

A&M sweeps UTA in doubleheader

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Shortstop Liz Mizera went 5-for-6 including a scoreboard-crashing home run to lead the Texas A&M softball team to a sweep against the University of Texas-Arlington in a doubleheader Tuesday at the Lady Aggie Softball Field.

After a scoreless six and a half innings in the first game, Mizera led off the bottom of the sixth with a ripper that sailed high over left field fence, ricocheting off the new scoreboard for the only score of the game.

Clutch pitching of Julie Carpenter help the Lady Aggies stymie a late comeback effort by the Lady Mavericks to gain a 4-1 victory to complete the sweep.

The Lady Aggies improve to 33-12 on the season and 11-3 at home, while the Lady Mavs drop to 30-22.

A&M hit well in both games including seven hits in the first game, but the Lady Aggies couldn't manage to bring runners home, leaving six runners on base. Mizera, who is hitting .321, went 3-for-3 — getting a single in the first inning and another one in the fourth.

Left fielder Zina Ochoa singled off of Lady Mav pitcher Debby Day in the fifth with one out. Right fielder Tory Parks followed with a single of her own after third baseman Rhonda Halbert struck out. The Lady Mavs had five hits with one error and, like the Lady Ags, just couldn't seem to put things together for scores.

UTA seemed ready to avenge the A&M victory in the first game, com-

ing out fired up and drawing first blood in the second game when Lady Mav catcher Delana Lightfoot hit a double off of Carpenter. An A&M error coupled with an intentional walk of UTA right fielder Alisha Miller, two sacrifices and a Laura Watton single, brought in Miller for UTA's only score of the day.

A&M got three runs in the third off a walk, Barbara Kajs' and Mizera's singles and a UTA error to slow down the Lady Mavs.

The Lady Ags had eight runs in the game but had the same problem of putting things together they had in the first.

A&M had five errors in the game and got sloppy in the last three innings to help fuel a Lady Mav comeback.

But Carpenter's pitching stopped the Lady Mavs, especially in the top of the sixth when she faced the bases loaded on at least three occasions and struck out batters twice.

"She really reached back and won the game for us," A&M Coach Bob Brock said. "She must have pitched her best pitch 10 times in a row in the sixth inning."

Carpenter got both wins and improves to 30-12 and Day drops to 26-17.

The Lady Aggies go on the road where they will face Sam Houston State in Huntsville today and Louisiana Tech Saturday.

"Both of teams are really tough and they have the home field advantage," Brock said. "We can't afford to make the mental mistakes we made today against them."



A&M's Stacey Crainer holds up at second during the Aggies' doubleheader sweep of UT-Arlington at the Lady Aggie softball field.

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Kenya tradition continues with Hussein win

BOSTON (AP) — Ibrahim Hussein, now in a class of great Kenyan distance runners, lifted his country's hope for its first Olympic gold medal in the marathon.

He did it with a classic finishing kick Monday, outdueling Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania in the 92nd Boston Marathon and winning by one second in the race's closest finish ever.

The triumph was not only a personal one, but one for the small African country, which in recent years has provided much financial help for its athletes, mainly for the track and field competitors.

"There has been a heavy investment in our runners, because we recognized we need to do it for our country," Robert Ouko, secretary of the Kenyan track and field federation, said after Hussein's dramatic victory.

"When they win, they win for our country. We have taken a lot of time to convince our investors in Kenya it is good for the country. We are proud of our nation."

Hussein's triumph, the first by an African in the Boston Marathon, vaulted him into the all-time elite of Kenyan distance runners, including Kip Keino, Henry Rono, Ben Jipcho, Mike Boit, Naftali Temu and Amos Biwott.

Kenyan won nine medals in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, including golds by Keino in the 1,500 meters, Biwott in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Temu in the 10,000 meters.

Now, they are confident of doing well again at Seoul.

Their hopes are based on last year's World Track and Field Championships at Rome and last month's World Cross-Country Championships at Auckland, New Zealand.

In the Cross-Country Championships, Kenyans swept the first four places.

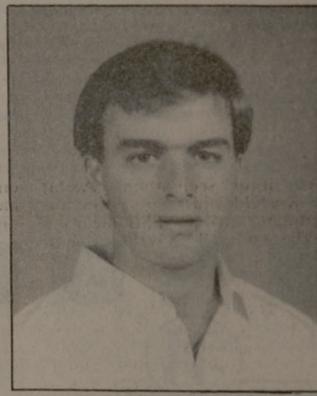
Mackenzie, Hickerson make all-conference golf squad

Texas A&M golfers Roy Mackenzie and Neil Hickerson were named to the 1988 All-Southwest Conference team by the conference coaches Tuesday.

Mackenzie led A&M with a 73.19 stroke average this season and finished seventh at the SWC tournament last weekend. Hickerson placed third in the tournament and had a 73.26 average this year.

A&M Coach Bob Ellis said, "Neil and Roy have been our team leaders on and off the course all season, and I'm pleased that the conference coaches recognized them. They both have played fairly consistently this year, and they've worked extremely hard."

Arkansas led the poll with three representatives. Texas and conference-champion Southern Methodist each had two team members on the team.



Roy Mackenzie



Neil Hickerson

Bruins can't reverse losing ways

From the Associated Press

The Boston Bruins can only hope that returning to the Montreal Forum Wednesday is not another replay of "The Haunting."

The Bruins, who haven't beaten the Montreal Canadiens in their past 18 Stanley Cup playoff series, were true to form Monday night, losing to Montreal 5-2 in the opener of their seven-game NHL quarter-final series. Not only did they lose, but a Quebec-wide power failure in the first period left the game to be played with emergency generators lighting the ice.

Boston Coach Terry O'Reilly attributed the problems in the Adams Division final to the way his team played, not gremlins.

"No ghosts," O'Reilly said. "I don't know if it was opening night jitters or what. We'll have to make

our own breaks. There aren't any excuses."

In the other game Wednesday night, the Washington Capitals will take a 1-0 lead into their game at the Capital Centre with the New Jersey Devils. The Capitals celebrated their first appearance in the Patrick Division finals with a 3-1 victory over Devils Monday night.

Meanwhile, the other Stanley Cup quarter-final series began Tuesday with Edmonton at Calgary and St. Louis at Detroit.

The Bruins will be facing a lot of history Thursday night.

Not only have they lost 18 straight series to Montreal dating back to 1943, but they are 2-21 against the Canadiens in their last 23 playoff games.

Moreover, they got just 22 shots at Montreal goaltender Brian Hayward.

But Montreal remains wary, particularly after barely edging Bruins in the regular season series 3 with one tie.

"They can't be too happy," Mike McPhee, whose short-handed goal with nine minutes gone in Monday night's game gave the Canadiens a 2-0 lead. "I think they'll play better, but if we play our game, we have to adjust to us."

The Devils, who advanced by beating the New York Islanders only their second playoff series in 14-year history in Kansas City, radio and New Jersey, had more offense than Boston. But Peter Borsari turned away 33 of 34 shots in the Devils away.

"We had guys right in his face," New Jersey's Ken Daneyko said. "But he stands his ground. We hit him in the pads."

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