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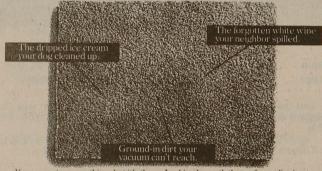
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A&M softball team sweeps UTA

Mitchell, Kajs lead squad

The Battalion

By Stan Golaboff

SPORTS WRITER

Behind the pitching of Dana Mitchell and two runs from Barabara Kajs, the Texas A&M Lady Aggie softball team swept a double-header from the University of Texas at Arlington 1-0 and 2-1 Tuesday

Mitchell (18-14) limited the Lady Mavericks to just three hits in the

A&M softball

• Score: A&M sweeps a twinbill from Texas-Arlington by scores of 1-

Record: 19-15.
Next game: Today at Southwest Texas State at 5 p.m.



Photo by Ronnie Montgom

A&M's Stacey Crainer (17) steals second base during A&M's 2-1 victory in game one

of the doubleheader sweep of UT-Arlington Tuesday.

first game as A&M won the opener 1-0 in extra innings. Mitchell was able to pitch around three erors as she got some timely defense from Renee Blaha and Michelle Mitchell.

"Dana pitched two outstanding games tonight," A&M Head Coach Bob Brock said. "She didn't let up one earned run and limited UTA to

"Michelle (Mayfield) made some mistakes early, but she has learned a lot this year and settled down to make some key plays for us."

A&M had to rely on Mitchell's pitching early on as UTA pitcher

Debby Day no-hit the Aggies until the sixth inning. In the bottom of the eighth, Kajs lead off with an infield single. She advanced to second on a sacifrice by Blaha. With one Blaha scot singled to Debby Day came in to the threat.

out, Tory Parks, the club's leading hitter at .349, doubled to center to score Kajs and win the game

Tory has been a clutch hitter for us all year and you don't normally look for your number two hitter to be your leading hitter," Brock said.

In the second game, UTA took advantage of an A&M error and scored first. Delana Lightfoot reached on a throwing error by Mayfield and then scored when Corrie Hill doubled with two outs.

A&M answered in the bottom of third by roughing up starter Tamara Evans for four hits and one run. Blaha scored when Erin Newkirk singled to left and the left fielder, Debby Day, over ran the ball. Day came in to relieve Evans and ended

UTA bats as A&M collected nine hits over six innings. Mitchell ran into trouble in the sixth when she hit Kiki Holland and then gave a single to Kim Fielding. Mitchell then got Lightfoot to line out to Blaha to end

Kajs again got A&M going in the bottom of the seventh with an infield single. Parks singled one out later and Newkirk reached on an error. With the bases loaded, Erika Eriks-

son bunted down the third base line and Kajs scored on a throwing error. "I really think Barbara surprised their third baseman by how fast she got down the line and that probably rushed her throw," Brock said.

With the sweep A&M improves to header.

Pitching big difference

as Astros, Rangers win

Mitchell continued to silence the TA bats as A&M collected nine hits er six innings. Mitchell ran into ranked fifth in region and Akit with the region and Akit with the region and Akit with the ranked sign and the ranked sign came into the game ranked seventh.
The top six teams make it to the

> "We have been playing pret good and these two wins are b pluses for us," Brock said. "We to on the chin a little in Califor but we were in every game we of there. We were playing top 20 tear for the last two weeks and I real feel like this is our month to make

> A&M's next action comes today they travel to San Marcos to take Southwest Texas State in a doubl

Astros boosters greeted by Dome improvements

HOUSTON (AP) - Fans arriving for Tuesday's Houston Astros season opener against the Atlanta Braves not only viewed a game, but a new and improved Astrodome.

The first clue the 40,000-plus fans received of the facility's \$60 million renovation was the repaved parking lot and four huge exit ramp towers.

Inside, the stadium's trademark scoreboard, which celebrated Astro home runs with a dramatic light show, was removed to make way for 10,000 new outfield seats. The seats should be installed by the end of summer, said Ethan Cartwright, marketing director of the Houston Sports Association, which owns the

Luxury suites on the Astrodome's fifth level are also being installed. Thirty-three of 72 suites have been completed. Each will seat 18 or 36

"We are still selling them, but we are also looking at making them available to groups on a single-game basis. We may also allow people who have used the skyboxes on the top level to move into the suites," Cartwright said. New electronic gadgetry on dis-

play includes:

• One of two high-resolution video screens, measuring 26 feet by 37 feet, that show instant replays of action in Astros games and games elsewhere and commercials.

This first screen is elevated above the midpoint of the third base line. The other one, which will be on the opposite side of the stadium, is to be installed later in the season.

• Two computerized matrix boards, 5 feet high and 55 feet long and consisting of thousands of bulbs, that give running information on other games as well as public service

and commercial messages.

The boards, in left and right field, will also provide animated images of such things as "the figure of a baseball player hitting the ball, hands clapping or people doing the wave in a stadium," Cartwright said.

Later in the season another man

Later in the season, another ma-trix board almost as large as one of the video screens will be installed in center field and a smaller one behind home plate, he said.

Astros season attendance has gone from 1.7 million in 1986 to 1.91 million in 1987 to 1.93 million

And at the latest tabulation, 13,000 season tickets had been sold for 1989, about 10 percent more than at the same time last year.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Scott, one day after signing a \$4.6 million contract extension, allowed six hits in seven innings and hit a two-run single, leading Houston to a 10-3 opening-day victory over the Atlanta Braves in Houston

Astros 10, Braves 3

on Tuesday night.
Scott, 1-0, will be paid \$1.3 million for this season and Monday night signed a two-year extension starting

He struck out seven but struggled with his control, walking four, and gave up solo homers to Tommy Gregg and Ron Gant. He was re-lieved by Larry Andersen to start the eighth inning and Dave Smith fin-

Houston took a 3-0 lead in the second inning off loser Zane Smith chele walked and advanced to third when Glenn Davis homered in his on Cecil Espy's double. Both run first at-bat of the season and Scott hit ners scored on Fletcher's doubled an opposite-field single to right to score Kevin Bass and Ken Caminiti.

The state of Trong Lovullo's good down the right-field line.

Rangers 4, Tigers 0
Knuckleballer Charlie Hout pitched a five-hitter and Som Fletcher drove in three runs, leading Texas past the Detroit Tigers 4 Tuesday night in Arlington before the Japanese. the largest opening-day crowd in Rangers' history.

Hough, 41 years old, struct of five and walked two en route to hill the career shutout and first sing 1986. He is 3-1 in opening-day starts.

Detroit starter Jack Morris, 7.8 is 10 opening-day starts, allowed in hits in eight innings.

The sellout crowd of 40,375 is Arlington Stadium included by Response of the sellout crowd of 40,000 in the sellout crowd c

Rangers' new owners and formed Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landr who threw out the ceremonial fir

In the third inning, Steve Bue

by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds







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