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Pitching keys SFA to sweep of A&M

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

NACOGDOCHES — Stephen F. Austin State used outstanding pitching by Sandy Green and Paula Grove to shut down Texas A&M in a doubleheader sweep by scores of 2-0 and 3-0 in collegiate softball action Tuesday.

Green tossed a no-hitter in the first game while Grove scattered five hits in the nightcap to boost the Ladyjacks to 27-10 on the year while A&M dropped to 21-17.

The Ladyjacks, ranked fourth in

Aggie softball

- **Score:** Stephen F. Austin State sweeps A&M 2-0 and 3-0.
- **Record:** 21-17.
- **Next game:** Friday against Western Illinois in the first round of the Oklahoma State Cowgirl Classic at 11:30 a.m.

the NCAA Central Region, solidified their NCAA playoff chances while the Lady Aggies, ranked seventh in the region, were dealt a severe blow.

A&M Head Coach Bob Brock blamed the A&M's anemic offensive performance on a lack of batting practice during workouts this week.

"We didn't do a good job of getting ready for this game and it showed," Brock said. "We didn't get the hitting we've been having."

"We got beat offensively. We didn't hit as much in practice as we needed to this week."

Green's no-hitter was the first thrown at the Lady Aggies since a early-round loss to Cal-State Fullerton in the 1986 NCAA College World Series. Green allowed only three Lady Aggies to reach base, two via bases on balls and one on an error.

She struck out seven (a season-high for an A&M opponent) in moving her record to 15-4.

Freshman Dana Mitchell took both losses for A&M as her record dropped to 21-16. Mitchell gave up

five hits and two runs in the first game while striking out two and walking one.

The Ladyjacks jumped on Mitchell early in the opener by scoring a run in the first inning. With one out, Green reached on a fielder's choice and scored on a triple by Angela Hancock.

SFA added the other score in the fifth as Julie McMinn singled to center field and eventually scored on a fielder's choice by Gina Webb.

The Ladyjacks took the nightcap by scoring single runs in the second, third and sixth innings.

Grove picked up the win to go to 12-6 on the year. She allowed no runs on five hits while walking one and striking out one.

Mitchell had a slightly tougher time in the closer as she gave up nine hits, three runs and one base on balls. She struck out three SFA hitters.

Grove helped her own cause by singling in the second and scoring on a base hit to right field by Denise Batchelor. A&M's Tory Parks misplayed the ball in right and allowed Grove to circle the bases giving SFA a 1-0 lead.

SFA added another run in the third as Phyllis Aswell, who reached on an infield hit, scored on a triple to right by Green for a 2-0 lead.

The Lady Aggies made their only scoring threat of the evening in the top of the fourth when they squandered a bases-loaded opportunity.

Stephanie Schulte and Erin Newkirk both singled and Erika Eriksson reached on an error. However, A&M couldn't capitalize on the situation and went down without a score.

In the sixth, Batchelor doubled home Hancock, who had walked, to give SFA the final run of the game.

Despite the losses, Brock is hopeful his team can return to winning form this weekend as A&M heads to Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma State Cowgirl Classic.

Men's tennis beats Bears for first conference win

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M's men's tennis team captured its first Southeast Conference victory Tuesday by knocking off the Baylor Bears 8-1 at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The Aggies won all six singles matches and took two of three in doubles.

Assistant Coach Tim Drain said the victory was much needed after recently dropping matches to Rice and Texas Tech.

"We needed this win because of the confidence factor," Drain said. "We hadn't lost to Tech or Rice in 10 years, so we needed to beat up on somebody."

The Aggie men lost just one set in singles play. No. 5 Craig Whitteker lost the first set to Baylor's Monty Horne before rebounding to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In the No. 1 position, A&M's Shaun O'Donovan fought back Craig O'Shannessy 6-2, 7-6. No. 2 Gustavo Espinosa won for the Aggies 6-1, 6-2 over the Bears' Reich Chandler.

Matt Zisette, the No. 3 Aggie, shut out Baylor's Jeff Engelke in the first set, and won 6-0, 6-2.

Doug Brown was up to the challenge of Baylor's Peter Klinousky in the No. 4 spot, taking the match 6-3, 6-2. And No. 6 Blake Barsalou finished

ished the shutout for A&M with a 6-3, 6-3 win over the Bears' Chris Wade.

Drain said getting off to such a quick start against Baylor gave A&M the edge it needed.

"The key today was our strong start," he said. "If we fall behind, we're in trouble."

The Aggies also came out strong in doubles action as the No. 1 team of Espinosa and Whitteker beat Wade and Engelke 6-0, 6-2.

A&M faltered on the next set, seeing Horne and Chandler overcome O'Donovan and Zisette 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. But A&M's Brown and Barsalou came back to finish the day with a 6-1, 7-6 win over Klinousky and O'Shannessy.

The Aggies play 19th-ranked Arkansas Saturday at the Tennis Center. Drain said the team wants to be prepared for the SWC tournament April 21-22.

"Our goal is to get some confidence in our last three matches before conference," he said. We need this kind of effort going into Arkansas. If we get the same kind of effort Saturday, that's all we can ask for."

"We especially want to compete well with a team like Arkansas. If we play each point hard, we can beat Arkansas — we proved that against Indiana (No. 11 when A&M defeated them)."

Astros knock off Cincinnati

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Caminiti's two-run single highlighted a four-run, first inning and his fielding helped thwart a seventh-inning Cincinnati rally, leading the Houston Astros to a 5-3 victory over the Reds Tuesday night.

Caminiti caught Ken Griffey's line drive to third and then doubled off Ron Oester at first base after the Reds had scored two runs in the seventh.

Rick Mahler, 0-2, started for the Reds and lost his ninth straight decision to Houston.

Billy Hatcher reached base on third baseman Chris Sabo's two-base fielding error to start the Astros' first. Hatcher went to third on Craig Reynolds' ground out and scored on a single by Terry Puhl.

Bill Doran singled and Kevin Bass walked and both runners scored on Caminiti's single to make it 4-0.

Schramm's days in Dallas are numbered

IRVING (AP) — Tex Schramm won't be in the Dallas Cowboys' front office much longer.

Schramm, the glue that held together one of the NFL's most successful franchises, is too much of a professional and a loyalist to jump the gun on his announcement as the commissioner for a new NFL International League.

But he said on Tuesday, "I'm keeping my options open."

However, Schramm, president and general manager since the club's founding, has been on the outside looking in since Jerry Jones purchased the Cowboys from Bum Bright on Feb. 25.

For example: Schramm didn't know Jones gave new coach Jimmy Johnson a 10-year contract until reporters told him.

Schramm wasn't asked to join a meeting last weekend between Jones, Johnson, quarterback prospect Troy Aikman and his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Schramm didn't attend a recent beer and barbecue session that Johnson and Jones held for the players. Jones invited some 100 business friends including Dallas Mavericks' owner Donald Carter to the affair.

Asked about being left out in the decision-making cold, Schramm said, "That's the prerogative of the new owner. He said from the beginning he was going to be involved in everything from socks to jockstraps. He has."

Schramm also said from the beginning he didn't think he could handle a day-to-day caretaker role after nearly three decades of calling the shots.

"That's not my style," he said. Schramm won't admit he's made a decision but he talks like he's decided to do something other than be a figurehead for the Cowboys.

All the signs are there. He will be in New York City on Tuesday at a special meeting when owners vote on the sale of the Cowboys and proposals for the organization and operation of an International League.

"The prospect of the International League interests me," Schramm said. "I'm very happy and very proud of what's been accomplished here. I'm also pleased I could make a contribution as far as the league is concerned. I feel an individual club's success depends on the strength and soundness of the league."

As sure as Schramm helped invent instant replay as a member of the NFL Competition Committee, his days as a Cowboy are numbered.

"It would be a difficult decision for me because this has been my life for 30 years," Schramm said. "I guess the thing I would miss would be that relationship with all the fans. You get to know 'em all."

However, Schramm on Tuesday spoke like he would soon be gone. He was eager to reminisce about his days with the Cowboys.

Asked his proudest moment with the Cowboys, Schramm said "both winning and reaching the highest pinnacle of popularity at the same time. This franchise accomplished what few franchises have accomplished."

Asked his best decision, Schramm said "Well, after (the late original owner) Clint Murchison had confidence in me to run the team I guess it would be hiring Tom Landry. That was a pretty good decision."

Landry was fired when Jones bought the team. Schramm wept at the press conference when Landry's dismissal was announced.

What was the worst decision? Schramm laughed for a full minute.

"Oh, I don't look back on my decisions that way," he said. "You have to make the decision that you feel is right when you make it. If it doesn't work it doesn't work. You don't have the luxury of looking back."

He thought a minute and added, "I'd like to take back the statements I made about Tom Dempsey's toe."

Schramm criticized the crippled New Orleans Saints placekicker after

he set the NFL record 63-yard field goal. Schramm said the shoe Dempsey used should be declared illegal.

The story ran on the Associated Press wire and Schramm was bombarded with letters, telegrams and telephone calls.

"I learned two things from that," he said. "First, I was wrong, and second, what kind of circulation the AP had."

Schramm, who recently published a book called "Tex: The Man Who Built the Dallas Cowboys," now finds himself in another awkward position: taking orders from a rookie owner.

Could the International League be an honorable and productive way out for Tex?

"You wouldn't have to use your imagination much," Schramm said. Jones himself seemed to be encouraging Schramm's interest in the league, saying, "One way or the other the Cowboys are going to have to share Tex with the new league."

Jones won't rule out a possible dual role for Schramm, working for the Cowboys and the new league, but that's not what the signs say.

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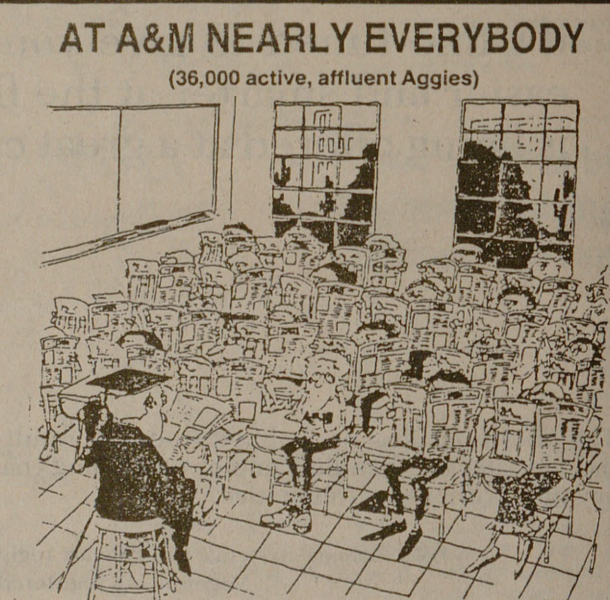
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Scherz, whose president of a loc college career at Texas at age 35 (than 50"), and wa