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Early success, SWC schedule give A&M clout

For Texas A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson and his club, the rest of the regular season has become vital.

Amazing thought. A club that started the season among the top 25 teams in the nation is down to must-win situations throughout the rest of the Southwest Conference race to qualify for the NCAA regional tournament.

For the tournament selection committee, I have just two things to say - The Oscar Mayer Baseball Classic and the strength of the SWC as a whole.

Let's start with the Classic. Date-line, Minneapolis. March 1. Texas A&M wins the four-team tournament held in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome by defeating Mississippi State and Florida State, both of which were ranked in the top 10 of both baseball polls before the tourney started.

In the first game of the tournament, the Aggies battled into extra innings with the Bulldogs, as A&M ace Jeff Granger held Mississippi State scoreless through ten innings. The Aggies exploded for five runs in the 11th, and James Nix came in from the bullpen to secure a 5-0 victory over the No. 6 team in the nation.

Next victim, the Seminoles. Florida State, who was the fourth-ranked team in the nation entering the Classic, couldn't seem to muster much offense against Aggie pitching. The

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Aggies shut out SHSU

Moore delivers six strikeouts in 3-0 win

By Anthony Andro
The Battalion

It's a shame the Texas A&M baseball team doesn't play Sam Houston State every game.

Wednesday at Olsen Field, the Aggies defeated the Bearkats for the third time this season. Freshman pitcher Trey Moore pitched five shutout innings and led the Aggies to a 3-0 win.

With the win, the Aggies improved their record to 31-16 and closed out their non-conference season.

Aggie coach Mark Johnson knew this was an important game for his team.

"It wasn't a regular Tuesday, Wednesday-type ball game," Johnson said. "Now we're down to the stretch run and we have to make some things happen."

"We need to get some more in the win column."

The Aggie offense made just enough happen.

Tim Holt walked with one out in the third inning and Eric Gonzalez moved him to third with a single to centerfield. Robert Harris grounded to second and Holt scored to give the Aggies a 1-0 lead.

The Aggies added to their lead in the bottom of the sixth inning when Scott Smith blasted his third homer of the season over the left field fence to give the Aggies a 2-0 lead.

Smith said he was just waiting for his pitch from Bearkat pitcher Raymundo Garza.

"I figured they would challenge me because there was two outs," Smith said. "He came back with another fastball and I just turned on it."

A&M scored their last run of the night in the seventh. John Curl singled and Holt followed with a double down the rightfield line that advanced Curl to third. Gonzalez scored Curl with an RBI grounder to first base.

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A&M outfielder Scott Smith completes a steal of second base Wednesday in the fourth inning of the Aggies' 3-0 victory over Sam Houston State at Olsen Field.

Weaver named All-SWC, A&M moves up to No. 14

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Texas A&M men's tennis player Mark Weaver was named to the 1992 All-Southwest Conference tennis team Wednesday, the same day the Aggies received news they had moved up two spots in the Volvo collegiate tennis poll.

Weaver, a sophomore, was A&M's No. 1 player all season and finished the 1992 campaign with a 13-8 record.

"It is really great for Mark to be named to the All-SWC team," Kent said. "The honor also reflects the type of season that we have had as a team."

The Aggies, ranked No. 14 in the latest poll, were eliminated in the second round of the SWC Championships last Saturday by Texas. The week before, A&M downed No. 19 Rice and lost to second-ranked TCU.

A&M is waiting the announcement of the 1992 NCAA Tennis Championship field, which will be made next week.

NFL DRAFT PREVIEW



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Randy Simmons hopes the NFL draft will extend his football career.

WAIT AND SEE

Simmons, other unsung Aggies make best of last chances at professional football

By Chris Whitley
The Battalion

For the last five years, Randy Simmons has spent much of his time sitting and watching.

He sat and watched his freshman year as Darren Lewis made his run into the Southwest Conference record books. He sat and watched his senior year as Greg Hill upstaged him and became the SWC's all-time leading rusher for a freshman.

Injuries kept Simmons on the sidelines sitting and watching other top running backs steal the limelight during his career at A&M.

Now, he sits and watches again ... and it may be his last chance.

Simmons, along with many other unsung Aggies, have rested their hopes of extending their football careers in the NFL draft starting this Sunday.

Overshadowed by the multi-million dollar contracts awaiting Quentin Coryatt and Kevin Smith, players like Kary Vincent, Keith McAfee, Ramsey Bradberry, and Keith Alex all have the potential to be picked up by some team in the draft.

A&M head coach R.C. Slocum said these hopefuls have the talent to make

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