

The Battalion

A&M splits games in Aggie tourney

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The Lady Aggie softball team split two games in the weather-shortened Aggie Invitational I this weekend.

A&M beat McNeese State University 6-0 Friday and fell to the University of South Carolina 11-1 Saturday to give the Lady Aggies an 8-3 season record

The tournament was ended about 5 p.m. Saturday due to cold, wet weather. Each of the seven teams were scheduled to play six games.

The Lady Aggies wasted no time getting a lead against McNeese State. After holding the Cowgirls scoreless in the first inning, A&M worked

Aggie Softball

• Scores:A&M 6, McNeese State 0; South Carolina 11, A&M 1. • Record:8-3

• Ranking:Ninth. • Next game:Thursday vs. Loui-siana Tech.

MSU pitcher Dawn Korbak for three runs in the bottom half of the first.

Shortstop Renee Blaha led off with a bunt single for the Lady Ag-gies and ran to second on a passed ball. Tory Parks and Stephanie Schulte drew walks to load the bases.

Korbak walked Carrie Heightley to score Blaha and reload the bases. Erin Newkirk reached first on a fielder's choice with Parks getting forced out at home plate. Catcher Erika Eriksson lined a single to center field to score Schulte and Height-ley and give A&M a 3-0 lead.

The Lady Aggies kept the Cow-girls from scoring behind the pitch-ing of Dana Mitchell.

In the bottom half of the third inning, Parks came to bat with the bases loaded and knocked in Newkirk with an infield grounder to give

Mitchell and the rest of the A&M defense got out of a bind in the Cow-girls' half of the fifth inning. Stephanie Rougeau led off McNeese with a single and Caroline Shannon followed with a walk.

Terri Wiggins hit a single to shortright field to load the bases with no outs. But Mitchell got three straight

Heightley laced a double to left field to score Parks and Crainer and A&M was up 6-0.

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The win boosted Mitchell's season record to 8-2. A&M Head Coach Bob Brock said his team played well against the Cowgirls. "I thought we did an excellent job

against McNeese State," Brock said. "Dana did a great job of pitching." A hard hitting South Carolina

team, high winds and below-freezing temperatures combined to give A&M a miserable 11-1 loss in the Lady Aggies' second game. Brock said the weather played a big part in the loss.

"I think we just succumbed to the weather," Brock said. "I think our inexperience showed. We had a freshman pitcher pitching under some extreme conditions."

The game was scoreless through four innings before the Lady Game-cocks belted the Lady Ags for eight runs in the top of the fifth.

The inning started well for Mitchell, pitching again for A&M, as she got USC's Andrea Beall to ground out. But six more batters came to the plate before A&M got the second out.

Kathy Matthew doubled off the fence in left field and Robin Dutton walked. Tricia Popowski drove in Matthew with a single to give the Lady Gamecocks a 1-0 lead.

Stacy Agee loaded the bases with a single and Marianne DiRupo reached first base on an error by the A&M third-baseman. Dutton and Popowski scored on the play to make it 3-0 USC,

Michelle Delloso singled to right field to load the bases again. Kelly Grotheer walked to score Agee and Kris Kordowny singled to score Di-Rupo and Delloso and give the Lady Gamecocks a 6-0 lead.

Matthew got her second hit of the inning, a single, to drive home Gro-theer and Kordowny and finish the eight-run inning.

The Lady Aggies tried to bounce back in the bottom of the fifth. New-kirk reached first base on a fielder's choice and Barbara Kajs hit a twoout single to left field.

Blaha singled to center field to load the bases and it looked like the

Lady Aggies were going to rally. South Carolina pitcher Angie Lear threw a wild pitch and Newkirk



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Cowgirls to force a teammate out at scored to make it 8-1 USC. But Parks home to end the threat. Parks led the team off in the sixth

Parks led the team off in the sixth with a sharply hit single to left-cen-ter field and went to second on a sin-gle by left fielder Stacey Crainer. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice grounder by Schulte.

grounded out to a flawless Lady Gamecock infield to end the inning

weekend.

Aggie men swimmers take third at SWC meet

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The Texas A&M men's swimming team stroked to third place at the Southwest Conference Championships over the weekend in Austin. A&M Assistant Coach Jay Holmes said they finished where they thought they should.

"We knew going in that we could get third," Holmes said. A&M scored 455 points over the

three day meet to finish behind Texas' 912 points and SMU's 762. The Aggies placed ahead of Arkansas' 400 points, TCU's 399 and Rice's 101.

Leading performances were turned in by many swimmers in the meet. A&M Freshman Don Boyd set two school records in the breaststrokes.

He clocked a 56.39 for the 100yard breast to place ninth and 2:01.05 in the 200-yard race to nab second place.

His time in the 200-yard event qualified him for the NCAA championship meet later this month.

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Junior Mike Varozza sped to second place in the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 48.49 seconds. Varozza also placed 10th in the 50-yard freestyle in 20.69 seconds.

Holmes singled out the efforts of

sophomore Neil Kallmeyer. "Neil really did the job for us," Holmes said. "He didn't get to swim his best events because we needed him in other events.

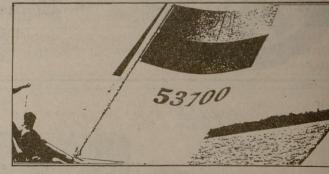
Kallmeyer placed fourteenth in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 4:04.37 and thirteenth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 58.14 seconds.

A real bonus for the Aggies was qualifying two relays for the NCAA championships. The 400-yard med-ley quartet of Peter Staruch, Boyd, Varozza and Aaron McDonough posted a time of 3:19.84 to place fourth and get the NCAA cut.

Likewise, the team of Varozza, McDonough, Matt Cerizo and Ed Altman cruised to a 2:59.12 in the 400-yard freestyle relay. That NCAA qualifying time was highlighted by Varozza's split of 44.04 seconds, the fastest in school history.

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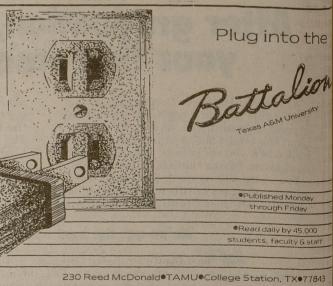


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