

Sports

Baylor downs A&M to end regular season

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The Baylor Bears ended a rather forgettable regular season for the Texas A&M basketball team by clipping the Aggies 51-48 Saturday in the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco.

A&M now has the unenviable task of taking on top-seeded Southwest Conference champion Texas Christian University in the first round of the SWC Post-Season Classic in Dallas Friday at 2 p.m. in Reunion Arena.

The loss gives the Aggies a 14-13 overall record and a 6-10 SWC slate to close out the regular season. Baylor clinched second place in the conference with a record of 16-11 and 10-6 in the SWC and will face Southern Methodist University in the first round of the tournament.

The Aggies shot 39.5 percent for the game, compared to Baylor's 41.3 percent. Guard Todd Holloway led A&M in scoring with 13 and guard Darryl McDonald chipped in 10.

"Our guys battled hard," A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "It was



another heartbreaker. We missed a couple of shots that really hurt us."

The Aggies, who led for most of the game, had more than enough chances to win it in the end. But a sudden case of cold shooting overcame A&M, and it went 7:14 without a basket. With 40 seconds left in the game and Baylor up by two, 50-48, A&M had four chances to get an easy shot under the basket — and missed every single one.

Lady Aggies finish year with 69-63 loss to Bears

The Texas A&M women's basketball team's hopes for a spot in the Southwest Conference Post-Season Classic were shot down by the Baylor Bears, who edged the Lady Aggies 69-63 Saturday at the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco.

A&M finished the season tied for sixth place with Baylor with a 5-11 SWC record and a 9-16 record overall. The Bears will advance to the tournament because of a better record against a higher-ranked team, Arkansas. Baylor swept the Razorbacks while the Lady Aggies lost twice.

Forward Nette Garrett paced A&M with 17 points, while forward Evelyn Sanders had 16 and guard

Paula Crutcher, playing in her final game, added 11.

"We just did not play well," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said. "It was a bad night to have a bad game. If we had played well tonight, we would have won by 15 points."

The game was close every step of the way, until Baylor's Bonnie Henson caught on fire and hit a three-point shot and two 15-foot shots in a row, giving the Bears a 67-57 lead.

"That's a team that averages 35 percent from the field," Hickey said of Baylor. "All of a sudden, they're hot from 20 feet. You've got to give them a lot of credit."

Maggie Davis led Baylor with a game-high 25 points.

Livingstone powers Ags over Broncs

By Homer Jacobs
Sports Editor

The three-game series between Texas A&M and Pan American this weekend at Olsen Field was not a bowl of cherries for the Aggies.

It was more like a trough of watermelons.

At least that's how A&M third baseman Scott Livingstone perceived the series the Aggies swept, 7-4, 5-3 and 3-1.

Livingstone said he was seeing the Pan American pitches extremely well.

"It (the baseball) looks like a watermelon coming in," Livingstone said.

The third baseman saw the ball well enough to finish the series with two home runs, including a three-run shot over the right-field wall in the bottom of the ninth inning in game two, which boosted the Aggies to victory after being down 3-2 with one out.

Livingstone said the watermelon he had for his mid-day snack was a chest-high changeup that Coach Mark Johnson had told him to stay away from.

"When it comes chest-high, those things look really good," Livingstone said.

Livingstone went 3-for-3 and had a solo homer in the first game of the series — a game dictated by strong winds, and consequently, numerous errors. Both A&M and Pan American committed three errors apiece.

The final game of the series was the opposite of the opener in two ways as it was relatively error-free (A&M had one E), and Livingstone failed to get a hit, something he had done the past twelve games.

Livingstone on the year has pounded out six home runs, six doubles and has 20 RBI.

"Scott has had a lot of key hits in his career, and I'm sure he'll have more," Johnson said.

Johnson said the A&M pitching staff really came through in the series that gave A&M a 13-1-1 record and its 23rd straight victory at Olsen Field.

Gary Geiger grabbed his third

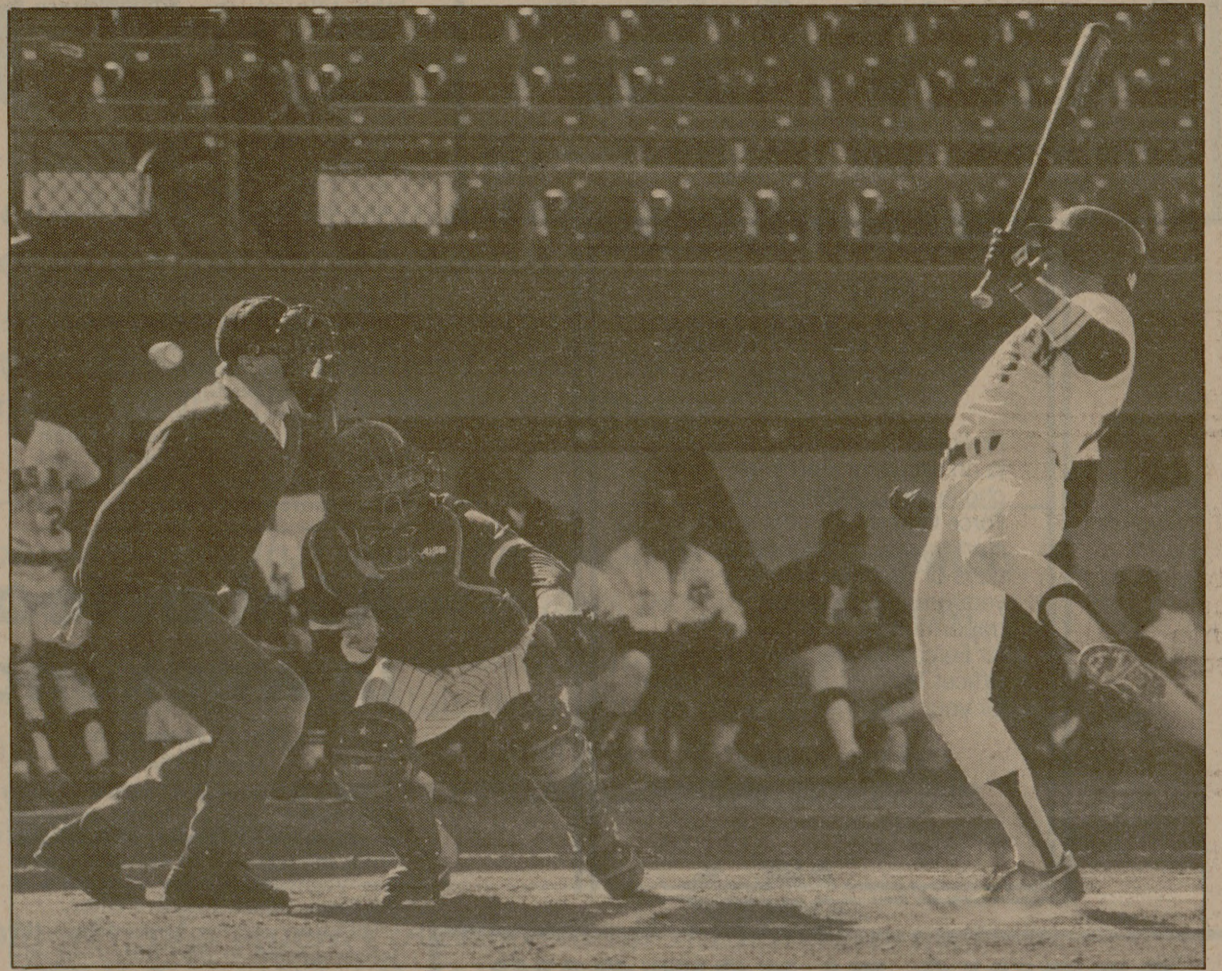


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Texas A&M third baseman Scott Livingstone is hit by a pitch against Pan American University

Saturday. It was the second time Livingstone was hit in the double-header at Olsen Field.

win against no losses in the opener of the series, while Pat Wernig won his second game of the year, coming in to replace starter Sean Snedeker in the seventh inning of the second game Saturday.

And Tim Herrmann, who has been hampered by a tender arm, won his first outing of the 1987 season as he gave up five hits and two walks in six innings of play.

"We're glad to get Herrmann

back out," Johnson said. "His arm feels good now."

Once again, the Aggies faced pressure situations in the series and responded well as A&M was behind in each of the three games.

Johnson attributes his team's ability to come back from deficits to team chemistry and competitiveness.

"The close ballgames have a tendency to build your team,"

Johnson said. "I think we've got a group of good competitors. They don't want to lose."

The Aggies begin a busy schedule of baseball this week with a double-header today against Louisiana Tech.

"They're one of the teams in the South that people are talking about," Johnson said. "I expect them to be an outstanding ball club."

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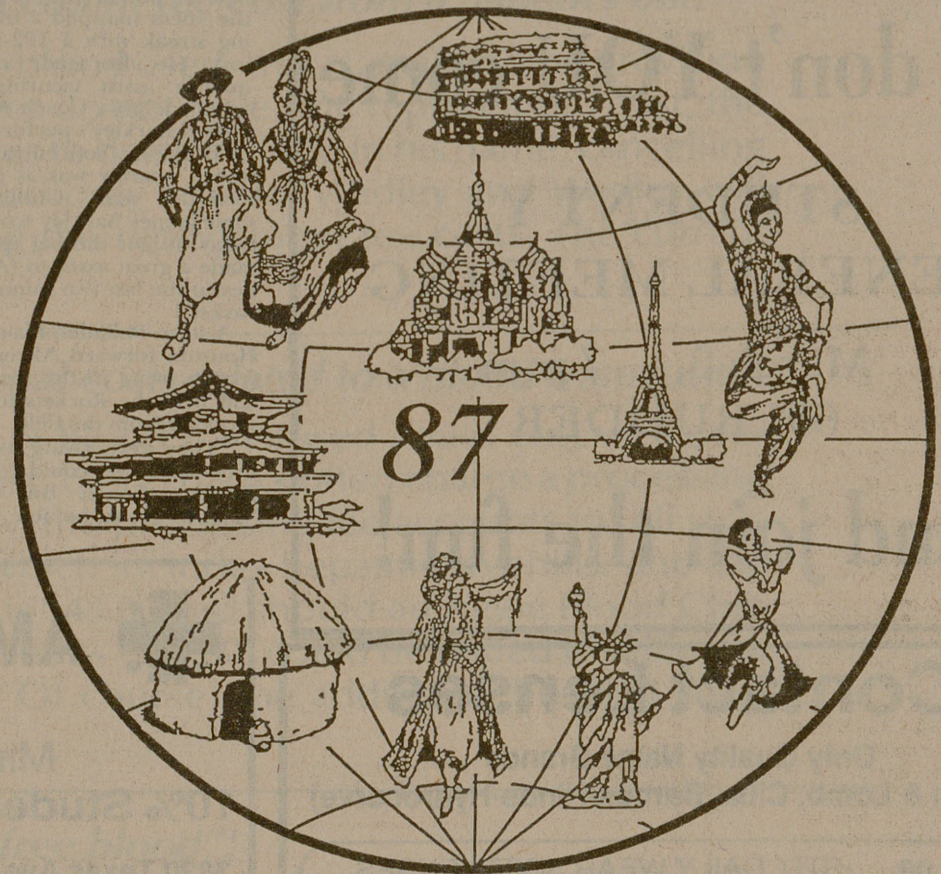
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