

# Sports

## Ags fall short against No. 1 OSU

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The 3rd-ranked Texas A&M baseball team suffered a narrow 5-4 defeat in the 10th inning against No. 1 Oklahoma State Monday before a record crowd of 5,373 at Olsen Field and an ESPN national telecast.

The Cowboys improved to 22-1 while the Aggies' slate fell to 28-7.

The Cowboys were held to six hits, a season low.

"Our pitching staff was the bright spot in the game," A&M Coach Mark Johnson said. "We held a powerhouse offensive ball team to six hits."

Johnson said some of the Aggies' difficulties could be attributed to poorly-executed bunt plays.

"I was surprised that we didn't hit the ball a little better even though we hit it," he said.

OSU Coach Gary Ward expressed surprise at his team's low hitting tally.

"I thought the ball park would be a little smaller tonight, and I'm surprised we were held to six hits and five runs," Ward said.

"I felt I lost my ball team there for a while," he said. "The crowd was so enthusiastic it was like a football game."

The game opened with a chase between first and second base before OSU's Travis Law was caught by first baseman Mike Easley.

The next two OSU players singled

to centerfield before being picked off in a double play.

OSU answered with a double play of its own at the bottom of the first when A&M's Chuck Knoblauch and Scott Livingstone were picked off on second and first base.

A&M got on the scoreboard first with a third-inning home run by catcher Tom Carcione. Carcione homered again in the fifth and was 4-for-4 with three RBI.

"Carcione had a career night," Ward said. "That's what we get for letting Oklahoma boys come down here."

The Cowboys scored in the fourth inning off a Monty Fariss home run that also scored Robin Ventura.

The Aggies and Cowboys were tied at two runs each from the fifth to the ninth innings.

The Cowboys hoped to close things out in the ninth inning but came up empty-handed.

A&M's Kirk Thompson had a key catch in centerfield and Knoblauch caught a high ball to go to the bottom of the ninth.

A&M second baseman Terry Taylor had a rough night, striking out four times before being thrown out of the game for making a mark in the batter's box with his bat.

OSU broke the tie with a three-run homer by Law.

Law's homer was his first of the season.

Controversy also reigned in the tenth.

Cowboy pitcher Bryan Gore bunted to first base and was tagged by Easley. Gore slapped Easley after the tag and the OSU bench emptied.

The Aggies stayed in the dugout and no action was taken by the umpires.

The bottom of the 10th inning saw a number of pitching changes by the Cowboys, who tried to play right handers off left handers.

For A&M, Thompson walked in the 10th and Knoblauch singled to left field.

Thompson scored off a Livingstone single to second base.

John Byington popped out and Andy Duke, batting in place of Taylor, struck out. The Aggies last run was batted in by Carcione.

"We played a good ball game, and we stayed in there the whole time," Carcione said. "We just weren't able to pull it off."

Easley popped one to right field to end the Aggies hopes of defeating the No. 1 team.

OSU had six pitching changes with Gore, 2-0, given the win. He gave up five hits and three runs, all earned. He walked five and had four strikeouts.

The losing pitcher for A&M was Nick Felix, 5-2.

The Aggies hit Olsen Field tonight at 7 against North Texas State.

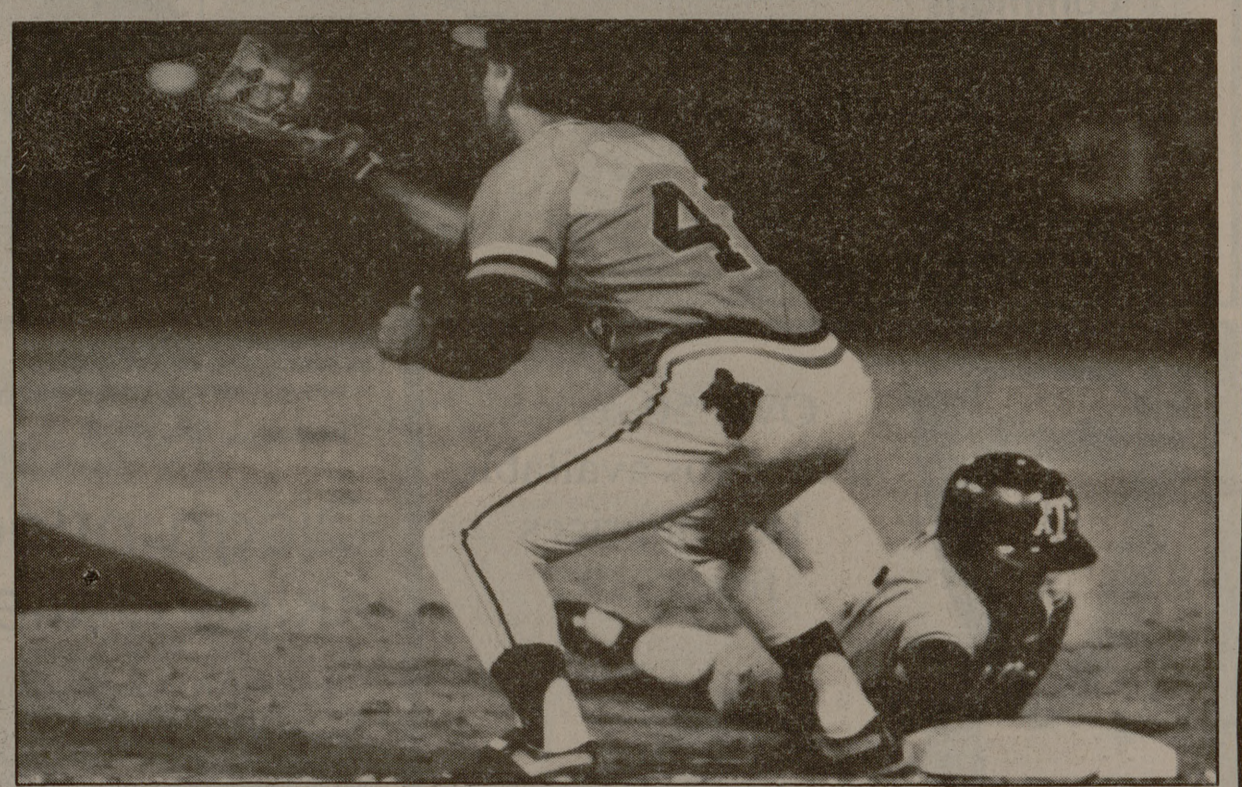


Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

A Texas A&M player slides safely back at first while OSU first baseman Manny Cervantes catches the pick-off attempt. An Olsen Field record crowd of 5,373 saw the Cowboys defeat the Aggies 5-4 in 10 innings.

## '96 Games bid options down to 2

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee will choose Atlanta or Minneapolis-St. Paul as America's potential bid city for the 1996 Summer Olympics, the USOC announced Monday.

The USOC said representatives for the two areas will make presentations during the committee's annual House of Delegates meeting April 29 in Washington, D.C.

Following the presentations, the USOC executive board will decide whether to submit one of the cities as

the U.S. bidder for the 1996 Games. The board could decide not to back either city, but that is considered unlikely.

Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul were chosen over San Francisco and Nashville, Tenn., as the final two U.S. candidates, the USOC said.

"We were fortunate to have four outstanding cities interested in becoming our candidate to host the 1996 Olympic Games," said Jimmy Carnes, co-chairman of the USOC's site selection committee.

"We are grateful to all four of them for the time, energy and enthusiasm that they demonstrated on behalf of amateur sports and the Olympic movement. However, our committee felt that the Atlanta and Minneapolis-St. Paul bid proposals were clearly superior...."

More than a dozen cities had expressed interest in becoming the U.S. bidder during a 1985 seminar in Colorado Springs. The list was eventually narrowed to Atlanta, Minneapolis-St. Paul, San Francisco and Nashville.

## Cotton Bowl seeks corporate sponsor

DALLAS (AP) — A sports consulting firm has been retained to secure a corporate sponsor for the Cotton Bowl Classic, officials said Monday.

Sports Marketing & Television International, based in Greenwich, Conn., will represent the Cotton Bowl in acquiring a name-in-title sponsor and assist in the coordination of television activities with CBS.

"We are pleased to be associated with SMTI," said Jim Williams, Jr., president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association. "We are in a new era, and securing a title sponsor is a

top priority for our Association."

SMTI performs marketing and television consulting services for the College Football Association, the Breeders' Cup Championship, Sports Illustrated, the Seagram Beverage Company and maintains marketing associations with Mobil Corporation, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. and Merrill Lynch, among others.

"We are pleased and honored to have been selected for this prestigious assignment, and believe that the Cotton Bowl Classic will present an attractive and meaningful mar-

keting opportunity for its sponsor," SMTI chairman Michael Trager said.

Reacting to the announcement, Neal Pilon, president of CBS Sports said, "We have treasured our 31-year history with the Cotton Bowl and look forward to working with the Cotton Bowl Committee and SMTI in finding a corporate sponsor for the coming years."

The 53rd Cotton Bowl Classic, matching the Southwest Conference football champion against another team, will be played January 2, 1989.

# 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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