

Monday, March 27, 1989

Ags blast Raiders to open SWC slate

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK — Top-ranked Texas A&M blew into Lubbock and dusted Texas Tech by a 53-7 margin as the Aggies swept a three-game series to open Southwest Conference play for both teams.

Mike Easley had four of A&M's 23 hits and John Byington had eight RBIs as the Aggies beat Texas Tech 27-2 Friday and swept Tech in a twinbill by scores of 15-1 and 11-4 Saturday.

The Aggies improved to 29-1 on the season and 3-0 in SWC play, while the Red Raiders fell to 18-11 overall and 0-3 in league play. A&M has now beaten Tech 18 straight times.

"It was one of those weekends," A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "Everything went well for us, and everything went bad for them."

A&M pounded Tech for 58 hits

SWC Baseball Standings

Team	SWC Record	Pct.
Texas A&M(29-1)	3 0	1.000
Arkansas(22-4)	3 0	1.000
Baylor(26-6)	2 1	.667
Texas(30-8)	2 1	.667
TCU(23-9)	2 1	.667
Rice(18-15)	1 5	.167
Houston(29-5)	0 3	.000
Texas Tech(18-11)	0 3	.000

The Aggies scored three in the second inning, but Tech scored one in the bottom frame before Texas A&M exploded for 12 in the third. Texas A&M had 18 batters in the third and eight hits.

Pat Sweet went the distance on the mound for Texas A&M, improving to 5-1 with the win. Tech's Eric Kleinsorge, 1-3, took the loss after pitching two and one-third innings. He surrendered nine earned runs.

Jim Neumann went 6-for-8 at the plate and had four RBIs to pace A&M's doubleheader sweep of Tech Saturday.

A&M hit eight home runs in the two games, including three by Terry Taylor and two by Easley.

Ronnie Allen, 6-0 and 1-0, got the win for the Aggies in the first game, giving up five hits and no runs for five innings. Rodney Steph, 3-4 and 0-1, took the loss in the game.

Keith Langston, 4-0 and 1-0, won the nightcap for A&M, while Kurt Shipley, 1-2 and 0-1, got the loss. In Saturday's first game, the Aggies broke open a 3-0 game with a six-run barrage in the sixth inning.

The Red Raiders managed a 2-2 tie after three innings in the second game, before A&M scored nine runs over the next five innings.

A&M hosts Dallas Baptist in a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday at 5:30 before a single game with Nebraska at Olsen Field Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A&M resumes SWC play this weekend by hosting Baylor Friday and Saturday.



Photo by Kathy Haveman
A&M's Shaun O'Donovan hits a backhand during his loss to Steve Bryan of Texas Saturday. See story/page 12.

Blue Devils, Illinois solidify Final Four

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Illinois 89, Syracuse 86
Nick Anderson scored 27 points and Kenny Battle 25 as No. 3 Illinois overcame a 13-point deficit and beat No. 7 Syracuse 89-86 Sunday in Minneapolis, advancing to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in 37 years.

Illinois, 31-4, shed its label as a postseason flop with its victory in the Midwest Regional title game and will play Big Ten Conference rival Michigan in the national semifinals at Seattle next Saturday.

Michigan, which lost to Illinois

twice during the regular season, by 12 and 16 points, routed Virginia 102-65 in the Southeast Regional final Saturday.

Anderson scored five points in a 7-2 run that broke the final tie of the game and put Illinois ahead to stay in the final 6½ minutes.

Kendall Gill scored 18 points for Illinois, which denied Syracuse its second Final Four trip in three years. Freshman Billy Owens scored 22 points for Syracuse, 30-8. Derrick Coleman and Stephen Thompson scored 17 points each and Sherman

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Aggie Update

- **Score:** A&M sweeps Texas Tech by scores of 27-2, 15-1 and 11-4.
- **Record:** 29-1.
- **Ranking:** First.
- **Next game:** Tuesday doubleheader vs. Dallas Baptist

during the series while Aggie pitchers gave up only 26 to the Raiders.

"A&M was real disciplined at the plate and they hit the ball real well," Tech Head Coach Larry Hays said. "Our pitchers didn't do anything. If we threw a strike it was down the middle, and if we threw a ball it was so far out of the zone that they wouldn't swing at it."

Friday's game was never in doubt. The 27 runs were the most ever allowed by Texas Tech. Arkansas scored 25 runs against the Red Raiders in 1972. The Aggies also tied a record for most hits allowed by a Tech team.

Don't be surprised if Illinois takes it all

This weekend four college basketball teams reached the pinnacle of the sport by advancing to college basketball's greatest show — the Final Four.

Each year the NCAA basketball tournament captures the attention of sports fans for three successive weekends. It seems each year there is a team which serves as a Cinderella story.

This decade has provided more than its share of shocking upset winners. There was North Carolina State winning it all in 1983 by shocking the Houston Cougars. Villanova played what many call "the perfect game" in downing Georgetown in the 1985 title game. Kansas filled the bill last year as the Jayhawks, losers of ten regular season games, beat heavily-favored Oklahoma.

This year, at least on paper, the Final Four has only one candidate for the miracle role. Seton Hall, a doormat in the Big East as recently as



Doug Walker
Sports Editor

three years ago, is making its first trip to the big show.

In reality, the case could be made for three Cinderella-types arriving at the big dance.

The Pirates are making only their second appearance in the NCAAs — ever. Their first trip was last season. But don't fit Pirates Coach

P.J. Carlesimo for the slippers just yet.

When Michigan lost Coach Bill Frieder right before their first round game the Wolverines looked like a lost cause. Michigan has always dazzled opponents with great athletic ability. However, the Wolverines had always managed to lose early in the tournament.

With Frieder gone, Steve Fisher took over and has the Wolverines in the Final Four for the first time since 1976.

Illinois was a similar case. The Illini were perennial underachievers at tournament time until this year.

Last year, the Illini lost to Villanova after leading by ten with two minutes to go. With this year's talented group, the Illini got the top seed in the Midwest although they have no starters taller than 6-8.

But the Illini have more heart than the others. They play with more desire and that's why Illinois is my pick to win it all.

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