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Aggies travel to TCU for important series

Harrison's hometown dream comes true

By Anthony Andro
The Battalion

For Texas A&M pitcher Brian Harrison, playing baseball for the Aggies is like a dream come true.

"I've always wanted to play at A&M," said the redshirt junior from Bryan. "Aggie baseball has always been a big thing around here."

"The only thing was that I didn't know if I wanted to be a pitcher or a shortstop. Since I couldn't hit the ball, I became a pitcher."

Harrison, a graduate of Bryan High

School, spent his first two years of college playing at Northwood Institute near Dallas. The righthander transferred to A&M in the fall of 1989 and was reshirted last season.

This season, Harrison has given the Aggies a spot third starter and a long reliever, the latter of which he enjoys more.

"I know I used to like starting when I was doing it every day," he said. "In long relief, you get to come in and there is a little bit of a challenge."

"You also have a little more control of your own destiny."

The Aggies get a chance to control their destiny this weekend as they travel to Fort Worth to face the Texas Christian Horned Frogs. A&M is 37-17 on the year and 9-6 in conference play.

The Aggies, who were in last place in the Southwest Conference two weeks ago, climbed into a first place tie with Texas last week after sweeping the Longhorns at Olsen Field.

Harrison may pitch this weekend, but Jeff Granger and Ronnie Allen will definitely start for the Aggies.

Granger (6-2, 3.18 ERA) ranks fourth in the nation in strikeouts per game with 12.4 per nine innings. The fresh-

man from Orangefield has whiffed 94 batters in 68 innings.

Allen (7-2, 3.11) did not get a decision last season as the Aggies took two of three from the Frogs. The junior righthander leads the team with five complete games and 75 innings pitched, and has held the opposition to a .232 batting average against him.

At the plate, A&M is led by sophomore centerfielder Brian Thomas, who is hitting .337. The lefthander has a team-long nine game hitting string.

On the field, Harrison is happy with his effort.

"I don't think I'm throwing the slider as well as I wanted to but, my fastball I have been spotting pretty well and that's keeping me going."

"But, overall I'm pleased with my progress."

Last weekend against Texas, Harrison started the third game, pitching 4 1/3 innings in A&M's 6-5 victory, but got no decision.

"The whole team knew what we had to do against Texas," he said. "We were not really surprised with the sweep because we knew what we had to do and we went out there and played with confidence."

The winning attitude the team has is something it never lost, even when it was 3-6 in conference play.

"We hit rock bottom when we were in last place, but we still showed confidence," he said. "The coaches never lost faith in us."

"Instead of playing like a 3-6 team against Rice, we acted like we were 6-3."

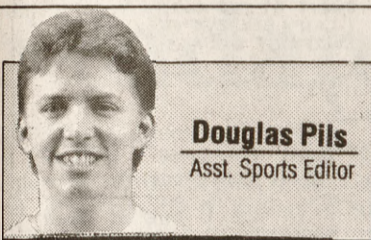
"We're finally back where we want to be — in first place," he said. "Now that we got the ball rolling, we just don't want it to stop."

Playing the last two conference series on the road does not bother Harrison.

"We swept Rice on the road and it seems like everywhere we go we seem to have a pretty good fan following," he said. "Our fans on the road are just as loud as our opponents."

Being from Bryan, Harrison gets one thing most other students don't, the chance to live at home.

"I can get away from the ballpark and just go home," Harrison said. "I don't have to be stuck in the dorms all the time."



Douglas Pils
Asst. Sports Editor

Pils: Batt did good job with A&M sports

W hew!

It's finally over, the spring semester that is — well, at least it is for The Battalion's spring staff.

For some of you I guess this is a relief and it is those to whom I address this column — my last as an official member of the sports desk. (In the fall, I will take on the task of commanding those liberal/conservatives on the opinion page).

As for those that think we on the sports staff (Alan, Scott, Steve, Craig and I) are not true sports fans or that we don't provide good coverage of our illustrious football team I have only one thing to say.

To quote one of my favorite professors, "Pooh!"

I started working on the sports desk last summer, not because I needed the money (it's not very much) or because I needed the clips. I started working on staff for the sheer fun of rubbing elbows with one of the nation's top programs and because I love sports.

No, I don't look (nor do I think anybody else on staff does) at Texas A&M sports through maroon-colored glasses.

Sure a bit of bias may sneak into a column once in a while, but there's absolutely no way we could write public relations pieces and expect to go very far in journalism. How could we, with the Kermit Davis Jr. saga, the cancellation of the 12th Man as we knew it and now, Darren Lewis' positive drug testing at an NFL combine?

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Draft brings to light drug policy double standard

NEW YORK (AP) — In last week's draft, three NFL teams took a player with a known drug problem, and now some folks are wondering if there isn't a double standard in the league regarding drug abuse.

"I think the question we're really asking here is: Does the NFL give more priority to getting a star player on the field, or to the well-being of a troubled person?" said Dr. Arnold Washton, whose Washton Institute in New York has treated many well-known athletes for drug abuse.

"I think we both know the answer to that. Pro football is big business in America, and just like any large corporation, employees are valued more for what they can produce."

Two of the players taken in the draft — quarterback Todd Marinovich of Southern Cal and half-back Darren Lewis of Texas A&M — are involved in drug counseling. Walter Sutton of Southwest State

University in Minnesota, was taken in the 10th round by the Atlanta Falcons, even though they knew he had been convicted of a drug felony.

"I know they're waging a major battle to prevent drugs in the NFL, but in view of the draft, there seems to be some inconsistency," sports attorney Bob Woolf said.

Woolf represents former Washington Redskins defensive lineman Dexter Manley, who was banned for life from the NFL as a three-time drug loser before being reinstated last year. Manley has been through rehabilitation and is now with the Phoenix Cardinals.

"I'm sure this is an embarrassment to the NFL," Woolf said.

Marinovich, taken by the Los Angeles Raiders in the first round, was ordered into a program by a judge in Irvine, Calif., after charges of possessing marijuana and cocaine were dismissed.

Lewis, taken by the Chicago Bears in the sixth round, checked into a rehab center in Houston on Wednesday. Lewis was the only player who tested positive for cocaine at the NFL's scouting evaluations in February. The league sends the test results to each team, but the Bears said they never saw it.

The most bizarre case was of Sutton, a wide receiver taken by the Atlanta Falcons. Sutton was convicted in February of trying to deal crack cocaine and ordered to begin serving a nine-year prison sentence, as soon as he finished college.

The Falcons knew of the conviction but said they were led to believe Sutton wouldn't have to go to jail. On Thursday, a federal judge in Tampa, Fla., told Sutton that was not the case. He must report to prison on Jan. 28, 1992.

"Obviously, the information provided to us before the draft was, indeed, inaccurate and misleading," Falcons vice president Ken Herock said.



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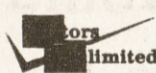
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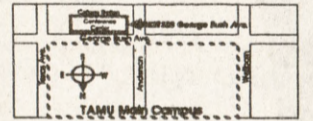
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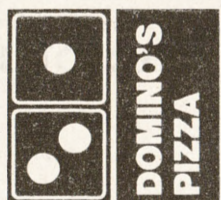
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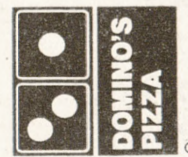
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