

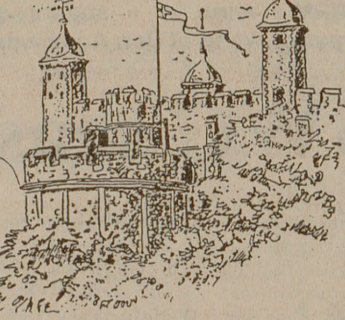
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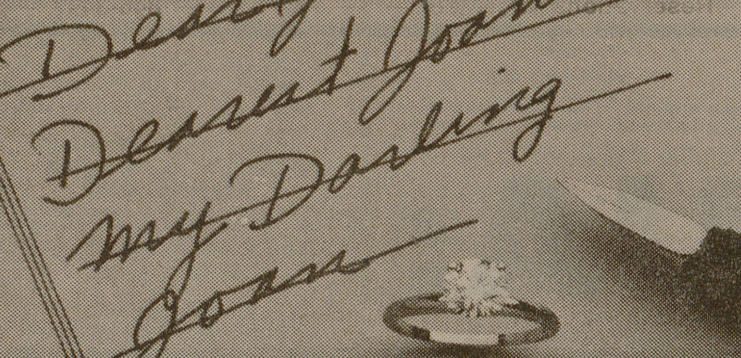
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A&M's Mike Easley eyes his 3-run homer in Friday's win. Photo by Jay Janner

Baseball

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his final homer of the series, a solo shot. The Aggies also got one on a single by Albright to score Chuck Knoblauch.

A&M took the lead in their half of the fifth. Witte and Thompson singled and scored on a double by Taylor. Taylor moved to third on the throw home and then scored on a squeeze bunt by Knoblauch. Albright scored Knoblauch on a sacrifice fly to put A&M up 11-8.

Pan Am pushed the Aggies in the sixth, scoring two runs on a homer by clean-up hitter Bob Shepherd to make it 11-10.

Anthony DeLaCruz came on in relief and eventually got the win.

However, ace reliever Scott Centala came in to save the game for the Aggies in the seventh and final inning. Centala didn't allow a baserunner in his first appearance.

Johnson was pleased with A&M's comeback win.

"It was a really good test because we got down 7-1 and fought back," he said. "The ballgame was kind of a pressure ballgame. When you get a win out of that it's always encouraging."

Aggie pitching, one of the pre-season question marks, was shaky. It seemed to come together in the final game when junior lefthander Pat Sweet pitched five solid innings.

Sweet held the Broncs to one run on four hits while striking out three batters and walking only two to get the win.

Junior righthander Brent Gilbert came in for the last two innings of the weather-shortened game and gave up only one hit while striking out two.

Pan American opened the first inning with a run to put Sweet behind in his first appearance for A&M.

The Aggies made the most of their seven hits in the game. They took advantage of six walks by Pan Am's Wrennie Wickliffe in the first two innings to take an 8-1 lead after the second inning.

Wickliffe walked the first three A&M batters in the second. Duke then hit a double to score Byngham and Easley. Witte drew a base on balls to load the bases again, and John Wood knocked a double to left center field to score Allen and Duke.

Thompson walked to load the bases before Taylor struck out. Knoblauch then hit a single to right field to score Witte and Wood. Pan Am brought in freshman Joe Gilmore to relieve Wickliffe.

Gilmore was wild on his first pitch, which scored Thompson before settling down. Byngham hit a sacrifice fly to score Knoblauch before Allen struck out to end the eight-run inning.

Allen, a freshman designated hitter, also had a great outing, with two doubles and a single. He also walked twice and scored two runs.

Bell, Ag sprinters highlight indoor meet

By Tom Kehoe
SPORTS WRITER

The Texas A&M men's and women's Track and Field teams traveled north to compete in the Oklahoma City Indoor Classic Friday and Saturday.

Leading the Aggies was Alissa Bell who set a new school indoor record in the long jump and qualified for the NCAA championships with a leap of 22 feet and one quarter inch.

Bell broke the old record of 19 feet five and a half inches held by teammate Yolanda Taylor. Taylor was second in Saturday's long jump with a new personal best of 20' 1".

Also highlighting the meet for A&M was the debut of Jamaican Olympians Richard Buckner and Howard Davis.

Buckner won the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.33 seconds. Davis, a silver medalist in the 1600-meter relay at the Seoul Olympics, ran a 47.1 second split on the third leg of A&M's 1600-meter relay.

"Buckner ran very well for his first time on the boards and Davis was impressive on the relay," A&M coach Cahrlie Thomas said.

A&M football players Kary Vincent, Mickey Washington, Steve Lofton and Cornelius Patterson ran in the sprints for the Aggies.

Vincent turned in a personal best of 6.28 seconds in the 55-meter dash, one one-hundredth of a second out of first place.

"The football players we have out are really giving us a boost," Thomas said.

Derrick Florence nabbed fourth place in the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.32 seconds.

Sprint ace Andre Cason was the top seed for the finals but had to withdraw due to a sore leg.

Shotputter Patrik Hennings captured second place with a put of 56 feet eight and a half inches.

The men's 1600-meter relay won their heat but could only muster a third place finish in the final as Davis, Matt Dunn, Errington Lindo and Ray Griffiths finished in three minutes and 14.33 seconds.

Kyle Henderson vaulted 16 feet six inches to tie for seventh place in

the pole vault. James McSpadden cleared 16 feet.

Thomas was pleased with the performance of his team.

"Overall it was a decent meet for us," Thomas said. "I was proud of Alissa for qualifying (for NCAA) and Taylor also performed well. The addition of Davis and Buckner improved us considerably going into conference."

Aggie men's tennis team falls to Trinity in season opener

The Texas A&M men's tennis team was beaten in San Antonio Sunday 5-2 by 16th-ranked Trinity in the Aggies first match of the season.

The highlight for the Aggies came in the singles division as A&M's top-seeded Gustavo Espinosa upset Trinity's Mikael Stalling 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Stalling is currently ranked 18th in the nation.

A&M's second victory in the match came from freshman Doug Brown, who defeated Trinity's Rich Benvin 7-5, 6-7, 6-2 in his first match as an Aggie.

Second seed Shoun O'Donovan was defeated by Trinity's Mats Malmberg 6-4, 6-3, while third seed Matt Zisette lost to Trinity's Manuel Rodriguez 6-3, 6-4.

A&M's Craig Whitteker and sixth-seeded Blake Barsalou lost straight-set verdicts.

In doubles action, A&M's top-seeded team of Espinosa and Whitteker was defeated by Trinity's Stalling and Malmberg 6-1, 7-5.




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