

# Sports

## 5th-ranked Ags use new lineup to sweep Southwest Texas St.

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The Texas A&M baseball team swept the Southwest Texas State Bobcats 6-4 and 11-6 in a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon at Olsen Field.

A switched lineup was a key to the 5th-ranked A&M's offensive punch. Chuck Knoblauch, who usually bats the leadoff position, was moved to the fifth position. Knoblauch scored four runs in the two games.

Centerfielder Kirk Thompson, who transferred from junior-college national champion San Jacinto College, was moved from the eighth position to the leadoff spot.

Thompson responded by going 5-for-8 with two runs scored, two stolen bases, one RBI and one walk. "I saw the ball good today," Thompson said. "In the leadoff spot, I can help the team out more by getting on base with all those home run hitters behind me."

"It's easy on me because I know if I don't hit, there are guys behind me who can."

Team captain Scott Livingstone said, "He did a great job getting on base. That's what I like guys in front of me to do. He's got good speed and is going to make a lot of things happen."

Although A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson's experiment worked well, he said it's not necessarily permanent.

Both (Knoblauch and Thompson) are outstanding leadoff hitters," Johnson said. "As long as the leadoff batter gets on base, it works out fine. Of course, Kirk got on base a lot today. He did a good job."

A four-run fourth inning propelled A&M to a victory in the first game. Thompson led off the inning by doubling down the third base line. Terry Taylor followed with a double over the centerfielder's head scoring Thompson. Knoblauch drove Taylor home with a two-out single. Left fielder Tim McWilliam capped the binge with a two-run

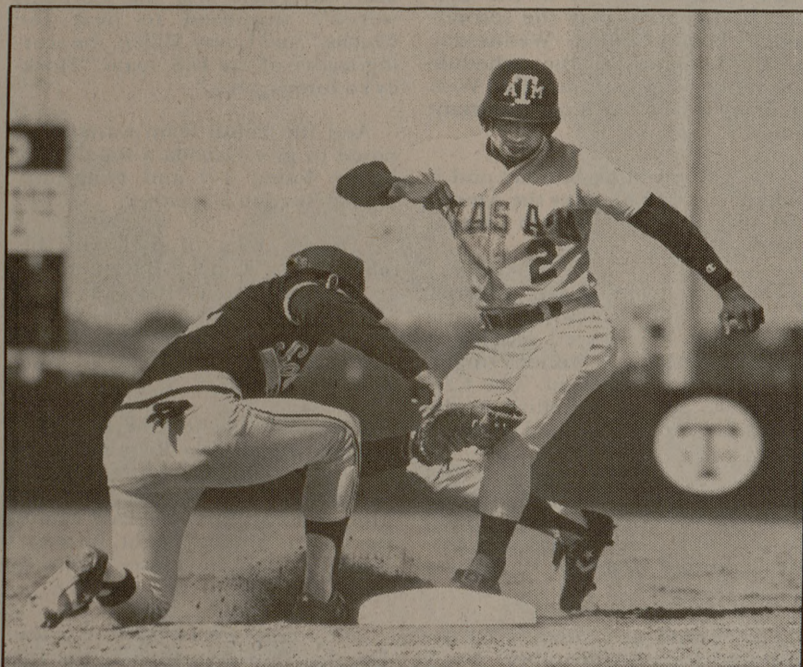


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

Texas A&M's Kirk Thompson sneaks back to first in time to avoid Southwest Texas State's pick-off attempt during a game Tuesday.

home run to the power alley in right-centerfield.

Junior transfer Jeff Jones picked up his first win in an Aggie uniform. Jones pitched 5 1/2 innings of the seven inning game, giving up seven hits and three earned runs. Jones struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

Johnson said that although Jones didn't pitch as well as he did in relief in the season's opener, he was still pleased with his performance.

"I thought he did well," Johnson said. "He turned the ball over and got more movement on his fastball."

Scott Centala struck out right-fielder Trey Mathews with runners

on first and second and two outs to squash a Bobcat threat in the sixth inning and earn his first save of the season.

In the second game, the Aggies scored three runs in three different innings.

With an 18 mph wind blowing out to centerfield, catcher Tom Carcione hit a second inning three-run homer deep over the left field wall and into the Penberthy Intramural Complex.

The steps the Aggies took to score in the fourth inning were much more complex.

Designated hitter John Byington led off the inning with a single

through the left side of the infield. SWTSU's Kenny Reese loaded the bases by walking Knoblauch and Carcione. Byington then scored on a wild pitch. Knoblauch later scored on a fielder's choice. With two outs, Deron Dacus reached base on an error by shortstop Don Neumann. Thompson followed with a line drive single into left, driving Carcione home.

In the fifth inning, Mike Easley hit a two-run double and scored when the shortstop's relay went into A&M's dugout.

In the sixth inning, Livingstone hit a double that hit the wall in right field, driving in Thompson. The RBI was the 171st of Livingstone's career — a new A&M record. Livingstone is also well within reach of several other school records.

"As far as career records, I think those will come as long as I don't think about it," Livingstone said.

Johnson praised Livingstone's defense at third base as one of the keys to the outcome of the series.

"I guarantee Southwest Texas walked out of here today saying the Aggies have got a great third baseman," Johnson said.

Keith Langston also picked up his first win as an Aggie. The junior transfer pitched six innings and allowed three earned runs. Langston struck out three and walked four.

"I hadn't thrown in a while so my arm was strong," Langston said. "At the start, I was throwing all over the place. I threw well after the first-game flurries. For the first outing, I felt lucky with the breaks we got early."

SWTSU scored its final three runs in the eighth and ninth innings — after the game was out of reach.

The wins raised A&M's record to 5-0. SWTSU fell to 5-4.

A&M will face seventh-ranked University of New Orleans this weekend at Olsen Field. New Orleans features several All-Americans and are 2-0 this year. Friday's game will be at 3 p.m. and will be 25-Cent Hot Dog Day. Saturday's twinbill begins at 1 p.m.

## Lady Razorbacks outlast Lady Ags

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Texas A&M women's basketball team fell apart in the second half to fall 79-69 to Arkansas Tuesday night.

The Lady Razorbacks raised their record to 10-12 on the year and 6-6 in Southwest Conference. The Lady Aggies fell to 11-10 and 5-6.

The game was tied at 32 at halftime, and A&M was able to take a quick lead early in the half. However, Arkansas took the lead for good with 18:37 remaining.

The Lady Razorbacks reeled off six points on a single possession at the 12:33 mark to take control. Shelly Wallace made a layup and was fouled on the play.

Arkansas rebounded the missed free throw, and Lisa Martin put it in from five feet out and was fouled. Wallace scored again off Martin's miss from the line, stretching the lead to 52-45.

The loss spoiled excellent performances by A&M's Donna Roper and Lisa Jordan. Roper led all scorers with 33 points, which tied the third-best scoring performance in Lady Aggie history. Jordan got 20 rebounds, tying the second-best Lady Aggie effort, and added 13 points.

A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said, "I'm very proud of the way Donna Roper and Lisa Jordan played tonight. We've got to forget this one and get ready for Rice Saturday."

## Ag men's hoopsters face Hogs tonight

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will be in Fayetteville, Ark. tonight to play the Arkansas Razorbacks at 7 p.m. in Barnhill Arena.

The Aggies have lost five of their last six games. Their record stands at 13-11, 5-5 in the Southwest Conference, sixth in the conference. Arkansas is 17-5 and are tied for first with Southern Methodist in the SWC with an 8-3 mark.

A&M upset the Razorbacks earlier in the season at G. Rollie White Coliseum 74-67. The Aggies were led by Doug Dennis' 22 points and Donald Thompson's 17 points and 10 rebounds. Arkansas forward Mario Credit scored his career high of 27 points in the game. Andrew Lang, 6-foot-11, 250 pounds, got

into early foul trouble and was not a factor in the game.

Senior point guard Darryl McDonald leads the team in scoring with a 16.8 average. McDonald also leads the team in assists with 6.2 per game and steals with 3.2 per game.

Junior forward Donald Thompson is leading the team with 7.9 rebounds per game and is second on the team with a 14.3 scoring average.

Sophomore redshirt James McGhee will be starting his second consecutive game at guard. McGhee scored 10 points in his first start of the season against Baylor on Sunday. McGhee hit a jumper at the end of regulation in that game to tie the score and send it into overtime. A&M eventually lost 74-73 in the second overtime period.

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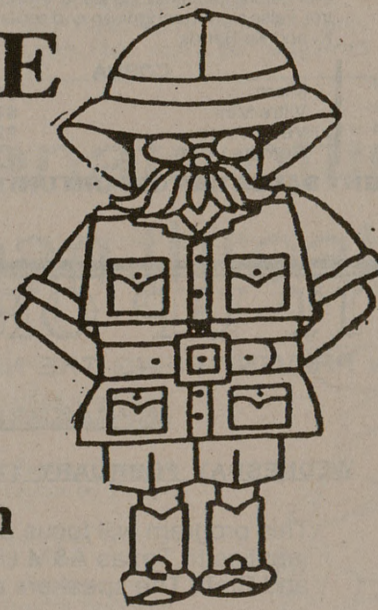
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