

No. 8 Aggies start off six-day road trip in Louisiana



Tim Holt scrambles back to first after a UTA pickoff try. A&M travels to Louisiana this weekend for a six-game roadtrip.

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The No. 8 Texas A&M baseball team will open a six-game road trip Friday when it faces Louisiana Tech. The Aggies will play three games against Tech and three against Northeast Louisiana.

The Aggies (9-0) and Bulldogs (0-4) will square off in Ruston, La., at 2 p.m. and conclude the series Saturday with a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

Sunday, A&M will face Northeast Louisiana (3-0) in Monroe, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader. The Aggies will wrap up the road trip with a 1 p.m. game against the Indians on Monday.

This will be the first extended road trip for A&M, which has played only one road game this season — Feb. 13 at Sam Houston. Coach Mark Johnson said he's anxious about the trip.

"This will be tough," Johnson said. "It will be a real challenge for us. I think we need it, because we need to confront ourselves with that type of a situation."

Johnson said that all of the A&M pitchers will get a chance to pitch on the trip.

Sophomore Ronnie Allen (1-0, 1.17 ERA) will pitch for the Aggies Friday. For Saturday's twinbill, the Aggies will send Pat Sweet (2-0, 1.35 ERA) and Rich Robertson (2-0, 0.64 ERA) to the mound.

Thanks to the contributions of Steve Hughes, Sean Lawrence and Kerry Freudenberg, the Aggie pitching staff has compiled a 1.30 team ERA.

Freudenberg was the pitching star in A&M's sweep of Lamar, Tuesday. After entering the game in the sixth inning, Freudenberg struck out nine

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batters and allowed only one hit to pick up his first win of the season.

Freudenberg said the trip will be good for the team.

"It's going to be an interesting experience," Freudenberg said. "The team has the opportunity to grow a lot if we do well in Louisiana."

"We did well there two years ago but not as well as I feel this team can do. We're looking forward to it. We want to bring home some wins."

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A&M netters sweep SWT, ready for Trinity

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The Texas A&M men's tennis team downed Southwest Texas State, 7-2, sweeping the Bobcats in all three doubles matches, Thursday at Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The win moved A&M's duel match record to 4-1. SWT dropped down to 3-2 on the season.

Senior Shaun O'Donovan, a native of South Africa, continued wreaking havoc on the court, blowing by SWT's Paul Domanski in straight sets (6-2, 6-2) in the No. 1

singles. The win pushes O'Donovan's record to 5-0 this spring, 12-6 overall.

A&M tennis coach David Kent said although the Aggies played well today, they would have to be prepared for some difficult matches tomorrow.

The Aggies host No. 25 Trinity. Match play begins at 1:30.

"Shaun O'Donovan is playing good at number one," Kent said. "He's playing real good, but he's going to have a tough match tomorrow against Trinity's Greg Tournant."

Lady Ags travel to Rice vying for No.3 seed spot

By RICHARD TIJERINA
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The Texas A&M women's basketball team heads for the road for the last time this season as it travels to Rice on Saturday. Tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Autry Court.

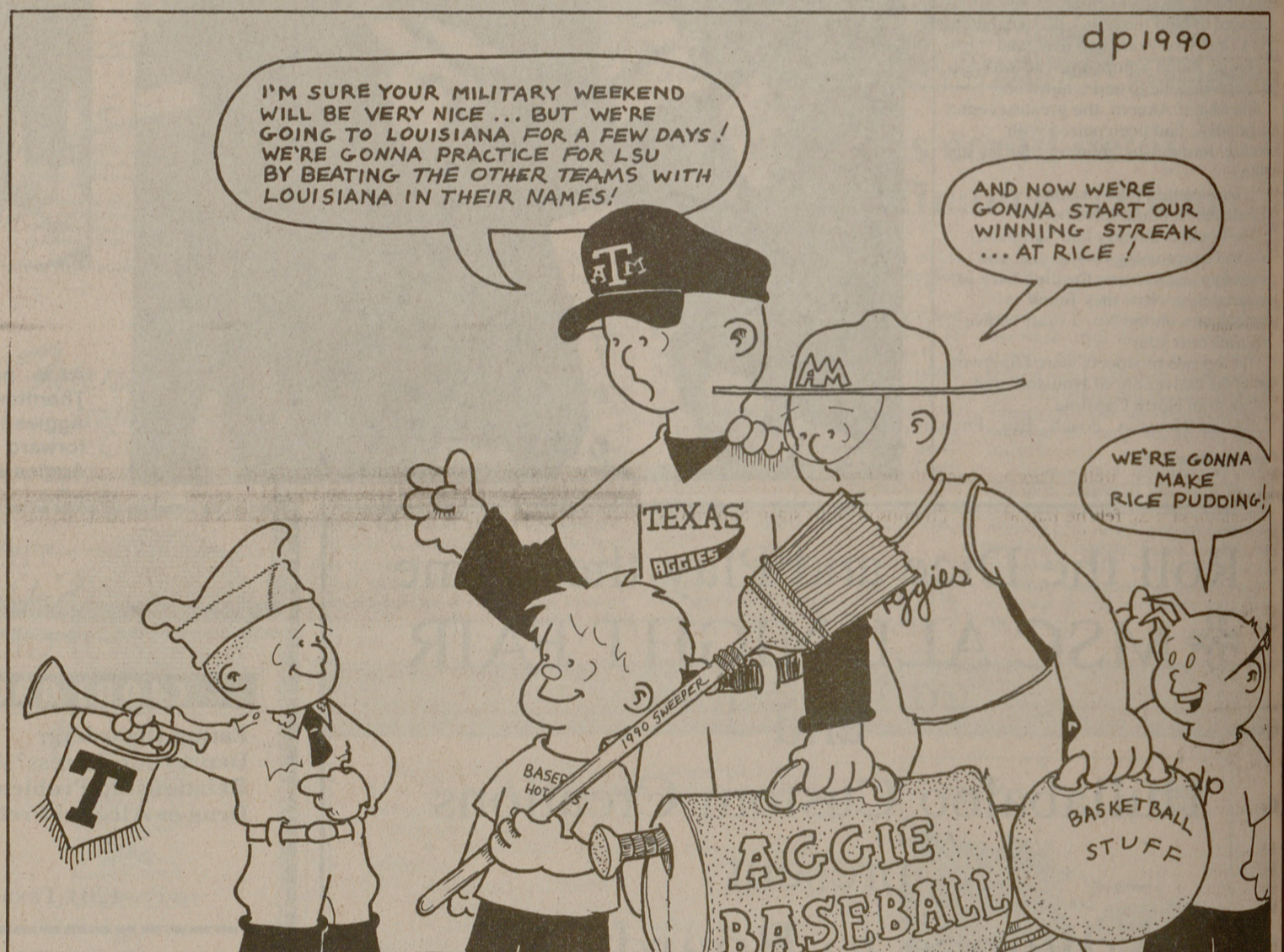
A&M is 15-9 overall, 7-6 in conference. The Owls are 6-18, 3-11.

"Rice is an extremely important game for us," A&M coach Lynn Hickey said. "We're in a have-to-win situation in order to finish where we want to in the conference race. We

also need a confidence booster. Rice is a team that cannot be overlooked.

"We have a history of close contests against them."

The Lady Aggies have already assured themselves of securing a berth in the 1990 SWC Post-Season Classic. But they, along with Texas Tech, Houston and TCU, continue to vie for third place in the league standings behind conference leaders Texas and Arkansas, who have already sewn up the top two seed positions.



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