

Transfer's decisions leave many doubts

What is it like to be Tony Scott?

It can't be a tip-toe through the tulips. For those who don't know who he is, Scott is the 6-8 forward who transferred from Syracuse to A&M last fall to play basketball.



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Oh, and to get a college degree, too. Scott said last November before the Aggies' basketball season began that he came to A&M because of the growing competition of the Southwest Conference, and the building of the new special events center.

Funny thing is if Scott had used simple arithmetic he would have realized that he would be long gone by the time the new arena was built and ready to play in.

Lie No. 1? Possibly. Obviously. He said he had considered transferring to the University of Arkansas and the University of Texas before he came to A&M on his official visit.

Scott must have been overwhelmed by G. Rollie White Coliseum and the chance to play for a team that gets television exposure from Oklahoma City to the Rio Grande River.

Obviously not. Maybe he really liked first year coach Kermit Davis Jr., proclaimed by some to be the "boy wonder" of college basketball today.

It doesn't look like it. In December, Scott accused the A&M basketball program of violating NCAA rules, labeling his new coach as the man responsible for underhanded wheeling and dealing.

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Aggies split pair with SWTS

By Scott Wudel
The Battalion

The Aggies were hot and cold Tuesday. The Texas A&M baseball team split a doubleheader with Southwest Texas State University in its home opener at Olsen Field.

The Aggies (3-2) got off to a hot start in the first game, defeating the Bobcats (8-1) by a score of 4-1. Then A&M went cold in the second game, losing 4-3.

A&M will host Mary Hardin-Baylor in a single game tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Olsen Field.

SWT pitcher William Brunson (2-0) held the Aggies to just three hits in the second game.

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said he was frustrated with the Aggies' offensive performance.

"I've got to give (Brunson) credit," Johnson said. "But I just can't imagine us striking out 14 times, that is embarrassing."

"We're going to have to get better than that or we're not going to win many ball games."

Freshman Jay Hogue (0-1) drew his first collegiate start for the Aggies and let four Bobcat batters reach base before recording the first out.

Hogue said he was overcome by the atmosphere of Olsen Field.

"It's kind of a lifetime dream to play in front of those fans there," Hogue said. "But after a couple innings I got used to it."

"I was just a little bit shaky. I'll know what to expect the next time I come out."

Hogue's first pitch was lifted to right center for a double. Three hitters later, the pitcher found himself with the bases loaded and no outs. SWT's Gary Hermann singled to left field to score two runners, and the third run crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly.

A&M's Mike Hickey hit a two-run home run with one out in the Aggies' half of the inning to close the gap to 3-2.

Hickey said he wasn't totally sure the ball made it out of the park.

"When I first hit it I knew it was on its way out, but it hit the top of the scoreboard and came down on the field," Hickey said about his first home run in an Aggie uniform.

"I thought it was still in the park, so I started sprinting again," he said.



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A&M's Sittichoke Huckuntod is out attempting to steal second base Tuesday.

The two teams traded runs in the second inning but neither could change the run column on the scoreboard the rest of the game.

A&M had the opportunity to tie or take the lead in the seventh inning. Travis Williams beat out a throw to first base to give the Aggies' their first hit since the second inning.

A&M loaded the bases with two outs before Brian Thomas struck out to end the last rally attempt.

The Aggies wasted no time swinging the bat in the first game.

Two outs into the first inning, Hickey laced a liner into centerfield past the outstretched glove of the SWT pitcher. Conrad Colby took first base after being hit by a pitch, then David Rollen singled to left field to bring in the first A&M run.

Blake Pyle followed with another hit to left field to score Colby from third base and give the Aggies a two-run lead.

In the third inning with a runner on base, Colby blasted a home run past the Texas flagpole in right-centerfield to score the Aggies' third and fourth runs.

Bullard (2-0) was impressive in his third start of the season. The senior pitcher recorded seven strikeouts in five innings of work.

"I think the main thing was that I was able to get ahead early in the count," Bullard said. "That helped me to throw some pitches that I like to throw."

"The hitters don't like to hit those kind of pitches when the pitcher gets ahead."

Trey Witte relieved Bullard in the final two innings, and tossed five strikeouts.

Lady Ags win, 84-77

By Craig Wilson
The Battalion

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is the best way to describe the Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball performance Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Lady Ags, who held on to beat the SMU Lady Mustangs, 84-77, played excellent basketball in the first half but almost fell apart in the second.

A&M jumped out to a 37-21 halftime lead behind an eleven-point first-half performance from Shawn Medlock.

The junior guard scored on five of her six field goal attempts in the first half, as the Lady Ags shot a blistering 63.6 percent from the floor.

The second half, though, was a different story.

SMU mounted a huge second half comeback and tied the score three times in the final stanza.

Lady Mustang junior guard Suzanne McAnally, scoreless at halftime, scored 18 unanswered points in the second half to lead SMU in scoring.

Junior post Brenda Bruggeman added 16 points and a team-high 10 rebounds to the Lady Mustang effort.

Medlock led the Lady Ags in scoring with 16 points.

A&M's leading scorer, Yvonne Hill, added 15 points and a team-high 6 rebounds.

Lady Aggie head coach Lynn Hickey was satisfied with the win, and she said that other Southwest Conference teams should be wary of SMU.

"SMU's a very hard-working team," Hickey said. "They've got a lot to play for right now at the end of the season."

"Coach Brown is getting ready to retire and that's on their minds, and they're going to want to give a lot to him. They're going to be a very dangerous group for the rest of the season."

Lady Aggie sophomore forward Karey Janak was watched closely Tuesday night.

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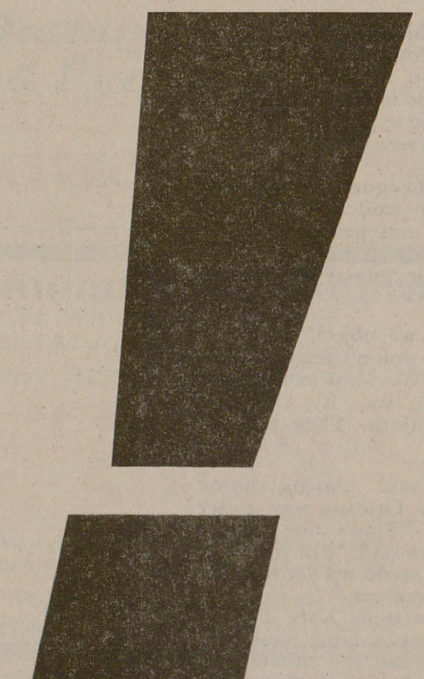
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