

# Sports

## A&M strolls past Minnesota

Andaya, Mizera guarantee No. 3 Aggies get routine win

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Routine. The No. 3 Texas A&M softball team had just another day on the field with a 4-0 win over Minnesota Wednesday at Southwood Athletic Park.

Aggie ace Shawn Andaya (9-1), who has yet to allow an earned run, had another usual day, pitching a two-hitter, striking out eight, and walking only one.

A&M shortstop Liz Mizera, last year's NCAA home run leader, added another blast to this year's total.

And the Aggies, 16-4, did just what it took to add another "W" in the win column.

"No (it wasn't just another routine win)," A&M Coach Bob Brock said. "We're tired. We really did a good job after getting in at 2 a.m. Tuesday (from a spring break swing through California), and then I gave them yesterday off. They responded and did a good job."

A&M looked tired the first 2 1/2 innings, going down in order.

But freshman catcher Carrie Heightly got things rolling with the first hit of the game, a single to left field with two outs in the third inning.

Then it was back to the top of the order and the Aggies' power broker, Mizera.

Mizera took a Barb Drake, 1-2, pitch downtown. The blast, which landed over the left center field fence, was Mizera's fourth of the season and put the Ags up 2-0.

"That's her fourth in the last three or four games," Brock said. "She has been hammering it."

A batting order switch, which moved Mizera from cleanup to lead-off, has gotten the Aggies' offense rolling.

"We changed our lineup and put her leading off," Brock said. "That means they'll either have pitch to her or walk her. She has responded to that and has gotten a lot of RBI. It's been in the last three games that we've been scoring all those runs."

The only threat to Andaya and the Aggies' "nine-to-five" game came in the top of the fourth.



A&M left fielder Cindy Foster (hands on knees) watches closely as first baseman Mary Schwind

scores on Minnesota pitcher Barb Drake's (14) wild pitch. The Aggies whipped the Gophers 4-0.

Photo by Dean Saito

Minnesota's Jackie Savic singled up the middle to lead off the inning. Ann Flis must have watched Savic closely because, one out later, her single was a carbon copy.

With two outs, Andaya walked Drake to load the bases and send Brock to the mound for a conference.

Andaya went to her rise ball on Deb Lewis and got her easily with an ordinary ground out to third baseman Cindy Cooper. That ended the inning and the Golden Gophers' only real threat.

"Shawn was having success with the drop ball, and then she ran into some trouble and they got a couple

of shots," Brock said. "She might have been a little tired. We went back to the rise ball, and she got a lot of strikeouts the rest of the game."

And in the bottom of the fourth, the Aggies made sure they had the game put away with two bonus runs.

A&M first baseman Mary Schwind singled to lead off the inning and was sacrificed to second by center fielder Zina Ochoa.

Aggie second baseman Judy Trussell knocked a single over the outstretched glove of shortstop Carla Gray, sending Schwind to third and allowing her to reach second.

A Drake wild pitch sent Trussell to third and Schwind home for a 3-0 lead.

Oliveras relieved Drake and was

promptly greeted by a RBI single from left fielder Cindy Foster. Trussell's run amounted to the final 4-0 score.

The last three innings was sit back and relax time as all but three A&M players made their way into the game.

"This team really seems to be able to bounce back," Brock said. "They have a lot of enthusiasm and really work hard."

"I am able to make a lot of substitutions and they can adjust. We were able to play a lot of people tonight."

The Aggies are in Pasadena at the Lone Star Complex today for the Houston Classic. At 2:30 p.m., A&M will play Utah before taking on Oklahoma State at 7.

## Ohio State whips Wyoming in coach's finale

NEW YORK (AP) — Guard Dennis Hopson, hitting nine straight field goals at one stretch, scored 26 points Wednesday night as Ohio State ended Coach Eldon Miller's Buckeye career on a winning note with a 73-63 victory over Wyoming in the NIT Basketball championship game of the 49th National Invitation Tournament.

Miller, who was fired Feb. 3 effective at the end of season, coached Ohio State to five consecutive NIT victories. At the same time, he was

trying to recruit players by telephone for Northern Iowa, where he will coach next season.

Gary Williams already has been hired to coach at Ohio State.

Hopson, who finished the game with 12 field goals on 17 attempts, and 7-foot forward Brad Sellers, who had 17 points and 12 rebounds, formed an unbeatable 1-2 punch for the Buckeyes, 19-14.

Wyoming, 24-12, with two starters fouling out, had to rely too much on sophomore guard Fennis Dembo, who scored 27 points. Les Bolden was the only other Wyoming player

in double figures with 14, while center Eric Leckner fouled out with only six points, 12 under his postseason average.

Hopson had 13 of his 15 first-half points during a 10-minute span, including nine during a 14-4 Ohio State streak that gave the Buckeyes a 29-22 lead with 4:32 left.

Bolden then scored four points to move the Cowboys within three, but Hopson hit two more long jumpers and Curtis Wilson had one as Ohio State built a 35-28 halftime advantage.

Wyoming got no closer than seven the rest of the way as Hopson hit his first four shots of the half after making his last five of the first half. Ohio State went on to lead by as many as 16 points and, when it was over, Miller's players hoisted him on their shoulders as many in the Madison Square Garden crowd of 11,024 applauded.

Ohio State downed Ohio University, Texas, Brigham Young and Louisiana Tech to reach the final. Wyoming beat Texas A&M, Loyola Marymount, Clemson and Florida.

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