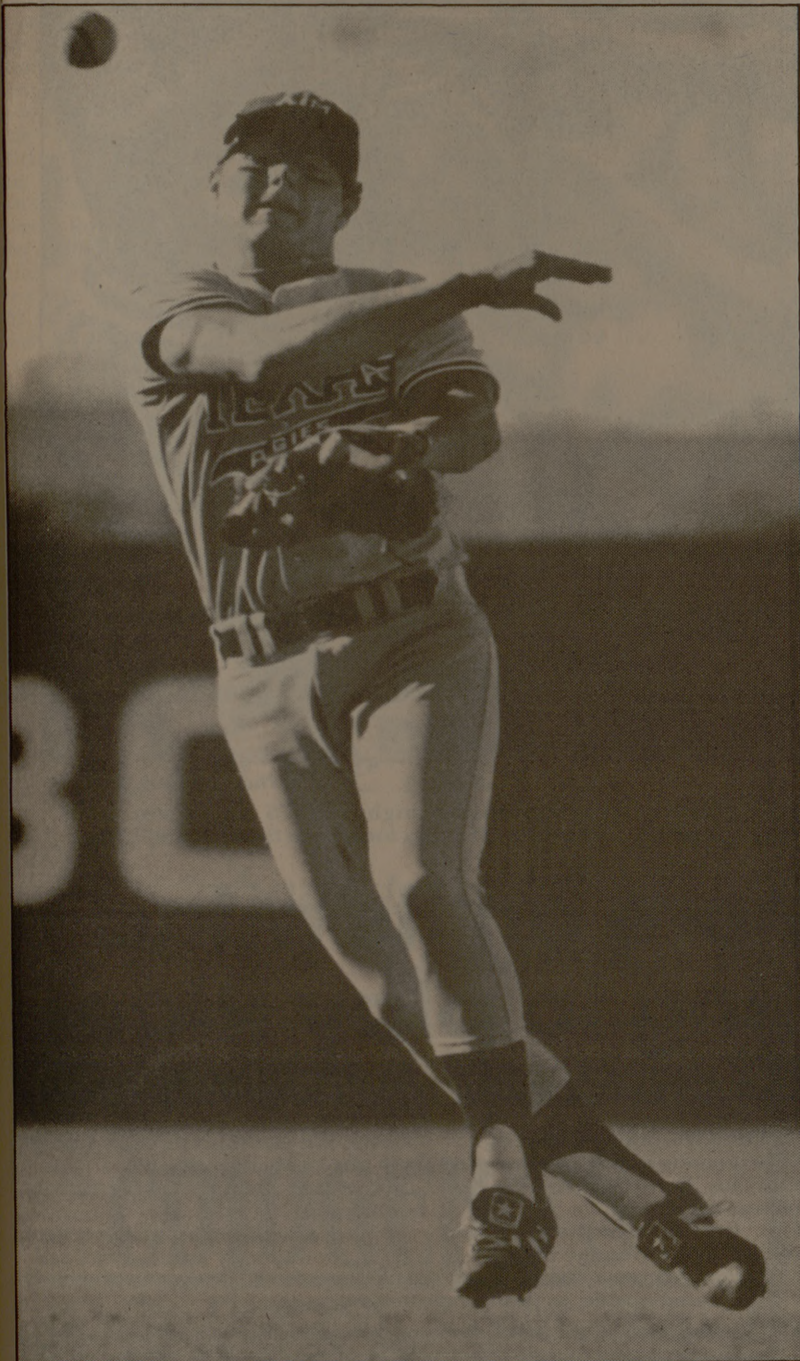


Photo by DEAN SAITO

A&M's Robi Chandler fires the ball to first base for an out during the second game of Tuesday's double-header against Lamar.

Aggie offense gets on track to pull team out of slump

By TOM TAGLIABUE
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M baseball team got just what the doctor ordered—a convincing two-game sweep of the Lamar Cardinals, 6-5 and 15-2, Tuesday at Olsen Field.

A&M Coach Mark Johnson said this sweep might heal what's been ailing the Aggies, who outhit the Cardinals 25-11.

"Games like today help to loosen you up and improve your play because you play relaxed and you're not playing under pressure," Johnson said.

The Aggies improved to 4-6 overall, while Lamar fell to 6-6.

A&M jumped out front 2-0 in the first inning after a Jeff Schow lead-off home run and a Gary Geiger RBI double.

But Lamar bounced back to tie it up, 2-2, with two runs in the second off A&M starter Darryl Fry (2-1), who recorded the Aggies' first complete game of the season.

A&M chased Lamar starter Mike Wilkins off the mound in the third, after connecting for three more runs on four hits to lead 5-2. The big damage in that inning was Robi Chandler's first home run of the season with David Rodriguez aboard.

Lamar battled back once again in the seventh, as Mike Sarbaugh hit a three-run homer to move the Cardinals to within one of the Aggies, 6-5. But Fry shut down the Cardinal rally, retiring the next two hitters to preserve the win.

Aggie pitching coach Jim Lawler said Fry baffled the Cardinal hitters.

"Fry was exciting today in the first ball game," Lawler said. "It was as good a show of somebody mastering the off-speed pitch, using it and messing the other hitters up totally."

A&M's hitters were anything but messed up in the second game as they rattled three Lamar pitchers for 10 runs in the first.

After the Cardinals scored two runs in the top of that inning, the Aggies literally walked away with the game.

Lamar's starting pitcher Jimmy Terrills didn't record a single out as he gave up five A&M runs on one hit and three walks.

Mike Perkins and then Brian Shepard were sent in to relieve Terrills, but both allowed A&M to score five more runs.

The Cardinals finished their revolving-door pitching rotation, when Jeff Hellwig came in and forced Chandler to fly out to end Lamar's disastrous first inning.

Kyle Atkinson cruised through six innings for A&M, giving up only the two runs in the first. Atkinson allowed four hits and walked two to even his record to 1-1. He was helped by a steady Aggie defense which completed three double plays.

Pat Wernig tossed two innings and Barry Smith threw one after Atkinson exited. Wernig and Smith allowed just one hit and two walks.

Schow was the big gun for the Aggies offensively, going 6-for-7, scoring seven runs and driving in two RBIs.

"Today I was concentrating more on waiting for my pitch," Schow said.

Schow has more than doubled his batting average since Friday. He is now batting .388, after hitting only .190 in the Aggies first five games.

Lubbock Christian College visits Olsen Field for a three-game series with a single game Thursday at 3 p.m. Friday's double-header is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

A&M BASEBALL NOTES—The cast on the left thumb of All-Southwest Conference first baseman Fred Gegen was taken off late Monday. A&M Assistant Coach Bill Hickey said Gegen may see action this weekend if the hand is not sore. . . Magallanes, Chandler and Livingstone have nagging injuries, but are expected to play this weekend. . . Catcher Maury Martin, who hasn't played since the St. Mary's series, is still nursing a bruised right hand but may see action this weekend.

Lady Aggies survive Owl scare, 59-58

HOUSTON — Rice freshman Marci Zajac missed a 25-foot shot at the buzzer allowing the Texas A&M women's basketball team to escape with a 59-58 win over the Owls Tuesday night at Autry Court.

The Lady Aggies were leading 56-50 with 3:30 to go, but Glenda Jensen came off the bench to score the Owls' final eight points to pull them within one with 14 seconds left.

Jensen led the Owls with 14 points.

A&M guard Lisa Langston had a game-high 15 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Evelyn Sanders, Lisa Jordan and Donna Roper each scored 10 points.

A&M women's tennis team surprises UH in SWC opener

By KEN SURY
Assistant Sports Editor

HOUSTON — The Texas A&M women's tennis team opened its Southwest Conference season Tuesday by defeating Houston 7-2 at UH's John Hoff Courts.

"I'll take the wins any day," A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "It was a great day for us."

Entering Tuesday's matches, the Aggies and Cougars were close in the Head Intercollegiate Tennis Standings (H.I.T.S.) List — Houston at No. 22 and A&M at No. 23.

The Aggies had clinched the match early, winning five of the six singles matches. A&M's only singles loss was the No. 2 match as UH's Stina Almgren beat Kim Labuschagne 6-2, 6-3.

The key match for the Aggies came in the No. 1 singles. A&M's

Vanne Akagi beat Kathy Foxworth 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 for the Aggies' fifth match win to seal the overall team victory.

Houston's No. 1 doubles team of Foxworth and Almgren got revenge for their consolation semifinals loss to Akagi and Gave Lynne Gensler at the Rolex National Indoor Intercollegiate Tennis Championships.

The Cougar duo defeated Akagi and Gensler 6-1, 6-3 for UH's only doubles win.

Foxworth and Almgren were 13th in the nation in the preseason doubles rankings, but in the latest rankings they are not listed among the Top 20. Akagi and Gensler, however, cracked the H.I.T.S. List at No. 16.

The other two doubles matches were defaulted by Houston because some of its players had injuries the

coaches didn't want to aggravate before UH's weekend matches at the Florida State Invitational.


Singles Results:

A&M's Vanne Akagi defeated UH's Kathy Foxworth 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; UH's Stina Almgren def. A&M's Kim Labuschagne 6-2, 6-3; A&M's Gave Lynne Gensler def. UH's Hee Baek 6-3, 6-3; A&M's Karen Marshall def. UH's Vicki White 6-4, 7-6; A&M's Helen Christiaanse def. UH's Fran Ind 7-5, 6-0; A&M's Laura Liong def. UH's Mary Liberra 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles Results:

UH's Foxworth-Almgren def. A&M's Akagi-Gensler 6-1, 6-3; A&M's Labuschagne-Marshall def. by default UH's Baek-Ind; A&M's Christiaanse-Liong def. by default UH's Liberra-White.

Back Talk



by Kevin G. Schachterle
Chiropractor

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