

No. 16 A&M hosts SHSU, eyes Rice series

By ALAN LEHMANN
Of The Battalion Staff

The No. 16 Texas A&M baseball team will start a six-game home stand Tuesday night when they face Sam Houston State in a 7 p.m. game at Olsen Field.

The Aggies will be trying to end a couple of bad streaks. They lost two of three games to Baylor over the weekend — the first Southwest Conference series that A&M has lost since 1988.

A&M, now 31-9 on the season and 4-2 in SWC play, had a 12-game winning streak snapped in Saturday's loss.

The Aggies will also be trying to start another winning streak over Sam Houston. The Bearkats beat the Aggies 4-3 March 7 in Huntsville.

"It's going to be tough to beat Sam Houston," said Assistant Coach Bill Hickey. "They beat us in Huntsville and know that they can play with us."

Still, Hickey said that the Aggies would play better at Olsen Field than they have on the road. A&M is 4-7 on the road.

"We've got a young club," Hickey said, "and young clubs seem to have more trouble hitting on the road. We feel comfortable hitting here, that's why we've done so well."

A&M beat Sam Houston 4-2 Feb. 13 in Huntsville on the strength of a Chad Broussard home run. The three-run shot down the left field line was Broussard's first homer of the season.

The Aggies will send Jason Bullard to the mound Tuesday. The junior righthander is 2-0 on the season with a 2.83 earned run average.

Bullard's last win was a 9-0 decision over St. John's March 13. The victory gave the Aggies the championship in the Aggie-Continental tournament at Olsen Field.

The Aggies will be led at the plate by designated hitter David Rollen. The junior is hitting .314 and leads the team with 12 doubles.

A&M returns to conference play



Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

A&M catcher John Wood lays down a successful sacrifice bunt in Saturday's 7-6 loss to Baylor.

The Aggies return to Olsen Field tonight when they host Sam Houston State University at 7.

this weekend when it hosts the Rice Owls. The three-game set will consist of a single game Friday at 7 p.m. and a doubleheader Saturday at 2 p.m.

Despite losing to Baylor, A&M did have some bright spots this weekend.

Lefthander Rich Robertson shut out the Bears 2-0 in Sunday's first game, to improve to 7-0 on the season. The junior struck out nine batters in the seven inning contest, and raised his strikeout total to 76 in only 58 innings.

Catcher John Wood had the game-winning RBI in that game, his first game-winner of the season. Wood lined a double down the left field line to score Chad Broussard from first base.

UNLV bedevils Duke, gives Tarkanian first title via 103-73 shellacking

DENVER (AP) — The NCAA's ultimate Rebel won its biggest prize.

UNLV ended the tournament of thrills and close finishes with the largest margin of victory in a championship game, a 103-73 win over Duke on Monday night.

Jerry Tarkanian, the coach who fought the NCAA in the courts for the past 15 years, guided UNLV to its first national title and Duke continued as the school with the most frustrating of postseason records.

The Runnin' Rebels became the first team to score more than 100 points in the championship game. They are also the first preseason No. 1 to win the title since North Carolina in 1982 and the first Western team since UCLA won in 1975.

They did it with the style they have made famous — tenacious man-to-man defense — as they rattled Duke, a team known for its savvy and poise.

The Rebels literally stole the title from Duke, which was making its eighth Final Four appearance. The Blue Devils went home again without a trophy, extending the longest streak of national semifinal futility.

UNLV broke the tournament record for steals in a game with 16, eclipsing the mark set by Duke in the 1986 championship game and matched by Oklahoma in the 1988 title game.

The Runnin' Rebels also set a record for most points scored in a tournament with 571, just better than their regular-season average of 92.3.

Until Monday night, the largest margin of victory in a championship game was 23 points, when UCLA beat North Carolina 78-55 in 1968.

For Tarkanian, the man who sits on the bench looking as though it pains him to watch his team win, getting the trophy capped a long battle with the NCAA, which ordered the school to suspend him for violations. He went to court for an injunction and the case eventually reached the Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the NCAA.

But no court could stop the Runnin' Rebels on Monday night.

UNLV managed a 10-point lead just 7:26 into the game as the Rebels forced Duke into turnover after turnover, mostly by simply stealing the ball.

They scored the first points of the game, and never trailed.

Duke, which averaged 17.2 turnovers per game this season, had 10 at halftime and 10 of those were steals by the Rebels.

The first 10-point lead came as a sequence of four UNLV steals — four consecutive possessions — the last was by Stacey Augmon, who took the ball from Phil Henderson near midcourt and sailed in for a dunk. That made it 21-11.

The lead extended to 41-25 with 3:46 left in the half as UNLV tested every pass made by Duke. The Rebels had 16 points off turnovers in the first half as they took 47-35 halftime lead.

Duke got within 10 points, 57-47 with 16:24 to play, but the larcenous crew from just off The Strip went it again.

The Rebels went on an 18-0 run to put the game away and it was Augmon and Anderson Hunt who took turns putting the Blue Devils away.

Hunt started the run with a jumper and Larry Johnson scored on a drive for a 61-47 lead.

Augmon stole the ball on three straight possessions and he forced Hunt each time to end the break.

Augmon whipped a crossover pass to Hunt for a 3-pointer. He found Hunt again with a pass for a layup and then fed Hunt again after taking the ball from Henderson on his own foul line.

Hunt ended it with a 3-pointer to make it 75-47 with 13:18 to play.

Hunt led UNLV with 29 points, 12-of-16 shooting, while Johnson was their leading scorer and rebounder this season, finished with 22 and 11.

Henderson led Duke with 13 points.

ON CAMPUS

Dana Fullendorf
San Francisco State University



"It's the perfect car for students about to enter the real world!"

It's no wonder that Dana Fullendorf is going forward in a new Jetta GL. Her relationship with Volkswagen goes way back.

"It must have started at birth, when I was brought home in a 1963 Beetle."

As soon as Dana was old enough to drive, a succession of Volkswagens followed. A 1969 Beetle convertible. A 1973 Super Beetle. And Dana's first new car — a 1984 Rabbit Diesel — a car she was reluctant to part with, until her sister purchased a new Jetta GLI.

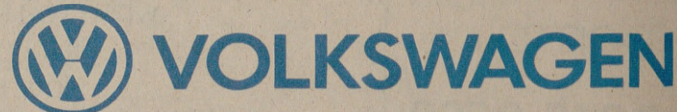
"I really didn't need a new car. My Rabbit was in great shape and gave me no problems whatsoever. But I said to myself, if my sister can get a new Jetta then so can I."

"This car fits my image to a 'T'. I'm a student on the brink of becoming a professional. And I need a car that'll fit into both of my worlds."

The Jetta GL. Performance and practicality at a Volkswagen price.

We get the idea that when Dana Fullendorf graduates, she's going to go a long, long way.

The VCI College Graduate Finance Plan makes owning or leasing a Volkswagen easier than ever before. And you may not need a credit history to qualify. Visit your authorized Volkswagen dealer for complete details.



If you drive a Volkswagen, you might be selected to appear in an ad like the one above. Send your story and a photo to: Volkswagen Testimonials • 187 S. Woodward, Suite 200 • Birmingham, Michigan 48009

KISSIMMEE
Fla. (AP) — Ho
ton second ba
man Bill Do
tried hard, v
hard, to put 19
the worst seas
of his career,
winter.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.

"Compared
on in society
small even

America last y
Doran may
was terminal w
He hit .266
49 runs batte
Star break. In
131, no home
runs.

"It wasn't th
don't know a
from a slump,
he back in his
season of era
ries.