Lady Ag softball team excels in tournament

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It was a long Saturday for the Texas A&M Lady Aggie softball team. They opened their fall schedule this weekend with three wins, a loss and a tie in the Brenham Tournament.

A&M beat Southwest Texas State 4-1, and Stephen F. Austin 1-0 before losing to Ranger Jr. College 8-0, and tying Ranger's second team 1-1. The Lady Aggies came back in the nightcap, beating Sam Houston State 5-0.

Coach Bob Brock said that he was pleased with the play of his young team.

"It was a long afternoon," Brock said, "and we used all 18 of our players. We've only got two seniors, and our young players came through for us."

Brock said that he received solid hitting performances from Stacey Crainer, Karen Kalhoefer and Chris Wilfong. Crainer had four RBI in the nightcap on a single and a bases loaded double.

The pitching star for the Lady Aggies was freshman Missy Young, who went 2-0 with a 0.00 era for the day, beating Sam Houston and SFA. Brock said that Dana Mitchell also pitched well in the victory over Southwest Texas.

"Missy did a great job." he said "Her control was awsome for a freshman. She really handled two veteran teams in SFA and Sam Houston."

"I was really impressed with our defense," said Brock. "It's unusual to play this well so early in the year."

Lady Ags volleyball place third in Ohio

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The Lady Aggies volleyball team spiked to third place in the Buckeye Invitational Tournament on their first road trip of the year . They were beaten Friday by Iowa State 15-13,6-15, 19-17, 15-8.

The Aggies bounced back Saturday with a 12-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-3 win over Illinios-Chicago.

In the second match, A&M was led by Alysia Gonzales who had a career high 15 kills, and Krista Hierholzer who added 14 kills.

In the first game, A&M led 6-2 before I-C scored eight unanswered points. At that point, A&M attempted a comeback, but fell short.

Trailing 3-0 in the second game, the Lady Aggies scored nine of the next 11 points to go on top 9-5. From there, A&M allowed I-C only three points before winning.

The Lady Aggies dominated from that point, taking easy wins in the final two games.

Senior setter Yvonne Van Brandt, who made the all-tournament team, had 38 assists and 21 digs. Freshman Elizabeth Edmiston added eight kills and 17 digs, while senior middle blocker Kelli Kellen added 11 kills.

"Flexibility and strength have been an asset for us," Givens said.

"We need Van Brandt in the setter's position. We need some one who can get the ball to our hitters consistently."

The Lady Aggies will try to improve their 3-4 record Wednesday night at 7:30, when they host the Lamar Lady Cardinals at G. Rollie White Colesium.

SWC teams perform well in weekend games

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Arkansas is back.

The defending Southwest Conference champion Razorbacks displayed some potent new weapons in demolishing Tulsa 26-7 Saturday in their season opener.

In other games, Texas Tech remained unbeaten with a 27-20 victory over New Mexico; Baylor lost 15-3 to Georgia; and Southern Methodist got its first victory since returning from the NCAA death penalty with a 31-30 victory over Connecticut.

The Arkansas performance even had coach Ken Hatfield talking like the Hogs should be considered as a strong threat to return to the Cotton Bowl.

"I liked what I saw," Hatfield said. "It would be hard to imagine a better opener."

New offensive coordinator Jack Crowe and new defensive coordinator Bob Trott had the Hogs going on both sides of the ball.

The new I formation with a mix of option plays rolled up 356 yards rushing. Tulsa's high-octane offense managed only 14 first downs against a young defense with eight new starters.

"You have to give this game to our new personnel," Hatfield said.

SMU's victory came on the last play of the game when Mike Romo flipped a 5-yard scoring pass to Mike Bowen. SMU overcame a 30-14 deficit against the Huskies of the NCAA Division 1-AA Yankee Conference.

"Everyone said we wouldn't win a game this year and we couldn't accept that," said SMU coach Forrest Gregg.

Romo, one of 18 freshmen starting for SMU, hit 34 of 64 passes for 371 yards, fourth highest total on the Mustangs' all-time passing list. It was the second most passing attempts in school history, second only to Chuck Hixson's 69 attempts against Ohio State in 1968.

Tech built a 17-0 lead then held on to nip New Mexico.

James Gray, who gained 234 yards in a 24-14 victory over Arizona, scored on a 53-yard run but played sparingly because of a bruised shoulder.

"I thought our offense would have a big day the way we started," Gray said. "But when I got hurt I thought I would hurt the team if I went back in. I ran a couple of times but I was just tip-toeing."

Baylor was a big mystery in losing to the Bulldogs.

The Bears led Georgia in all the statistics but lost.

"If I could answer why I would be wealthy," said Baylor coach Grant Teaff.

"Sometimes we looked good, sometimes we looked terrible," Baylor linebacker James Francis said. "Why? I wish I knew."

Baylor quarterback Brad Goebel, who threw two costly interceptions, said, "It seemed like everything was out of sync."

In games this week, Texas is at SMU in a noon (Raycom TV) matchup, Arkansas and Mississippi tangle at Jackson at 6 p.m, Rice hosts Southwestern Louisiana at 6 p.m, Texas Tech is at Oklahoma State in a 6:30 p.m, game, Kansas is at Baylor in a 7 p.m, game, TCU hosts Southern Mississippi at 7:30 p.m., and Houston is at Arizona in a 9:30 p.m. game.

Yank golfers seek streak's end in Ryder Cup

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England (AP) — The Ryder Cup of golf has a big thing in common with the America's Cup of yachting: Americans cared about it more once they lost it.

And in the case of the Ryder Cup, it has been lost twice in a row, the last time on American turf for the first time ever.

That modest losing streak, coupled with success by Europeans in major tournaments in recent years, has made this version of the biennial Ryder Cup Matches a test for American pride and international golfing prestige.

"I wouldn't say it's a matter of life or death," former U.S. Ryder Cup captain Dave Marr said, then allowed himself a significant pause.

"It's more important than that."

That's an exaggeration but it serves as an example of the fervor with which the 12-man American team approaches next weekend's matches with the best of the European professionals.

"We WILL bring the cup home," said Ray Floyd, the non-playing American captain who has inbued his team with a sense of dedication and flag-waving, old-fashioned patriotism.

"We're going over and kick some butts," said Tom Watson, one of Floyd's "wild card" selections to the 12-man American squad.

"It's what we've all been looking forward to all year long," said Tom Kite.

"I'm tired of hearing all this stuff about how they're better than we are," said Mark Calcavecchia. "Americans are a prideful people. We don't like to hear things like that."

Talk about the power shift in golf began four years ago at The Belfry in the English midlands where the European team scored a 16½-11½ victory.

The European triumph ended a 29-year period in which the Americans had held the old claret jug and touched off one of the wildest celebration in this history of the game.

It signaled an end to American domination in which the United States built up a 21-3-1 record since the cup first was put up for play by British merchant Samuel Ryder in 1927.

And it ushered in a period of unprecedented growth in European golf.

"It all goes back to the Belfry," said Ken Schofield, head of the European PGA Tour. "Since then, our purses have increased by a multiple of four."

The Europeans followed it up with another victory, 15-13, in the next Ryder Cup matches, at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio, in 1987. It marked the first time they'd won on American soil.

Chi Chi wins golf tourney

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Chi Chi Rodriguez rallied from a 14th-hole bogey with a birdie on 16 Sunday on the way to a 4-under-par 68 and one-stroke victory over Jim Dent and Dick Rhyan in the Crestar PGA Seniors Classic.

The victory was Rodriguez' 13th on the Senior Tour, his first of the year and second in four years in the Crestar.

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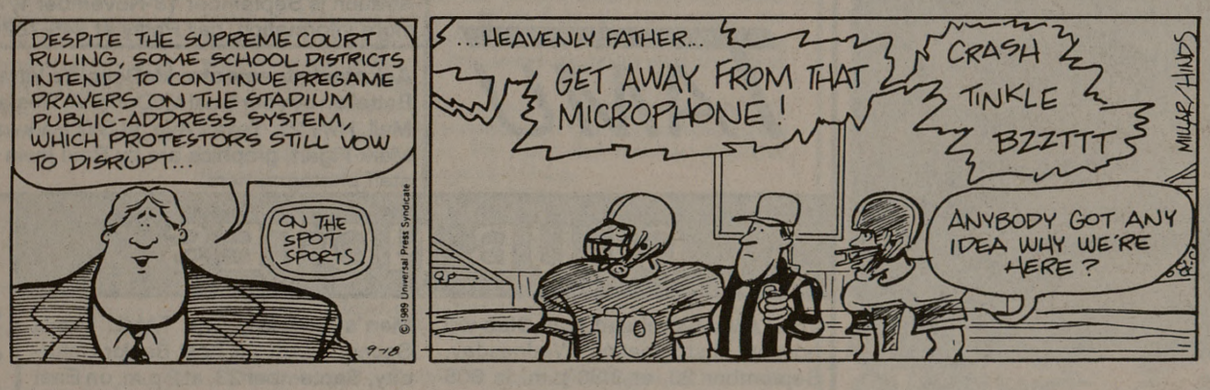

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