

# Bulldogs break Ag 12-game win streak

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The Texas A&M baseball team took a 10-game winning streak on the road to Louisiana this weekend, and had it stopped at 12 games by Louisiana Tech Saturday.

But the Aggies didn't wait long to start a new win streak as they defeated the Bulldogs in the second game Saturday 8-3 and also took a 6-3 ten-inning finale Sunday.

## Baseball

The Ags, who were on their first road swing of the season, improved their overall record to 15-7.

A&M went into extra innings for the first time this season to take the 6-3 victory from the Bulldogs Sunday in Ruston, La.

The game was tied 3-3 at the end of nine innings, but the Aggies collected three runs in the top of the 10th and held the Bulldogs scoreless in their half to pick up the win.

Darryl Fry (5-1), who won Friday's game against Northeast Louisiana as a starter, came in to relieve in the ninth and picked up his second win of the road trip.

The Aggies took two of three games from Louisiana Tech, dropping only a very close 3-2 decision Saturday afternoon. In that game, A&M had a runner at third in the seventh, but couldn't get him home to tie the score.

Russ Swan (1-2) took the loss in the first game Saturday. Pat Wernig kept his record perfect at 3-0 with an 8-3 win in the Saturday night game.

The Aggies started the road trip in Monroe, La., with a two-game sweep of Northeast Louisiana 6-2 and 13-2. Gary Geiger (2-2) was the winner of the second game.

Senior Mike Scanlin broke the A&M career home run mark in Friday's nightcap, when he hit his 31st and 32nd career home runs.

# SWC Classic: No thanks for the memories

DALLAS — There wasn't a lot worth remembering about the Southwest Conference Men's Post-Season Classic XI this weekend. But here's some notes and quotes to help focus on some of the more forgettable happenings:

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was the loudest yell in the arena.

But then again, who can blame the fans for staying home.

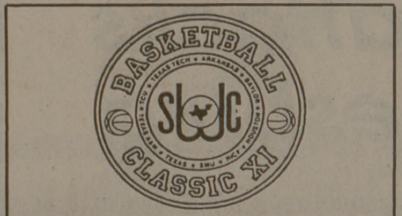
The tourney was called the "Final Bore" by Houston Post sportswriter Kenny Hand.

And Hand probably hit the nail on the head.

Take Friday's Tech-SMU game.

The Red Raiders led by a field goal at halftime, 16-13. Boos ascended from the rafters as the two teams left the floor.

How about A&M's Al Pulliam? A back-up forward who was ham-



pered with a knee injury most of the year. Pulliam played perhaps the best basketball of his collegiate career.

The Aggies' 6-foot-6 senior played nine minutes Friday against Arkansas, but his six points sparked A&M to a 14-4 run in the second half that opened the game up.

Saturday and Sunday, Pulliam had 14 points and eight rebounds while seeing limited action in the two games.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram started the "Mike Clifford Watch."

The paper said the Aggies' 6-foot-6 forward "may be the worst shoot-

ing starter in major-college basketball."

The Star-Telegram was "watching" to see if Clifford would score a point in the tournament.

Friday, Clifford went 0-for-2 from the field and 0-for-1 from the line. Saturday, he was 0-for-1 from the field and didn't even go to the line. Sunday, Clifford didn't even shoot.

Houston's Guy V. Lewis was sent home for the final time Friday.

Texas ended Lewis' career with the Cougars by handing him a 78-62 loss in the first round.

"I'm not going to cry — it's over," Lewis said. "There's not much you can do about it now. The only way to win your last game is to win the national championship. Not many people picked us to do that."

When asked if he knew who his replacement might be, Lewis quipped, "Heavens no. You might ask the janitor down there. He might know."

Tech's Sean Gay ended Friday's 45-40 win over SMU with a dunk.

Big deal, you say? Well it marked the first time a Red Raider had even attempted a dunk since Feb. 8.

If you recall, on Jan. 18, Tech's Dewayne Chism missed a dunk in the final seconds against A&M that led to the Aggies' 58-57 win.

Then on Feb. 8, Gay missed one against Rice that led to a 52-50 loss.

Tech earned the SWC's only bid to the NCAA Tournament, despite finishing a mediocre fifth place in the regular-season standings. Which brings up a question heard from coast-to-coast: Is a tournament the best way to decide who gets a NCAA tourney bid?



A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf buries his head in his hand during Sunday's game against Texas Tech. The Ags lost to the Raiders, 67-63.

Photo by DEAN SAITO

A&M finished in a three-way tie for first with TCU and Texas, after blowing away the Red Raiders twice during the regular season.

So A&M went 2-1 against Tech this year, won three more conference games than the Red Raiders did and went 20-11 overall compared to Tech's 17-13 mark.

Look at Prairie View A&M. With a 5-24 record, the Panthers came

within one game of earning the Southwestern Athletic Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Mississippi Valley State deserves to be in the Final Four just for sparing Prairie View the embarrassment of having to play No. 1-ranked Duke in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

Come to think of it, Mississippi Valley State's face will be equally as red.

# A&M defense falters in upset loss to Creighton

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WACO — The No. 4-ranked Texas A&M softball team went to the Baylor Invitational searching for some offense to go with its bullet-proof defense.

But in the end, it was the defense that was shot full of holes.

The Aggies strutted through the first three games of the tournament,

defeating Southwest Texas State, Baylor and Texas-Arlington.

However, against Creighton in the championship game Sunday, the Ags suffered two straight throwing errors, a passed ball and a missed fly ball with two outs to lose 3-1.

The Aggies' first loss dropped them to 9-1 on the season.

"We just didn't play well," A&M Coach Bob Brock said. "It was just one of those games."

## Softball

"I really hated to lose to Creighton. They are ranked and are in our region. Maybe we took them too lightly. Maybe this will make us think next time."

Pitcher Shawn Andaya tossed a two-hitter against Creighton and didn't allow an earned run, but took the loss (4-1) as shortstop Liz Mizera

had two throwing errors in a row, catcher Carrie Heightly had a passed ball and left fielder Cindy Foster dropped a fly with two outs — all of which occurred in the first inning.

Andaya had her second no-hitter of the year and had a season-high 18 strikeouts as A&M easily defeated SWTSU 5-0.

In the second game Saturday, freshman pitcher Julie Carpenter got the first no-hitter of her colle-

giate career. She had seven whiffs in A&M's 7-0 win over Baylor.

"We hit all right," Brock said. "Liz still hasn't got uncranked. Heightly's not hitting yet. (Right fielder) Debbie (Rollman) had the flu and didn't play that much."

"We don't have any excuses though. If we lose one out of every 10 games, that would be five losses for the season. That wouldn't be a bad record."

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