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Too much time left to judge baseball team

Here's hoping no one gets an itchy finger and is thinking about hitting the panic button for the Texas A&M baseball team.

The season is but a pup. The Aggies are 6-4, their slowest start since 1986 when they started the season 2-6, but it's still early. A&M has 48 games still remaining in the season, and they really haven't been able to get in any kind of rhythm.

Stephen F. Austin was supposed to be the Aggies first opponent of the season but Mother Nature stepped in and decided College Station needed some more rain. So there goes game one.

The Aggies were forced to open the 1992 season on the road in South-west Conference action. A&M traveled to Houston to take on the Rice Owls. The Aggies promptly dropped two of three games. Big deal. With the new scheduling, A&M has 36 conference games instead of 18.

It's not like two losses is going to make the difference in winning and losing the SWC title. It really doesn't matter that it was the first time the Aggies have lost a series to Rice in a decade.

It's not even baseball season. February is the month when people start thinking about Valentine's Day and spring break. Baseball doesn't really enter people's minds until March.

The Aggies haven't really been able to get things going because they

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Aggies take two from Crusaders

A&M downs Hardin-Baylor 4-2, 8-1

By Doug Foster
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Texas A&M head baseball coach Mark Johnson said he wanted to use Tuesday's doubleheader against Mary-Hardin Baylor to get his pitching staff some work.

Johnson and his staff executed that plan, using seven pitchers in two games to down the Crusaders 4-2 and 8-1.

A&M moves to 6-4 on the season. The Crusaders fall to 3-2.

Freshman pitcher Trey Moore picked up his first victory of the season, moving his record to 1-1. Freshman Chris Clemons improved his record to 2-1 by winning the second game.

In game one, redshirt freshman Rob Trimble picked up his first game-winning RBI as an Aggie, knocking in shortstop Jason Marshall in the bottom of the fourth inning for a 3-0 lead. Trimble picked up another RBI in the fourth, and leftfielder Eric Gonzalez knocked in the Aggie's first two runs of the day.

Trimble said he was excited not only about picking up his first game-winning hit, but getting it at home in front of the Olsen Field crowd.

"It felt great getting it here," Trimble said. "I'd been waiting on that game-winning hit."

"He threw me an outside slider and I

just poked it over the third baseman's head."

In the second game of the twinbill, the Aggies, as they have done much of the season, used big innings to blast the Crusaders. A&M ended a one-run deficit with eight runs in the sixth and seventh innings to put the game away.

Marshall and centerfielder Brian Thomas carried the hot bats in game two. Marshall was 3-for-four and Thomas 1-for-3, both knocking in three runs.

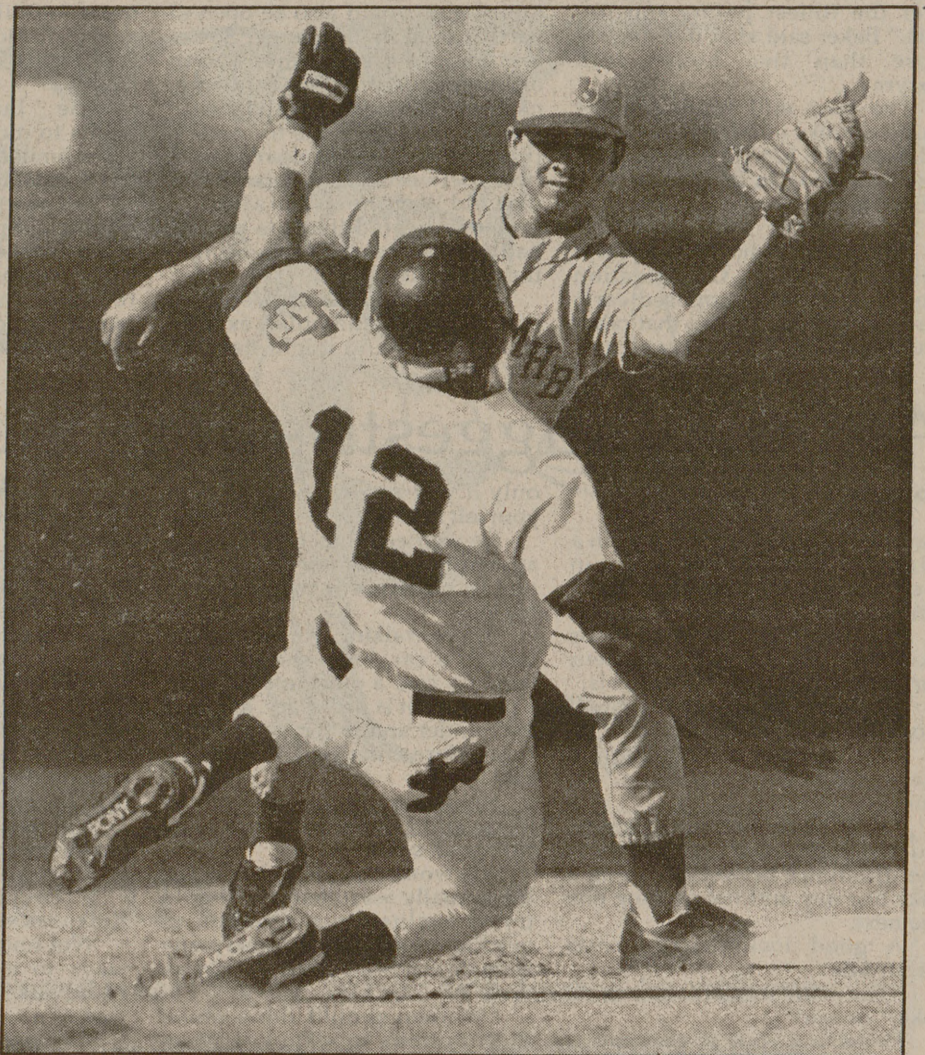
Marshall is the team's leading hitter with a .444 batting average, and now has hit safely in 9 of the 10 games this season. Although the Aggies scored 12 runs in the two games, he said the team didn't play to their full potential.

"We didn't come out very intense today, and it took us a little while to get going," he said. "If it takes us that long to get going this weekend (against Houston), then we're going to be in trouble."

Thomas, who had been struggling some at the plate this season, broke out of his slump with a two-run triple down the left field line in the sixth inning. He also said the Aggies weren't as aggressive as they wanted to be against the Crusaders.

"We came out being a little lazy about the game," Thomas said. "But when we

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A&M's Brian Thomas slides into second base safely as Mary Hardin-Baylor's Juan Guzman loses the ball in the first game of A&M's double header Tuesday.

Aggies return to Baylor's Ferrell Center

The Battalion News Services

The Texas A&M basketball team will try to put the memory of last month's carbon monoxide poisoning behind them tonight when they return to Baylor's Ferrell Center to take on the Bears.

The game will start at 7:30 p.m. and will follow the Lady Aggies' game

against the Lady Bears.

The Aggies will make up the game originally scheduled on Jan. 18.

That evening carbon monoxide fumes consumed the team and other officials in the locker room before the game, forcing the evacuation of the arena and sending several people to local hos-

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Lady Aggies face must-win game

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After losing five of the last six South-west Conference games and sliding to the middle of the title race, A&M head coach Lynn Hickey is trying to get her team back on the winning track.

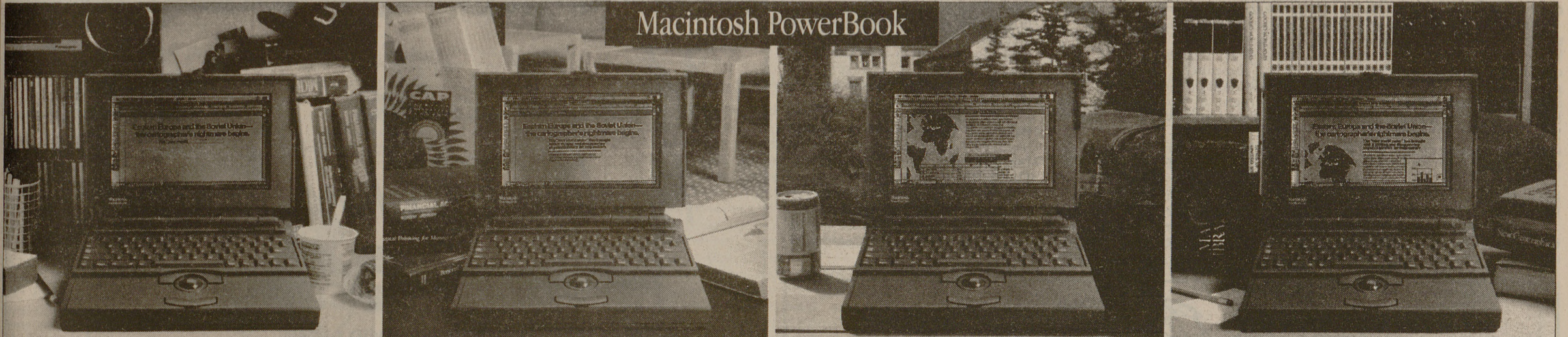
Hickey is looking to begin the ascension back toward the top today when the

Lady Aggies take on the Baylor Bears in Waco. Tipoff is at 5 p.m. in the Ferrell Center.

The contest is starting earlier than the original 7 p.m. game-time because of the date change on the A&M-Baylor men's game, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Hickey said this game was vital for

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