

## Aggies win!! Aggies win!!

Clutch hitting paces A&M to doubleheader sweep of Mary-Hardin Baylor

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Mary-Hardin Baylor attempted to do something Tuesday night that only two other teams have been able to accomplish at Olsen Field this season.

Win. But the third-ranked Texas A&M Aggies spoiled those plans by sweeping a doubleheader, 8-7 and 11-4. With the two victories, A&M moved its overall record to 31-3.

In the first game, Crusader starting pitcher Brian Strickland had a no-hitter through five innings. Mary-Hardin capitalized, building a 7-2 lead through seven innings. But A&M, who has made a habit of coming back, pulled another trick out of its bats by putting together another late rally.

A&M catcher Robert Lewis started the bottom of the seventh with a double. Third baseman Lee Fedora walked as second baseman Eric Gonzalez did.

David Minor, pinch-hitting for first baseman John Curl singled, scoring David Martin, who was pinch-running for Lewis. Rightfielder Stephen Claybrook then delivered the big blow.

He tripled, clearing the bases and bringing A&M to within one run as Fedora, Gonzalez and Minor scored. Left fielder Billy Harlan singled home Claybrook, tying the score at 7-7.

Harlan promptly stole second, took third on on Crusader catcher Bill Scrivner's throwing error, and scored on second baseman Robert Harris' throwing error.

Jason Chesson was the benefactor of the rally, picking up his first victory on the season.

"You have to give their pitcher credit," A&M coach Mark Johnson said. "He had a good split-finger working which took us a while to catch up to. We have had a



Texas A&M pitcher Chris Clemons hurls a ball to the plate Mary-Hardin Baylor. Clemons did not figure in the decision.

characteristic of coming back which is a plus.

"Of course, I don't like to wait until the last inning but we got the win. Clutch hitting was the key and Claybrook's hit was the loudest."

Claybrook said the triple was satisfying.

"I have gotten my swing back and because of that I have been hitting the ball well," Claybrook said. "After this week-

end against Houston, I felt real good."

Centerfielder Brian Thomas said the slow start in the first game could be attributed to the series against the Cougars.

"At the start of the game, we were a little down and it showed," Thomas said. "I think we weren't ready to play and the reason was because people were tired from this weekend after playing Houston. My body was still aching and I could tell we were a little down before the game."

"But we picked it up. He (Strickland) kept us off-guard with the split-finger but we were able to battle back."

A&M did not joust around in the second game, putting the Crusaders away with two big innings. Mary-Hardin took a 1-0 lead in the second inning, which A&M quickly erased in the third.

With one out, leftfielder David Minor

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## Basketball team celebrated tough year on the court

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The Texas A&M men's basketball team honored their 1992-93 season at a banquet Tuesday night, with coaches and speakers awarding outstanding players and roasting the many people that contributed to coach Tony Barone's second year at the helm.

A&M point guard David Edwards took the Coaches Award for overall performance, as well as the Free Throw Proficiency Award. Edwards did it all for the team, averaging 13.3 points, 6.6 assists, 5.1 rebounds, 2.6 steals, and a team-high 36 minutes per game.

For the evening, A&M guard Michael Smith and forward Tony McGinnis shared the Academic Award, guard Chuck Henderson received the Hustle Award, forward Brett Murry took the Most Improved Award, and Damon Johnson took the Windex Award for rebounding.

Barone praised his team for their accomplishments, and with all of the team returning next year, Barone took the chance to set the tone for next year's season.

"These are the type of people that are going to make this basketball program top-notch. The challenge for you guys is you are going to have to get better," Barone said.

"You're going to have to work in the summer, you are going to have to push yourself - not today, not tomorrow, but four weeks from now when it's hot and other things can happen. That's your challenge athletically and academically."

Barone also took time out to thank the families close to the team, expressing special appreciation for his wife and two sons, Brian and Tony Jr. Tony Barone Jr. has played at A&M since Barone took over in 1991.

"I want to thank my son Tony for putting up with me for two years," Barone said.

"He has only verbally criticized me... 30 or 40 times this year. Tony, you're the best."

Barone opened the banquet at the College Station Hilton by praising A&M radio play-by-play announcer Dave South. South was ejected during coverage of the Southwest Conference tournament in A&M's loss to Houston after South criticized a referee's call with a choking sign.

"Dave South is my idol," Barone joked.

The assistant coaches took their turns ragging South, with Porter Moser joking that South once consoled him after a loss by saying Moser was last on a list of people he'd love like a son. Then, Mitch Buonaguro took over,

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## San Antonio's buzzerbeater nips Sonics 99-97

Sean Elliott scored 19, including the game-winning eight-footer with 2.4 seconds to play.

"We've got one of the best benches in the league," Robinson said. "We just haven't been able to get the consistency out of them. I was very aware of who I was out there with."

Ricky Pierce, who led Seattle with 24 points, also credited San Antonio's reserves with the stirring final-period turnaround.

"That bunch came in and picked the tempo up. They started scrapping and reaching for the ball. They got us in a halfcourt game and that's been our weakness," Pierce said.

Sam Perkins added 19 points for Seattle, while Shawn Kemp had 17.

The Sonics scored just 16 fourth-quarter points, hitting only four field goals in the period.

"A win like this will pick everybody's spirits up," said Daniels, who scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half.

Seattle led 78-58 with 3:26 left in the third quarter when San Antonio went to its second unit.

A 36-13 run turned the 20-point deficit into a 94-91 lead with 3:04 to play.

A pair of free throws by Eddie Johnson left the score tied at 95 with 33 seconds left.

Antoine Carr hit a 20-footer to put San

Antonio ahead, but Johnson countered with two free throws to make it 97-97 with 8.5 seconds left.

After Elliott's eight-footer put San Antonio ahead with 2.4 seconds left, the Sonics were unable to get off a final shot.

"We had every opportunity to win against a good team on the road," Seattle coach George Karl said. "I thought the lead was big enough that they wouldn't catch us, but they did. If Daniels and Del Negro (9 points, 4 assists) don't play that game, they don't have the confidence to win."

The victory moved the Spurs within half a game of the Midwest Division-leading Houston Rockets.

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SAN ANTONIO-San Antonio's second team turned in a first-rate effort Tuesday night to help the Spurs qualify for the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year.

Sparked by the quartet of Larry Smith, Sam Mack, Lloyd Daniels and Vinny Del Negro, the Spurs came back from a 20-point third-quarter deficit to nip Seattle 99-97.

"That group won the game for us," said Spurs coach John Lucas. "They were unbelievable. I thought we needed a new look. That's why I went with those guys."

The unit's fifth member, David Robinson, led the Spurs with 21 points, while

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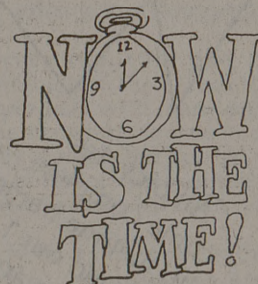
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