Sports

A&M takes two from Hardin Simmons

Livingstone, Byington slam 3 home runs

By Homer Jacobs

Sports Editor
Talk about a 1-2 punch.
Texas A&M's Scott Livingstone
ad John Byington have combined
or 14 of the Aggies' 16 home runs

And Tuesday at Olsen Field, the we continued to pound opposing pitchers; Livingstone and Byington ad nine hits and three home runs between them in A&M's doubleader sweep of Hardin Simmons.

The Aggies won the first game 9-8 d took the second 12-1 to improve eir overall record to 16-2-1.

Game one featured Livingstone, no bats third in the A&M order,

lasting a two-run home run in the ottom of the first inning to give the ggies an early 2-0 lead. That was llowed by a Byington solo homer, s sixth of the year.
"I got a lot of sinkers off the end

the bat," Byington said. "Luck was st going my way today.

Everything seemed to be going e Aggies' way in the first game as itcher Scott Centala was on the and with a comfortable 9-3 A&M ad going into the top of the sev-

But A&M Coach Mark Johnson ecided to bring in David Jones to nish the game. Jones had obvious problems as he

we up five runs, including a two-

With the Aggies leading 9-8 and wo outs, Johnson pulled Jones and rought in Kerry Freudenberg to

And Freudenberg responded, two homers. riking out the Cowboys' Lynn Van-"We have

Centala picked up the win to go 3-on the year, and Freudenberg got first save of the season. "We got the pitchers we wanted to in," Johnson said.

The second game of the af-rnoon double-header was the op-osite of the first contest, except for

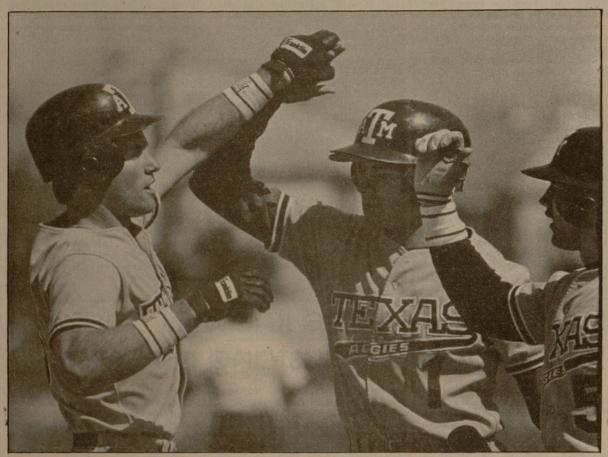


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Texas A&M's Scott Livingstone (right) is congratulated by Ever Magallanes (center) and John Byington after hitting his eighth home run of the year. Byington homered right after Livingstone.

the play of Byington, who got things started in the bottom of the first with two-run scoreboard-basher over the left-center field wall.

Byington was rather modest about his 6-for-8 day at the plate and the

"We haven't seen any pitching et," Byington said. " I'm just glad I'm contributing."

The Aggies held a slim 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the eighth inning until Hardin Simmons em-barked on its version of musical

The Aggies scored nine runs as

pitchers in one inning.

A&M had the bases loaded for much of the inning, and with an 8-1 lead, shortstop Ever Magallanes sealed the game with a double that drove in first baseman Todd Schmidt, right fielder Andy Duke and center fielder Chuck Knoblauch, all of whom reached base on

The second game also featured a very young lineup to give Johnson a at several new players. Four freshmen and two sophomores at 1 p.m.

the Cowboys went through three started the game and produced for Johnson as well

Besides Byington with the bat, Knoblauch contributed seven putouts in center field, many of which were on the run.

The Aggies finished the two-game series with 19 hits and no errors; Hardin Simmons had 15 hits and three errors.

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