## **Sports**

# Aggies sweep Baylor, grab share of 1st place

By Hal L. Hammons

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WACO — The Texas A&M
baseball team completed a sweep
of Baylor Saturday with 3-1 and
3-0 wins, moving into a tie for the
lead of the Southwest Confer-

The wins moved A&M to 36-8 on the season and 8-1 in SWC play. The Bears are now 17-22 and 9-7

A&M and Texas are alone at the top of the standings; all other conference schools have SWC records below .500.

Texas lost the first game of a Saturday doubleheader to Rice 6-4 for its first conference defeat of the season.

Strong A&M pitching was the

key to the Aggies' success.

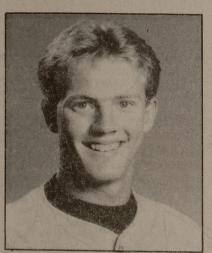
Sean Snedeker threw a fourhitter in the opener and only allowed an infield single in the last five innings of the seven-inning

The Aggies broke the game open in the fifth inning. With the score tied at one, Tom Carcione led off with a double.

Mike Easley followed and reached on an error and stole second base when no Bear infielders covered the base.

Andy Duke followed with an infield single to load the bases, and Kirk Thompson's fielder's choice forced Carcione at the

But Chuck Knoblauch singled to bring Easley and Duke in. In the second game, Fred Riscen and Scott Centala combined for another four-hitter.



Sean Snedeker

Centala came in at the beginning of the sixth inning and sealed the win by striking out six of the last eight batters he faced, including the last four.

The Aggies had 11 hits in the game, but they only put them and four Baylor errors together for three runs — none earned.

Terry Taylor hit a deep drive over centerfielder Mike Robison's head with one out in the fifth. Robison reached the ball, but it fell out of his glove, allowing Taylor to go to third.

Scott Livingstone singled Taylor home for the game's first run and stole second. Tim McWilliam singled Livingstone home.

Two more errors led to an insurance run in the sixth. Knoblauch reached first on a fielder's

choice—the second out of the inning— and was picked off, but the first baseman made a poor throw to second, and Knoblauch was safe.

Taylor followed with an easy fly to left field that fell out of Trent Stroth's glove, allowing Knoblauch to score.

Friday the Aggies beat the Bears 10-4 behind seven-hit pitching from Randy Pryor and Nick Felix and a two-run homer

by John Byington.
Livingstone said, "The pitchers are doing their jobs. They're throwing strikeouts, doing what needs to be done. It's a big comfort when you lead 3-0 on 11 bits."

A&M Coach Mark Johnson also had words of praise for his pitching staff.

"I'm pleased with our performance. It's good to get complete games, even in seven-inning games.

"A big key is to have Nick Felix and Scott Centala in the bullpen, ready to come in."

Livingstone said the Rice win over Texas was nice, but the Aggies are capable of taking care of themselves.

"We're not looking for help from anyone," he said. "We're going to do it on our own."

The sweep made 15 straight victories for the Aggies over Baylor.

"I don't know how that works," Johnson said, "but I'm glad to get three more."

#### A&M men's tennis team falls to Arkansas to Arkansas

The 23rd-ranked Texas A&M en's tennis team was nailed 9-0 Friday by Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. In singles play, A&M's Dean this on lost to Mike Brown 6-4, 6-4; rkansas' Donnie Wood beat Steve

Kennedy 6-1, 6-2; and Augusto Solano of Arkansas defeated Shaun O'Donovan 6-1, 6-4.

In doubles play, the team of Sylano Simone and Solano defeated A&M's Kennedy and O'Donovan 7-

6, 6-4; Cha Hoon Im and Derrek Brooks defeated A&M's Wayne Green and Mike Chambers 6-3, 6-4; and Arkansas' J.P. Mieny and Wood beat Johnson and Craig Whitteker 7-5, 6-2.

### Lady netters bucked by Mustangs; A&M loses 9-0 in 2nd SWC defeat

By Curtis L. Culberson

Assistant Sports Editor
Eighth-ranked Southern Methodist handed the Texas A&M women's tennis team its second conference loss Saturday in a devastating 9-0 defeat at the Omar Smith Tennis Center

The Lady Aggies, ranked 25th, fall to 16-6 on the season and 5-2 in the Southwest Conference putting them behind SMU and Texas in the conference race.

Lisa Keller, who recently moved into the No. 1 seed, was a bright spot for A&M, taking the No. 9 player in the nation, Jennifer Santrock, to three sets before losing 6-4, 3-6, 3-6.

After losing the first two games in the second set, Keller fought hard to stop Santrock's comeback with agressive net play. But Santrock's consistent good play and some unforced errors did Keller in.

A&M's Gaye Lynn Gensler played a tough second set against Jean Marie Sterling in the No. 2 seed. Gensler dropped the first set 6-3, but took the second to a tie-breaker by winning several long volleys late in the set and coming to the net to hit smashes before losing the set 7-6.

No. 3 seed Cindy Churchwell was defeated 6-3, 6-2 by Claire Evert, the little sister of pro tennis player Chris Evert

In other singles action, Susan Williams fell to Debbie Ceccato in twin 6-2 sets and A&M's Traci Nix took the second set away from Tammy Christensen before losing 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 5 seed.

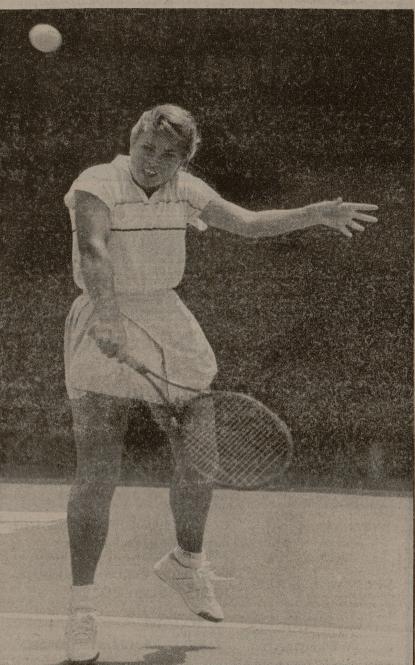
Derryn Haygarth took a 5-3 lead in the second set after losing the first 3-6, but SMU's Kim Galdo won four straight games to win 5-7.

SMU won the three-all games, A&M Coach Bobby Kleinicke said.

"We just go beat today," he said. "They're as good as the others in the top 10.

"I'm proud of the way we fought and we'll bounce back."

The Lady Aggies are in action today in San Antonio against Trinity and face Arkansas Friday at home at 1:30 p.m.



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Texas A&M's Lisa Keller returns a volley against SMU's Jennifer Santrock during Saturday's match at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.



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