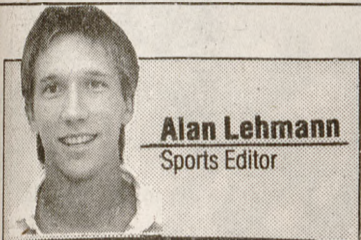


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Davis shines through dark days with class

Believe it or not, there is a silver lining to the Texas A&M basketball storm. Former Aggie coach Kermit Davis Jr. is standing calmly in the eye of the NCAA-investigation hurricane. Sure, Davis messed up, but his behavior throughout the whole ordeal has been a credit to himself and his family.

The rules Davis allegedly violated are small potatoes compared to infractions committed by other schools. Heck, they're minuscule when you consider the 36 NCAA allegations against Jackie Sherrill's football program in 1988.

I don't think Davis would have been forced to resign if these current allegations would have surfaced without the threat of an NCAA-imposed death penalty hanging over the University.

To me, the most disturbing, and damaging charge against Davis was his involvement with Rob Johnson. A man, who by all accounts is a shady character and by some accounts, a player broker.

Davis countered that he didn't know of Johnson's nefarious past, and I believe him. I could be wrong, but my gut feeling is that Davis really didn't know what kind of person Johnson was.

Although my personal involvement with Davis has been minimal, the impression that I

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Ags take two, but miss weekend sweep

By Craig Wilson
The Battalion

The Texas A&M baseball team almost got the broom and dustpan out against the Arkansas Razorbacks for the first time since 1977.

But a late Hogs rally in the series' final game Saturday helped Arkansas avoid the sweep, and salvage a victory in the three-game set at Olsen Field.

Arkansas' overall mark dipped to 22-11 and 2-4 in the Southwest Conference.

Friday, the Ags (25-10, 2-1) blew out the Razorbacks, 9-3, before an overflow home crowd of 5,219.

A&M took Saturday's first game 2-0 before dropping the nightcap 7-4.

The Friday night game was a center stage for first-baseman Conrad Colby, who homered twice and drove in four runs.

Colby's two-out, first inning homer gave the Ags a 2-0 lead, one they would never relinquish.

"I was lucky enough to come up with runners in scoring position tonight," Colby said. "I wasn't thinking about hitting a home run."

A&M added two more second-inning runs when third-baseman Travis Williams doubled and designated hitter Billy Harlan singled. Shortstop Jason Marshall's ground out got a run across before second-baseman Sittichoke Huckuntod doubled.

Colby's second home run, his fourth of the season, came in the fifth inning and gave the Ags a 6-1 lead. Right-fielder Dan Robinson doubled home a run in the seventh to make it 7-2.

The Hogs did not go down easily, though.

Aggie hurler Ronnie Allen survived an eighth inning scare by striking out the Razorbacks' Scott Epps with the bases loaded.

"I just tried to fight my way through it," Allen said of the jam he was in. "(Epps) is a dead pull hitter most of the

time, and I just wanted to get ahead of him and work him away."

A&M got some insurance runs from centerfielder Brian Thomas' two-run triple in the eighth.

Allen then cruised through the ninth for a complete-game win, upping his record to 5-1.

Hog hurler Doug Bennett (2-2) got the loss.

Saturday's first game was a pitching gem for Jeff Granger, as he blanked the Arkansas 2-0. The shutout was the Ags' fourth of the year.

The freshman southpaw scattered three hits in a complete-game, seven-inning victory, and added 10 strikeouts in his debut performance in the SWC.

"I was real nervous at the beginning," Granger said, "but once I got into a groove I was okay. I was just concentrating on throwing strikes, and everything worked out."

Aggie head coach Mark Johnson was thankful for Granger's standout pitching.

"We were fortunate Jeff Granger did his job," Johnson said. "He kept them scoreless and gave us a chance to win. We needed that because we didn't do a good job offensively today."

The Ags scored in the first when Huckuntod doubled and scored on a passed ball by Razorback catcher Kortney Paul.

In the third, catcher Blake Pyle reached on a bunt and moved to second on a Huckuntod sacrifice. Pyle scored on leftfielder Mike Hickey's single.

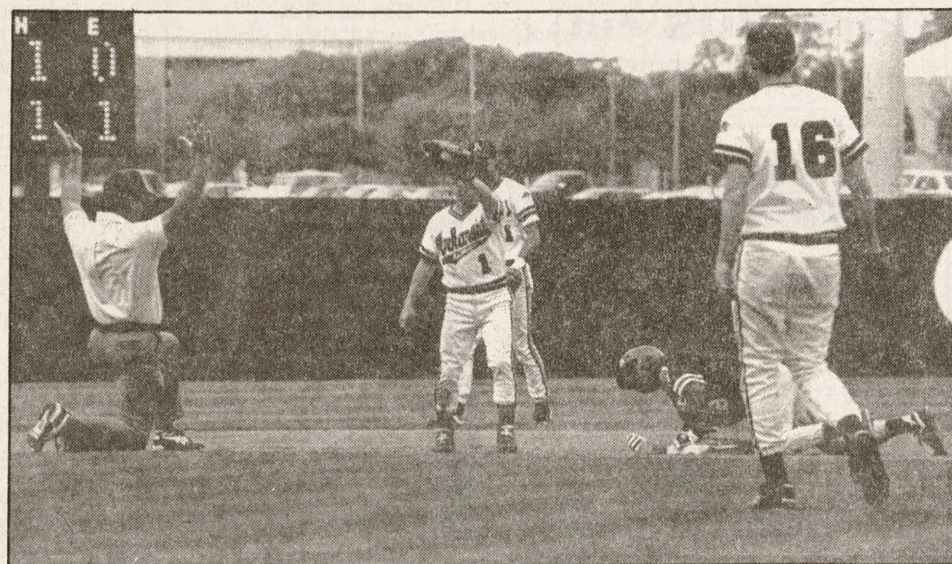
Arkansas' Brent Birch (4-2) took the loss.

The Hogs did not hold a lead in the series until the final game.

In the fourth inning Bubba Carpenter tripled off Aggie starter Jason Hutchins and scored on a wild pitch.

Arkansas shortstop Joe Davis homered to left in the fifth to give the Hogs a 2-0 lead.

But Davis made up for the four-bagger by committing three errors in the fifth inning alone, helping the Ags tie



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A&M second baseman Sittichoke Huckuntod is called safe in the first inning of Saturday's first game as Arkansas' Jeff Houk (1) and Brent Birch (16) look on. Two outs later, Huckuntod scored the Ags' first run as they went on to win 2-0. The Hogs came back in the nightcap to win 7-4.

the score 2-2.

"They gave us some chances," Johnson said. "I know they can play a lot better, and we can, too."

Thomas homered to start the sixth and the Ags scored another run when Hickey and Robinson singled and performed a double steal.

A&M could not hold the 4-2 lead, though.

Hutchins loaded the bases with two outs and was relieved by senior Jason Bullard.

Arkansas' big gun Kirk Piskor welcomed the righthander with a two-run single to tie the affair, 4-4. The Hogs scored twice more on a wild pitch and RBI single by Carpenter.

"We tried to get the slider away, and just didn't get it far enough away," Johnson said. "(Piskor) hit it off the end of the bat, but he came through."

Arkansas withstood an Aggie rally in the ninth to get the victory, as Hog reliever Phil Stidham saved the game by coaxing a double-play grounder from Marshall with two men on.

Hutchins' record dropped to 3-2, while winner Dan Brown improved to 1-1.

"I don't want to get greedy, but I thought we had a chance to sweep them," Johnson said. "We had the opportunities and we just didn't quite get it finished."

The Ags host Texas Southern University Tuesday evening in a 5:30 p.m. doubleheader at Olsen Field.

Last season, A&M swept TSU 6-0 and 9-0 at Olsen Field. In 1989, the Ags swept the series as well, beating TSU 11-1 and 13-3 after winning 8-4 in 1988.

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Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to come together for this informal rap session on issues in diversity.
7:00 pm-8:15 pm 230 MSC
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Wednesday, March 27

Culture Shock
The Residence Hall Association will present a program on multicultural issues. All are invited to attend.
7:00 pm 410 Rudder
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Thursday, March 28

Join us for a reception honoring the recipients of the Department's Awards for Commitment to Diversity. Awards will be presented at 10:30.
10:00 am-11:45 am 145 MSC
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Video Presentation: *Do the Right Thing*
Spike Lee's controversial examination of racism and prejudice in a multi-ethnic New York neighborhood.
noon MSC Flag Room
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Friday, March 29

Chinese Flute Playing (tentatively scheduled)
noon MSC Flag Room
Sponsor: *Office of Student Development and Multicultural Programs*

Voices of Praise Performance
12:30pm MSC Flag Room
Sponsor: *Voices of Praise Gospel Choir*

Please note: *The CAMAC Theatre Production scheduled for March 30 has been rescheduled by the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican American Culture. Please contact them at 845-1515 for further details.*

Sunday, March 24
Greek Showcase: Members of Pan Hellenic will give performances which will celebrate their sister and brotherhood.
5:00 pm 410 Rudder
Sponsor: *Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.*

Monday, March 25

The Heritage of Hispanic Music: Guitar Performance by Eric Lopez and friends.
Noon MSC Flag Room
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Video Presentation: *Stand and Deliver*
A story of expectation and success in the classroom, based upon the true experiences of high school teacher Jaime Escalante.
12:30 pm MSC Flag Room
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Tuesday, March 26

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