

# Sports

## Gegen-led Aggs swamp Royals with 16 hits

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Fred Gegen went 4-for-5 with a home run, a double, two singles and three RBI to power Texas A&M to a 12-2 thrashing of the Bethel College Royals Monday at Olsen Field.

The 16-hit offensive attack by the Aggies, 20-14, spoiled the season opener for the Royals and first-year head coach Kevin McDonald.

The game showcased non-starters and four pitchers for the Aggies, who limited the Royals, from St. Paul, Minn., to two runs on seven hits while striking out nine batters.

Darryl Fry, 6-4, started the game for the Aggies and allowed only three hits in three innings of work.

David Jones and David Bruning made their third appearances of the year and each allowed one run on two hits while on the mound. Ed Perez struck out the side in the ninth in his first appearance of the season.

A&M jumped on Bethel College starter Jon Sorenson for four runs in the second inning. Bill Doug Potter stroked a one-out single, stole second and was driven home on Andy Duke's game-winning RBI single.

Duke was doubled home by Scott Winterburn, who scored on Bethel third baseman Dave Marquardt's fielding error of a Don Wren grounder.

Wren moved to second on Soren-

### Top 20 Baseball Poll

Here are the Top 20 teams in the Collegiate Baseball/ESPN college baseball poll as of March 24:

1. Florida State
2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Louisiana State
4. Texas
5. Oral Roberts
6. Stanford
7. Loyola-Marymount
8. South Florida
9. Michigan
10. Old Dominion
11. Cal-St. Fullerton
12. South Carolina
13. Arkansas
14. Hawaii
15. Oklahoma State
16. Wichita State
17. UCLA
18. Southern Cal
19. Brigham Young
20. Georgia

home Craig Indlecoffer, who reached based on a throwing error by A&M first baseman Todd Schmidt and moved to third on a Jones wild pitch.

The Aggies continued to pour on the offensive attack scoring three more runs in the bottom of the sixth. Winterburn led off the inning with his first homer of the year. Wren followed with a triple and Tim Parma walked before Diddams was taken out and replaced with Phil Knutsen.

Gegen greeted Knutsen with an RBI single to score Wren and put the Aggies ahead 8-1. Royal catcher Indlecoffer committed a throwing error to score Parma and move Gegen to third, where he was stranded.

Bruning, who entered the game in the seventh, had a Royal rally on his hands that inning. With one out, Danielson reached base on Duke's third fielding error and stole second. One out later, John Boich singled to right. Potter fielded the ball and threw home to Hutchison, who made an apparent late tag, but home plate umpire Alfred Ray called Danielson out, ending the threat.

The Royals did pick up a run off Bruning in the eighth on a solo home run by Indlecoffer.

The Aggies picked up three more runs in the eighth. Gegen and Hutchison singled and were driven home on Schmidt's double. Pat James' single scored Schmidt to round out the Aggies' scoring.



A&M catcher Blake Hutchison, right, tags out Bethel College's Randy Danielson in Monday's

game at Olsen Field. The Aggs, who stopped the Royals 12-2, host Minnesota today at 5:30 p.m.

A&M Coach Mark Johnson said it was a good game to get the non-starters some much-needed playing time.

"I thought they did well for not having been in the ballgame for awhile," Johnson said. "Down the

road we may have to use some of those guys. If somebody gets hurt, they're the next guy in.

"In that respect, it's a plus. I thought they were ready to play. They were concentrating and they wanted to do a good job. They knew

it was their chance."

A&M hosts the Minnesota Golden Gophers in a two-night double header today at 5:30 p.m. at Olsen Field. Minnesota is coming off a shellacking at the hands of Baylor Waco Monday.



Ralph Sampson.

## Rockets' Sampson injures back in loss to Celtics

Associated Press

BOSTON — This victory wasn't so sweet.

The Boston Celtics won their eighth straight NBA game. They increased their club record for consecutive home victories to 24, three shy of the single-season league mark set by the Minneapolis Lakers 36 years ago.

But the satisfaction of Monday night's 114-107 triumph over Houston was tempered by the possibility that Rockets' center Ralph Sampson suffered a broken back.

Sampson was carried off on a

stretcher after falling with 2:19 left in the first half while going for an offensive rebound. Neck and head X-rays at Massachusetts General Hospital were negative.

There was no report on back X-rays, but Celtics' spokesman Jeff Twiss said feeling and movement in Sampson's right leg improved since he arrived at the hospital. His left leg, Twiss said, appeared to be "fine."

"You hate to see a guy pulled off on a stretcher," Boston forward Scott Wedman said.

"I tend to look away at times like

that," Celtics' center Bill Walton said. "These type of things tend to cast a pallor over the game."

"You're always concerned when there's no feeling in a limb and he was having a little trouble with his right side," Houston Coach Bill Fitch said. "There was nothing Ralph could do to stop that fall. That's what was scary about it."

Despite the loss of Sampson, Houston stayed in the game, which was tied 97-97 five minutes into the final period.

Wedman, who had 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, broke

that deadlock with the first of two consecutive jumpers. They kicked off an 11-3 surge that gave Boston a 108-100 lead with 3:34 remaining.

"Some nights it goes like that," said Wedman, who sank nine of 10 shots in 18 minutes. "Once you hit a few like that, the coaches call a few plays for you and your teammates start looking for you."

The game was marred by the injury suffered by the 7-foot-4 Sampson, who hit his head and upper

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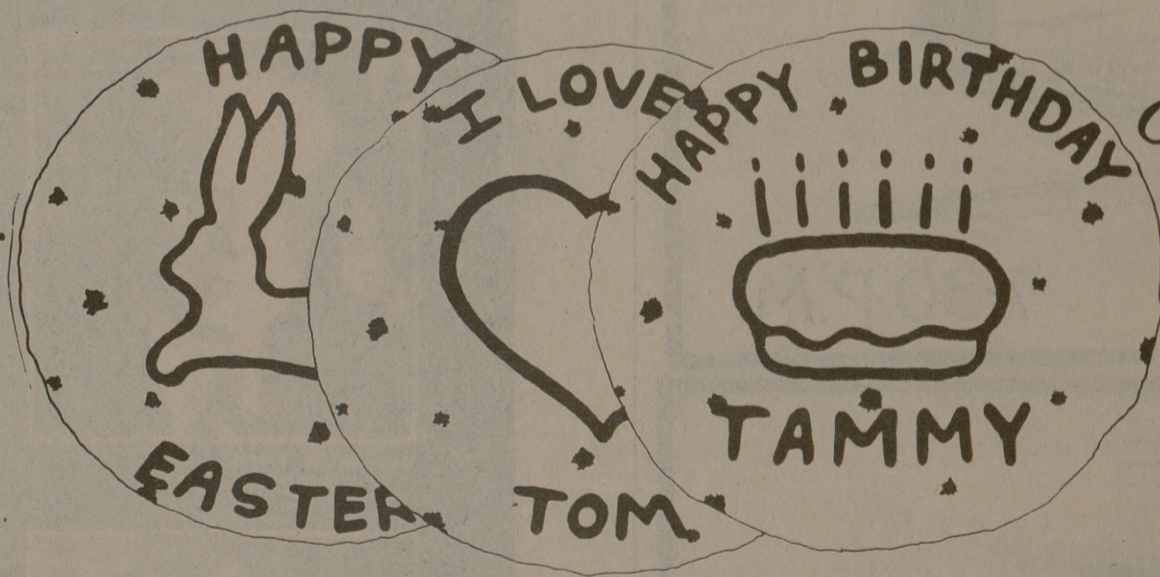
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