

# Sports

## Aggies denied national championship

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### Aggies in World Series

First Round  
A&M 1, Creighton 0 (10)

Second Round  
A&M 6, Indiana 0

Third Round  
Cal-Fullerton 3, A&M 0

Fourth Round  
A&M 1, Cal-Berkeley 0 (10)

Championship game  
Cal-Fullerton 3, A&M 0



A&M Coach Bob Brock

The Texas A&M softball team rode into the NCAA College World Series on the arm of junior Shawn Andaya, but it was the arm of Cal State-Fullerton's Connie Clark that forced the Aggies to settle for second best in the nation.

#### Softball

Clark only allowed A&M one hit in two meetings during the tournament, holding them hitless in their first game, a 3-0 Titan win. In the championship game, Clark fanned eight Aggies while freshman Tory Parks had the Ags' only hit in another 3-0 loss.

A&M Coach Bob Brock said there were two reasons for the Aggies' defeat.

"It was a combination of (our lack of) hitting and Clark," Brock said. "When we hit, we hit. And when we don't, we don't. We just couldn't get the bat on the ball against Clark."

The only tournament game that saw the Aggies' bats come alive was a second-round matchup with Indiana. A&M exploded for six runs in the seventh for a 6-0 win behind Andaya's 12-strikeout, two-hit performance.

But it took 10 innings for the Aggies to win its first-round contest against Creighton, 1-0. Andaya celebrated her birthday by holding Creighton to a single hit, while striking out seven.

The Aggies, after placing Mary Schwind on second in the 10th as per the NCAA tie-breaker rule, loaded the bases on singles by Zina Ochoa and Judy Trussell. Pinch hit-

ter Julie Carpenter drove home Schwind for the win.

After Cal-Fullerton roughed up Carpenter for seven hits in the third round for the Aggies' first tourney loss, it took 10 innings again for A&M to edge Cal-Berkeley 1-0 in an elimination game.

Andaya gave up five hits, walked one and struck out five in upping her record to 24-7. Andaya also singled home senior Cindy Cooper in

the 10th for the victory. Cooper was named to the All-America team for the third straight year.

But the Aggies could not put the hitting together against Clark and the Titans in the championship game. A&M needed to beat Cal-Fullerton twice to claim its third national title, but Clark shut down the Aggies.

"I think Fullerton pretty well made up their mind they were

gonna win it all this year," Brock said.

"I'm disappointed about the loss, but I'm not disappointed about the season or the team."

Brock said he couldn't be more pleased with the pitching duo of Andaya and the freshman Carpenter.

"Shawn was just Shawn," Brock said. "But I thought Julie pitched well against Fullerton in the first game. They had three or four dinky hits that just went out over the infield."

A&M, which ended its season at 41-13, nearly had its entire infield named to the all-tourney team. Andaya, along with second baseman Judy Trussell, shortstop Liz Mizera and third baseman Cooper earned the all-tourney honors.

Although the Aggies lose four seniors — Cooper, left fielder Cindy Foster, first baseman Mary Schwind and right fielder Debbie Rollman — for next year's squad, Brock already is teeming with optimism about the future.

"We'll have to see," Brock said. "But it seems to be a phenomena that probably next year those holes will be filled by freshmen."

"Having freshmen come in and contribute helps perpetuate our program."

### A&M to start play in NCAAs

The Texas A&M men's golf team begins play in the NCAA golf tournament today at the Bermuda Run Country Club in Winston-Salem, N.C.

#### Men's Golf

This is the 10th straight year the Aggies have been invited to the four-day championship tourney.

A&M will be led by All-Southwest Conference golfers Jeff Maggert and Jorge Coghlan. Maggert also was invited to the tourney individually, while Coghlan was the Aggies' top finisher at the SWC tourney.

Rounding out the Aggies' lineup will be Neil Hickerson, Flint Nelson and freshman Roy Mackenzie.

A&M won the Pan American Intercollegiate team championship this year with Mackenzie earning medalist honors. Coghlan won the Louisiana Classic and Maggert won the Morris Williams in Austin.

## Ags' road to World Series 'dead ends' in Florida

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#### Baseball

The road to the College World Series normally runs through Austin for the Texas A&M baseball team, however, this season that long winding road to Omaha, Neb., turned into a dead-end road in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Southwest Conference co-champion Aggies came to Florida with hopes of knocking off two Top 10 teams, but the Aggies never got past No. 1 South Florida and No. 1 Florida State.

A&M came into the tournament ranked 12th in the nation and seeded third in the four-team regional with a 44-21 record.

After an opening round 10-2 trouncing of the Baseballs of South Florida, the Aggies had a major challenge staring them in the face — a meeting with the top college baseball team in the nation.

The FSU Seminoles and A&M battled tooth and nail in a second-round fight to the finish, but it was the Noles who finally cut the Aggies off short, winning 12-

The loss sent A&M to face South Florida, which eliminated North Carolina State 12-4, again, but the Aggies did a 180-degree turnaround from their first meeting and were ousted from the tourney 10-7.

A&M's Dale Barry baffled hitters as he spread out

two runs and seven hits to help the Aggies upset the seventh-ranked Bulls of South Florida.

Pat James had a 5-for-5 day at the plate and teammates Mike Scanlin and Don Wren popped home runs to lead the Aggies to victory.

After allowing a first-inning run, Barry went to work retiring 18 of the 22 men he faced between the second and seventh, including a string of eight in a row and another of nine straight batters.

He gave up a triple and an RBI sacrifice fly in the eighth, which gave the Bulls their second run of the game.

But A&M found things much tougher with the No. 1 Seminoles.

A&M starter Darryl Fry couldn't maintain the mastery he held over Baylor in the SWC tournament as he walked home the first run of the game and followed that mistake by serving up a grand slam home run to FSU catcher Ed Fulton.

In the Aggie half of the first, however, the maroon and white rebounded for three runs on a James' bases-loaded single and Fred Gegen's follow-up single, which chased Florida State starter Chris Pollack.

Through the next five innings the lead saw-sawed back and forth as both teams displayed their offensive firepower and the Aggies took a 9-8 lead in the sixth.

But Seminoles' stopper Richie Lewis stepped in and shut the door on the Aggies' hitting. Lewis threw the

final 3 1/2 innings without allowing a hit, and struck out eight of the 10 batters he faced.

FSU knocked out A&M and Fry in the seventh as Barry Blackwell slapped a two-run double. The Seminoles added insurance runs in the eighth and ninth to defeat the upset-minded Aggies.

A&M was sent home as the Bulls redeemed their first-round loss as both teams drew often from the bullpen.

Aggie starter Gary Geiger was gone after just 1 1/2 innings in which he gave up four runs on six hits. Barry Smith followed but couldn't find the plate. He was relieved by Pat Wernig, who held back the Bulls enough through 5 1/2 innings to bring the Aggies back in the game.

A&M took a 7-5 lead in the fifth, but fine defensive plays and offensive power by FSU shut down A&M's hopes of a rematch with top-ranked Florida State.

The long season is finally over for the comeback champions of the SWC. The 1986 season had a record number of wins — 45. The Ags finished with a 45-23 record, a SWC co-championship, a SWC tournament championship and three good ballgames against two of the highest-ranked teams in the nation.

In addition, four Aggies earned all-tourney honors: first baseman Gegen, who hit .571; designated hitter James, who drove in five runs and hit .538; third baseman Scott Livingstone, who hit .357; and Barry.

Now that the season is over, senior Jeff Schow said, it will take some time to get over this last weekend.

"A few breaks here and a few breaks there, we'd had a chance to win," Schow said. "I think knowing, and seeing if Florida State does win the national championship, that we did play them well is going to help us out."

Catcher Maury Martin, who will return next year said this season was an outstanding one because it silenced many critics who believed the Ags could not go very far.

"Overall, we've had an outstanding season," Martin said. "I think we weren't expected to do anything in the conference — I think we were expected to finish fourth. I think it just shows the kind of character of this team."

"These guys can play with anybody. We aren't afraid of anybody. We're scrappy, we keep ourselves in the game and our pitchers battle well."

Johnson said the team has been great during this roller coaster season in which the Ags lost six of their first eight games and later lost seven of eight right before conference, only to rise to the top at the end.

"We'd have to be pretty near-sighted to say it hasn't been a good season," Johnson said. "You get to regional play, win a conference tournament and win a conference championship. We've had a really good season for this ballclub. I consider it a great season."

## Aggies to hone skills for NCAAs with Texas Invitational

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#### Track and Field

The NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships are only a week away and the Texas A&M track team is making the most of that time.

Several Aggies are headed to Austin Friday to keep sharp for the June 4-7 NCAA Championships in Indianapolis.

Last Saturday a partial squad went to Houston for the Meet of Champions and came back with pleasing results, including a school record.

A&M's 1,600-meter relay team of Kendrick Wesley, Maurice Holt, Matt Washington and Gary Pervis finished second with a time of 3 min-

utes, 4.51 seconds to snap the old mark of 3:04.65 they set in April at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays.

The Aggies also grabbed two firsts as Floyd Heard won the 200-meter dash in 20.52 seconds and graduate assistant coach Juan dela Garza won the javelin with a throw of 241 feet, 10 inches.

Those who currently have qualified for the NCAAs are: Randy Bar-

nes, shot put and discus; Ian James and Chris Walker, long jump; Francisco Olivares, triple jump; Craig Calk, 400-meter intermediate hurdles; Floyd Heard and Stanley Kerr, 100- and 200-meter dashes; and the 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams.

A&M assistant coach Ted Nelson said Barnes will toss the discus in the Invitational but not the shot as he still is trying to recuperate from re-

injurying his hand at the Southwest Conference Championships.

Barnes went to Tacoma, Wash., last week for laser treatments on his hand in the hope being ready to put the shot for the NCAAs. Nelson said he thought the treatments helped a great deal, but added that it's a day-by-day recovery process.

Barnes has the world's best put this year at 71-9 1/2.

Also going to the Texas Invitational will be James, Olivares, high hurdler Lawrence Felton and the 400- and 1,600-meter relay squads.

A&M doesn't have any women qualified for the NCAAs yet, but Vernell Dunn will compete in the shot and Lisa Coley will throw the javelin.

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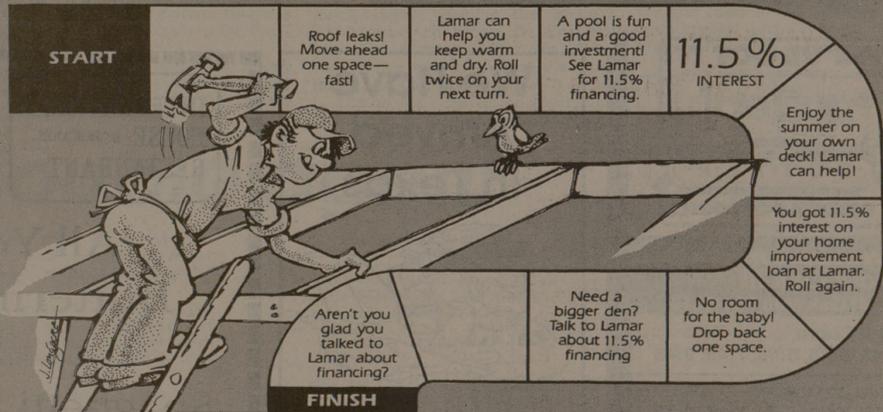
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