

Sports

A&M captures tournament behind Andaya no-hitters

By Ken Sury
Sports Editor

Texas A&M softball pitcher Shawn Andaya was doubly tough Sunday as she tossed two no-hitters and led the Aggies to a 6-0 finish at the Aggie Invitational.

The Aggies, now 12-0 in fall play, beat Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas at Arlington by 4-0 scores behind Andaya's pitching in the tourney held at the Southwood Valley Athletic Complex.

"Shawn's throwing real well," A&M Coach Bob Brock said. "She's getting a lot stronger, and I think by the next two weeks she's going to conquer that extra three feet." The pitching mound was moved back to 43 feet from home plate this year.

Andaya helped her cause offensively when she drove home catcher Carrie Heightly with a single in A&M's three-run seventh.

A&M's final game of the round-robin tourney was a classic matchup: both A&M and UTA were undefeated going into the contest.

The game was scoreless until the third inning when A&M left fielder Zina Ochoa singled home first baseman Kelly Biggs. Biggs was on second after she and third baseman Renee Blaha were walked.

Ochoa, who also singled in the Aggies' seventh, said she preferred the 40-foot mound distance.

"I like quick pitching," Ochoa said. "But I've learned to wait a little more, although I'm real anxious. I'm just now getting used to the adjustment."

In an earlier game Sunday, A&M beat Ranger Junior College 7-0 behind sophomore pitcher Julie Carpenter. On Saturday A&M piled up the following victories: a 1-0 win over Sam Houston State University; a 5-2 victory over Louisiana Tech; and a 3-0 win over Baylor.

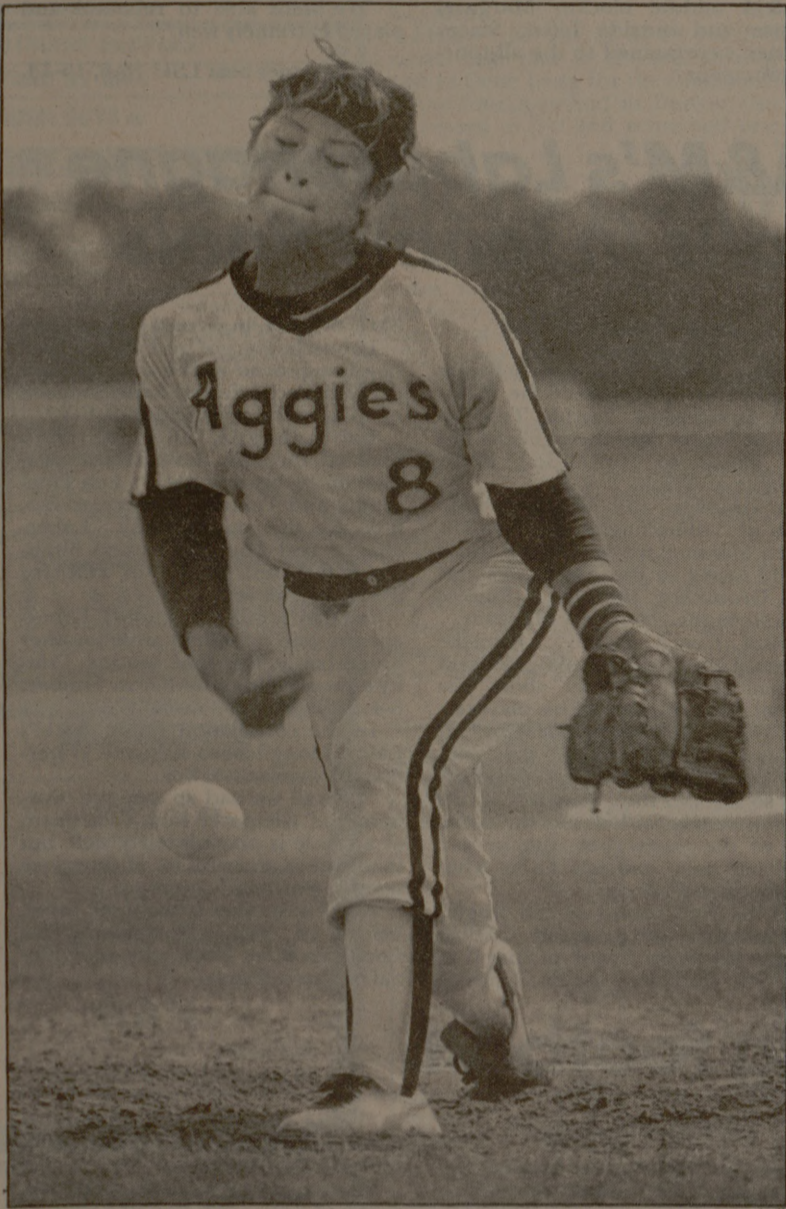


Photo by John Makely
Texas A&M pitcher Shawn Andaya threw two no-hitters Sunday as she led A&M to the championship at the Aggie Invitational.

Miscues merely slow A&M's win over Tech

By Homer Jacobs
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Texas Tech players probably should have gone into the crowd of 62,876 at Kyle Field Saturday, grabbed some 12th Man towels and waved them in surrender.

Texas A&M routed the Red Raiders 45-8, and it could have been worse.

If it weren't for the yellow penalty flags that plagued the Aggies, the score could have neighbored in the 52-0 zone.

For most of the game, the A&M defense just toyed with the hapless and hopeless Red Raiders.

"We looked like our old defense again," linebacker Johnny Holland said. "I think we'll stop the run no matter who we play."

What's probably causing ulcers in opposing Southwest Conference coaches' stomachs is the fact that the A&M offense isn't quite the offense that steamrolled in 1986.

And yet, the Aggies scored 45 points, and moved the ball up and down the field almost at will.

What's probably even more frightening to analyze if you don't bear the Maroon and White, is that quarterback Kevin Murray has yet to turn in one of his stellar performances that Aggie fans remember so well.

Murray completed 17 of 30 passes for 225 yards, including two touchdowns. A tipped pass resulted in Murray's seventh interception of the year, though.

But probably the brightest spot of the offense came with the return of



Photo by Greg Bailey
A&M fullback Roger Vick works to get past Texas Tech's Boyd Cowan during the Aggies' 45-8 victory Saturday. Vick rushed for 104 yards and scored three TDs.

Analysis

Roger Vick, A&M's high-stepping fullback.

After sitting out last week's game with a dislocated pinkie, Vick reappeared sporting a shaved head and chalked up 104 yards rushing with three touchdowns.

"I was just glad to come in and help the team out," Vick said.

Vick's help was felt immediately, as he scored the first two touchdowns for A&M on 11- and 25-yard runs in the first quarter.

The Aggies promptly held Tech to a four-down drive, and it was tailback Keith Woodside's turn to dazzle and dazzle.

Woodside took a swing pass from Murray and dodged and dipped his

way through the Red Raider secondary for a 66-yard touchdown run.

"I was one-on-one with their linebacker, and I like that," Woodside said. "When he blitzed, it left me wide open, and I just caught the ball and took off."

After Scott Slater kicked a 22-yard field goal halfway through the second quarter, the Aggies took a 24-0 lead at halftime.

Tech had been limited to just 69 total yards by the Aggie defense in the first half, and the onslaught was not over.

In the second half, A&M moved to a 45-0 lead, and talk of a shutout was growing.

But with backup players in for the

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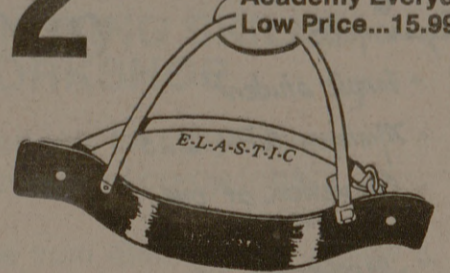
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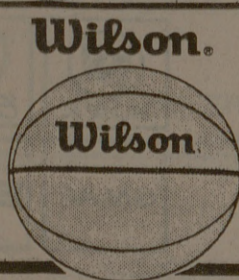
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