

Sports

A&M wins two from Arkansas

Hogs' Parker no-hits
Ags to prevent sweep

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas (23-10, 5-4) picked up a no-hitter from junior lefthander Steve Parker, keeping the No. 13 Razorbacks from getting swept by Texas A&M in a Southwest Conference series this weekend.

Parker (5-0, 3-0) tossed his no-hitter in the first game of a Saturday double-header, which the Hogs won 10-0.

Baseball

The Aggies (23-16, 4-2) took the Friday matchup 6-0 as they collected nine hits, two by Scott Livingstone and three by Ever Magallanes — who also picked up the game-winning RBI for A&M.

A&M scored twice in the third inning, but it was a four-run ninth inning off reliever Tim Peters that put away the Hogs' comeback hopes for the night.

Starter Dale Barry, who improved to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the SWC, lowered his SWC ERA to 0.53.

However, Saturday didn't start right for the Aggies. Scheduled starter Darryl Fry and catcher Maury Martin woke up sick. Martin sat out the first game, but in the second game picked up the game-winning RBI.

Gary Geiger, who was scheduled to start the finale, pitched the early game and served up seven runs in the third on six hits, one walk and three sacrifices.

Jimmy Flowers relieved Geiger (3-4, 1-1) in the fourth and was touched for one run in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth in-

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New track now Ags' home, sweet home

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Home, sweet, home. At least that's how the Texas A&M track and field teams performed in the "homecoming" of the College Station Relays at the new Frank G. Anderson Track and Field Complex.

The Aggies last competed at home in the 1982 College Station Relays and made the most of the debut of their new complex, located near Olsen Field, by posting 11 first-place finishes.

Track and Field

But A&M's biggest win of the day came in the shot put as Randy Barnes put the shot 67 feet, 7 1/4 inches. Pending NCAA verification, Barnes' mark is the longest by a college freshman, bettering the record of SMU's Michael Carter.

Barnes said being at home gave him added incentive to put the shot farther. In one warmup, he heaved it a half-foot past the 70-foot marker.

"I love this facility," Barnes said. "And this shot put area is just great. With the way I threw in warmup, I came out feeling fantastic."

Only A&M Olympian Randy Matson has a longer outdoor put (71-5 1/2 feet) in the Aggie record books.

While Barnes' teammates may have not set records, many turned in solid performances and several qualified for the NCAA championships.

Senior Francisco Oliveras earned two first places as he hurled the javelin 204 feet and triple jumped 52-9, beating the old meet record of 49-7 and the NCAA qualifying mark of 52-8.

The A&M freshmen squad of Lawrence Felton, Floyd Heard, Archie Roberts and Stanley Kerr earned a trip to the NCAAs by qualifying in the 400-meter relay with a time of 39.28 seconds, which also set a new meet record.

Heard and Kerr grabbed some individual glory as Heard sprinted to an NCAA qualifying win of 20.38 in the 400-meter dash, while Kerr won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.31.

A&M Assistant Track Coach Ted



Photo by John Makely

A&M's Randy Barnes grimaces as he puts the shot during the College Station Relays Saturday at the new Frank G. Anderson Track

and Field Complex. Barnes won the event with a throw of 67 feet, 7 1/4 inches, and possibly set a college freshman national record.

Nelson said Kerr might have cracked the 10.29 NCAA qualifying time had he not lost his balance slightly 20 meters from the finish line.

A&M's Chris Walker leaped 26-1 1/4 to claim the long jump event and a trip to the NCAAs. Terence Strong, in his first meet since being injured during the indoor season, took second with a jump of 24-1.

Also in his first meet of the outdoor season, high jumper Kenny Burke finished third in his event with a leap of 6-11.

In the 400-meter hurdles, A&M's

Craig Calk finished first with a time of 51.08 seconds.

Nelson said he was pleased with the Aggie performances, especially the freshmen. Matt Dunn finished a strong second in the 800-meter dash to Baylor's Derwin Graham and Felton captured third in the 110-meter high hurdles.

The Aggie women's team, meanwhile, wasn't to be denied first-place finishes of their own at the relays, which had a women's division for the first time.

The A&M women finished 1-2-3 in the 5,000-meter run as twins Beth

and Becky Drees clocked in under 18 minutes — Beth with a time of 17:02.82, her best this year, and Becky at 17:49.33. Kathy Craig captured third place with a time of 18:18.83.

A&M's Cassandra Perkins grabbed first and Kay McMurray took third in the discus. Perkins threw the discus 154 feet, 3 inches for the win. McMurray threw 136-2.

Vernell Dunn captured first in the shot put for the Aggie women with a put of 45-5 1/4.

"I thought it was a great team effort," Nelson said. "I was really

pleased with our performances."

Among the A&M freshmen not in the College Station Relays was mile relay member Gary Pervis, who was kept out to rest and heal soreness from running in the Texas Southern Relays the previous weekend.

Nelson said the loss of Pervis probably contributed to the mile relay team's third-place finish behind TCU and Baylor. TCU and Baylor's times were good enough to qualify for the NCAAs, while A&M was a full second off that time. However, those three schools already qualified at earlier meets.



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