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Only 6 months 'til World Series

From the looks of the local magazine stands, it can only be one time of year. It's time for major league baseball.

All the teams are in Florida and Arizona doing their spring training thing, playing their exhibition schedules. But in a month, the games start to count and teams will spend the next six months trying to make it to the World Series.

But that's a long way off. Now is the time where people make their lame-brain predictions about what teams will smell success and why the Rangers will stink once again.

So here goes. The American League is a lot more normal than the National League. It's a little easier to figure out than the Senior Circuit.

The AL East will be a two-team race, just like it has been for the last five or so years. The Boston Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays will again dominate their division. Every season it seems like these two teams go back and forth until the last week of the season, when one sweeps the other in a crucial series and wins the division title. Last season, the Blue Jays beat the Red Sox. This season it will be the other way around.

The Red Sox acquired pitcher Frank Viola and he will be the difference. He, along with Roger Clemens, should bring the division title back to Boston. Also, look for Red Sox outfielder Phil Plantier to be a big addition to the team. How big? Start thinking along the lines of 30 homers and 110 RBIs.

Rangers fans won't have much to cheer about. But they can look on the bright side of things. They will be competitive this season. Another year of .500 ball in Arlington can be

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KARL STOLLEIS/The Battalion

Jason Marshall flags down a throw from homeplate in order to stop a steal by Lamar. The player was safe.

A&M rebounds against Lamar

Aggies eliminate errors, pitch solid to freeze Cardinals 5-2

By Steve O'Brien
The Battalion

Two things failed the Aggies last Saturday when they lost both ends of a doubleheader to Baylor. The A&M defense committed critical errors and the Aggies pitching staff had control problems.

Tuesday night, the Aggies remedied both.

A&M left-hander Jason Hogue allowed four hits and one run in five innings of work as the Aggies beat Lamar, 5-2, in front of 629 fans at Olsen Field. The two-hour, seven-minute game was played in 46 degree weather.

The victory improved the Aggies record to 14-7 on the season. Lamar fell to 12-7.

Lamar right-hander Stephen Westbrook (1-2) gave up five runs in six innings of work to take the loss for the Cardinals.

Senior right-fielder Jay Estes led the Aggies on offense, going 2-for-3

with two RBI.

Hogue (1-0) gave up no walks and struck out four as he notched his first win of the year. Freshman right-hander Brian Parker took the mound for A&M to start the sixth and gave up one run on one hit.

"I had a tough time getting ahead of the batters," Hogue said. "My curve ball saved me."

"I just try to throw strikes and let the defense get some work."

The defense got the work and answered by playing errorless ball the entire game. A&M pitchers threw 13 ground outs, including the game's only double play that ended the second inning.

Freshman left-hander Trey Moore finished the game for the Aggies, working two scoreless innings and allowing no hits. He struck out three.

A&M head coach Mark Johnson said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"Our batting practice before the game may have been the best one of the year," Johnson said. "Our pitch-

ing was good. Our young guys got (the pitches) in there and that's important."

Hogue said Johnson wanted the team to bounce back from the losses to Baylor.

"Coach Johnson did a good job pumping us up for the game," Hogue said. "He told us to keep our heads up and keep playing."

Lamar opened the scoring in the top of the first when third baseman Kevin Miller drove in Bryan Lovelace from second off a fielder's choice.

The Aggies answered in the half of the first with four runs. Estes drove in Billy Harlan from second and Rob Trimble from first with a standup triple in the bottom of the first.

The Aggies completed their scoring with one run in the fifth. With one out, Eric Gonzalez pulled a double down the right field line. Shortstop Jason Marshall then singled to bring Gonzalez home.

Lamar scored its final run of the game in the seventh.

KING OF THE COURT

Brown pushes A&M tennis team to fast start with tough leadership

By Anthony Andro
The Battalion

The way Doug Brown plays tennis could have been summed up in last weekend's H.E.B. Teams Championship. Brown not only won all three of his matches, but was involved in a minor skirmish with a Clemson player after one of the matches.

Both are typical results for Brown.

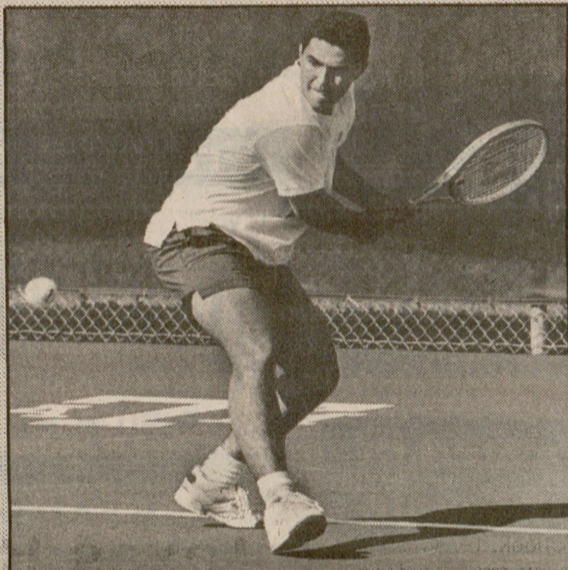
"He's just a tough street kid," A&M men's tennis coach David Kent described. "If you're going to be on the streets of New York City, you want to have him."

"He's just a tough kid, he never quits and is an overachiever."

Brown's overachieving has paid off for the Aggies this spring. He has a 10-1 singles record this season and is 5-7 in doubles action. A senior from Houston, Brown has compiled an 88-42 singles record throughout his career at A&M. His doubles over that span is 60-31.

Brown believes singles play is his strong suit.

"The way my games set up makes it singles," Brown. "My ability to keep the ball in play. That's what I try to do, just keep running



Battalion file photo

Senior Doug Brown has established himself as a leader this year on the A&M tennis team.

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Lady Aggies begin tourney against SMU

From Staff and Wire Reports

Ironically, Lynn Hickey's Lady Aggies will be the home team tonight when they play Southern Methodist University in the Southwest Conference Women's Basketball Tournament in Dallas.

By virtue of A&M's win over higher-

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seeded Texas during the regular season, the 4th-seeded Lady Aggies will be considered the home team in SMU's Moody Coliseum when they face the 5th-seeded

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1993

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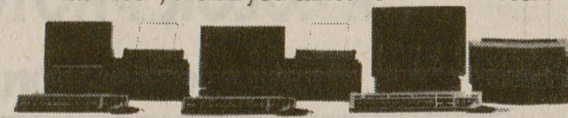
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