

Sports

A&M sweeps 7th-ranked Hogs Ags face nation's top-ranked Cowboys tonight

From Staff and Wire Reports
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Texas A&M, ranked sixth nationally, swept No. 7 Arkansas 6-1 and 8-6 Saturday in a Southwest Conference baseball doubleheader.

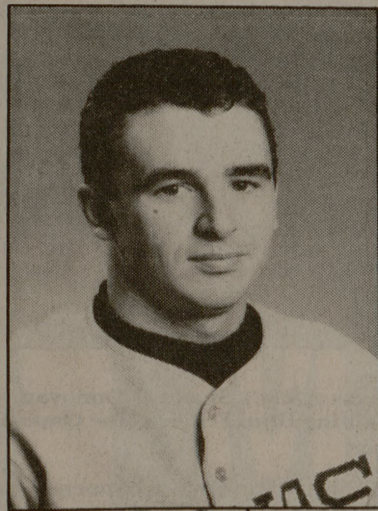
The Aggies are 28-6 for the year and 2-1 in league play. Arkansas dropped to 21-8 and 1-2.

A&M now faces perhaps its toughest test of the year — a 7 p.m. date tonight at Olsen Field against No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State. The Cowboys are the team that knocked the Aggies out of the NCAA playoffs last year.

Tonight's game will be nationally televised by ESPN. The sweep of the Hogs eased the pain of a 5-0 shutout loss to Arkansas in the first game of the series Friday.

In the first game, Aggie Kirk Thompson scored on a Scott Livingstone sacrifice fly and Chuck Knoblauch singled and scored on a John Byington double to get a 2-0 advantage for A&M.

Arkansas scored one in the



Tom Carcione

fourth when Greg D'Alexander reached on an error and scored on a Troy Eklund double to center.

The Aggies didn't score again until the seventh and final inning, when A&M erupted for four runs

with the help of a two-RBI single by Knoblauch and an RBI infield single by Tom Carcione.

A&M starter Sean Snedeker, now 4-0, earned the victory as he worked five and a third, allowing four hits and striking out seven.

Razorback starter Dennis Fletcher, who was relieved in the fifth, dropped to 5-1 with the loss.

In the nightcap, Arkansas took the early lead with a two-run homer in the first by Eklund.

A&M tied it in the fourth on a two-RBI double by Carcione that scored Knoblauch and Terry Taylor.

Arkansas countered with two more runs in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run homer by Kendall Trainor.

Eklund's second homer of the day came in the sixth, a solo shot that put Arkansas on top, 5-2. Both teams traded runs in the eighth, as A&M's Taylor scored on a Carcione sacrifice fly to center.

Arkansas scored on a Greg D'Alexander solo homer to left.

In the ninth, A&M exploded with five consecutive runs. A Mike Easley homer off reliever Mark Swope started the inning and the rally.

Deron Dacus doubled, Kirk Thompson and Knoblauch each singled and all three scored on a Taylor double to the left field wall.

Livingstone, who had a 21-game hitting streak stopped in the first game, scored Taylor on a sacrifice fly to center.

Arkansas managed a pair of base runners in the bottom of the ninth but could not score.

A&M's third reliever on the day, Jeff Jones, earned the victory and is now 5-0 while Scott Centala picked up his fifth save of the year.

Arkansas' John Cebuhar worked seven innings and struck out 10 but saw his lead vanish. Mike Oquist suffered the loss to drop to 1-2.

Lady netters lose, win one this weekend

By Curtis L. Culberson
Assistant Sports Editor

It was a weekend of ups and downs for the Texas A&M women's tennis team, which suffered its first 9-0 defeat of the season Friday. But as A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke said, it was just another part of a roller coaster season.

The Lady Aggies bounced back Sunday from a sweep by ninth-ranked Georgia to defeat Wisconsin 5-4 at the Omar Tennis Center.

The Lady Aggies' weekend split moves their season record to 14-5 while their league record stays at 3-1.

A&M could take only two sets from the Bulldogs in the singles matches but played Georgia close in doubles.

A&M's Lisa Keller injured her shin in singles play and was replaced by Traci Nix who joined Gave Lynn Gensler in the No. 1 doubles seed. The makeshift team played the nation's 30th-ranked doubles team of Stacey Schefflin and Lisa Apanay close but lost 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Cindy Crawford and Susan Williams also played tough for the Lady Ags in doubles play but lost to Elizabeth Alexander and Jill Waldman 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.

A&M's No. 2 double's team of Cindy Churchwell and Derryn Haygarth lost to Jane Cohodes and Lianna Bebeau 7-5, 6-3.

"We didn't come out on fire — we were a little flat," Kleinecke said.

The Lady Aggies bounced back Sunday against the Wisconsin Badgers on the strength of a Gensler victory in the No. 1 seed.

The Lady Aggies were down 3-2 in singles with Gensler still battling on the court against Wendy Gilles. Gensler won a close victory over Gilles 3-6, 6-4, 7-6. Gensler has won three out of her last four matches.

Churchwell and Nix also gained victories in the singles while Keller, Crawford and Williams were defeated.

With the singles tied at 3-3, A&M had the momentum in doubles play and won two of three matches, allowing it to squeak by the Badgers.

Texas athletes dominate triathlon

By Doug Walker
Reporter

Texans can add triathletes to their boasts of the state's tradition for exceptional athletes. Texans were top finishers of the more than 800 competitors who participated in the Texas Triathlon Seven on Saturday morning in College Station.

Triathletes from around the state and country participated in the annual event, one of the biggest of its kind in the nation.

Competitors began by swimming one kilometer at Wofford Cain Pool, followed by a 10-kilometer run across the Texas A&M campus and a

30-kilometer bicycle race along FM 2818.

In the individual overall competition, David Palmer of Dallas won the men's title with a time of one hour, 34 minutes and 58 seconds. He was followed by Will Visser of Fort Worth, the defending champion, who posted a time of 1:35:09. Detlef Schwarz finished third in 1:35:41.

Colleen Burke of Houston took the individual women's title in 1:46:49. Patricia Cason of Dallas placed second with a 1:46:59 timing and Joan Fowler was third in 1:47:28.

Age group winners included Todd Ayars of Garland in the 14-19

division, who won in a time of 1:44:37. Amy Berry won the girls' 14-19 division in 2:02:33. In the 20-24 age group, Chriss Toriggino of Austin was first in 1:40:04 while Beth Baker of Austin won the women's title in a time of 1:58:46.

The 25-29 title went to Joe Howard of Dallas who finished in 1:39:44 and Gay Goodwin of Austin won the women's title in 2:03:39. Ray Ashworth of Nashville took the 30-34 men's division with Sherry Dempsey of Galveston winning the women's title.

The 35-39 age group featured Bill Choate of Austin winning for the

men and Patti Cooper of Houston taking first for the women. Gary Covington of Midland won the men's 40-44 title and Trudy Garrett of Houston won the women's division. Richard Hyre of Fort Worth won the Masters (40 and above) for the men while Jo May was first in the women's Masters competition.

The 45-49 division had Jim Stubbs of Missouri City winning the men's title and Diana Koerting of Amarillo won the women's division. William Smith of San Antonio won the men's 50-54 title and Lynne Barnett, also of San Antonio, won the over 50 women's title.

The New England Conservatory Chorus goes Texan.

Since founding the New England Conservatory Chorus in 1949, Lorna Cooke deVaron has conducted some of the country's most gifted vocalists. During her career with the Chorus, she has toured America, the Soviet Union, Spain and Israel. Under her direction, the Chorus has performed annually and made 18 recordings with the world renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra.

1988 marks the retirement of Mrs. deVaron from the NEC. Her farewell tour to Texas will be remembered as the end of a musical era. The New England Conservatory Chorus will perform in Rudder Auditorium, Tuesday, March 29 at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$3.50 (\$2.50 for students) and may be purchased at the MSC Box Office. 845-1234.

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