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# A&M falls to Mavericks, 8-6

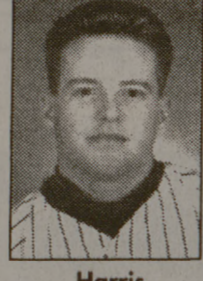
FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The second-ranked Texas A&M baseball team gave up six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on the road Tuesday as they denied coach Mark Johnson his 400th career victory, losing to the University of Texas-Arlington, 8-6.

The loss drops the Aggies to 33-4 on the season. The Mavericks up their record to 21-12.

The Aggies started hot, scoring five runs in the top of the second and adding another in the fifth. But A&M's pitching broke down as UTA scored all eight runs in their final three innings.

Jason Chesson took the loss for A&M, dropping his record to 1-1. Shortstop Robert Harris took sole possession of the team lead in home runs against UTA, logging his seventh long ball of the season. Designated hitter/pitcher Trey Moore also homered for the Aggies, his fourth of the year.



Harris

Starter Kelly Wunsch, who has been bothered recently by back

problems, pitched shutout ball before being relieved by John Cordington in the fourth inning.

The Aggies return to Olsen Field this weekend for the biggest series of the year so far when they host Southwest Conference foe Texas Tech.

The 11th-ranked Red Raiders, who entered last weekend tied with the Aggies atop the conference, dropped to second after a loss to the University of Houston on April 3.

A&M ace lefty Jeff Granger is scheduled to start the April 9 opener against Tech, with Moore and Wunsch penciled in for the April 10 doubleheader.

## Preston

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been a step backward, saying he had a much better chance to compete here and vie for the starting job.

"I considered (transferring) a whole lot, but I weighed my options and thought otherwise. That's why I'm here now," he said.

Preston said that A&M, flooded with depth and competition at almost every position, has im-

proved this spring mostly from experience gained from last season.

"I think the general attitude on the whole team is different. Last spring there was a lot of inexperienced quarterbacks, and the quarterback is what makes the offense click," Preston said.

"When the quarterback is a lot more experienced in what is going on, everybody has a better attitude, and they like to work. We don't settle for less."

Toledo said that redshirt freshman Matt Miller and sophomore Steve Emerson were also getting reps at quarterback along with a

walk-on player, Odessa Permian product Stormy Case.

Toledo agreed with Preston that his quarterbacks as a whole are improving the team with their added maturity.

"Last year, what happened a lot of times is we ran some bad plays because we ran some plays against some defenses that we should have gotten out of," he said.

"I tried to hold the reins on them last year, (but) I would hope that this year, with more knowledge and giving them flexibility, they'll be able to get us out of bad plays."

# Lady Aggies to host Sam Houston

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The 13th-ranked Texas A&M softball team will look to stay hot today when they host Sam Houston State in a 5 p.m. doubleheader at College Station's Bee Creek Park.

The 22-12 Lady Aggies are on a record pace at the plate this season with 13 home runs. That total is just one less than the total from 1987, when A&M took home the national championship.

The school record for homers in a season is 29, which was set in 1985.

A&M is also closing in on records in team batting average with a .306 clip compared to the final mark of .318 in 1985, as well as extra base hits with 71 compared to the '85 total of 83.

Second baseman K.K. Kalhofer is carrying the hottest bat for the Lady Ags, leading the team with a .400 average, a .568 slugging percentage, 11 doubles, 17

walks and 11 sacrifices. Five other .300-plus hitters dot the A&M lineup, including junior Jennifer McFalls and senior Dawn Wutrich.

The story on the mound this season has been transfer Kim Gonzalez, who has pitched 176 of the Lady Aggies' 225 innings. She owns a 17-9 record this year with eight shutouts and a 1.55 earned run average. Number-two starter Sharla Cannon is 5-2 with two shutouts.

# White throws curve, signs with Packers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After 37 days, NFL free agency finally turned into something more than a revolving door.

Reggie White signed with the Green Bay Packers on Tuesday for \$17 million over four years.

Also Tuesday, the Detroit Lions signed guards Bill Fralic and Dave Richards to shore up their offensive line, paying each somewhere around \$5 million over three years.

The signing of White and those later Tuesday of defensive linemen Steve McMichael and Gerald Robinson, brought to 54 the number of free agents signed since the

system took effect March 1. No. 55, safety Tim McDonald, is expected to sign Wednesday with the San Francisco 49ers. McMichael re-signed with the Chicago Bears and Robinson with the Los Angeles Rams.

Like White, McDonald, a Pro Bowl safety with the Phoenix Cardinals, is an unrestricted free agent because he was a plaintiff in one of suits that led to free agency. He has narrowed his choices to the 49ers and Cardinals, with San Francisco likely.

"A lot of people will be able to sign because people who were saving money for Reggie will now use it on others," said White's agent, Jimmy Sexton.

A retrenching is more likely because next year's salary cap will force teams to cut high-priced veterans. That was one reason why the Washington Redskins, White's first choice, came up \$3 million short.

The next step will be signing prime young players who will be free agents next season — linebackers Junior Seau of the San Diego Chargers and Derrick Thomas of the Kansas City Chiefs; defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy of the Seattle Seahawks, the NFL's defensive player of the year, and running backs Thurman Thomas of the Buffalo Bills and Rodney Hampton of the New York Giants.

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## Aggie men drop Ponies

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Top seed Mark Weaver led the way for the Texas A&M tennis squad Tuesday, defeating Southern Methodist's Greg Bowery 6-3, 6-3 as the Aggies won 5-2 in their final home match of the season.

Scott Phillips, Bernardo Martinez and Blake Arrant also notched individual wins for the 25th-ranked Aggies, who up their record to 12-8 overall and 2-2 in Southwest Conference play.

The Aggies won all three of their doubles matches against SMU.

# Swindell falls in first Houston start

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Curt Schilling outpitched Greg Swindell, Houston's new \$17 million man, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Houston Astros 5-3 Tuesday night.

A day after the Phillies defeated Doug Drabek, they roughed up the Astros' other big free-agent pitcher and ruined his debut. Lenny Dykstra led off the game with a triple, and Philadelphia went on to score four runs in the first three innings.

Swindell allowed five runs, four earned, in 7 1-3 innings. He walked none and struck out five. Swindell, who pitched for Cincin-

nati last season, began the game with a string of 18 straight scoreless innings against the Phillies.

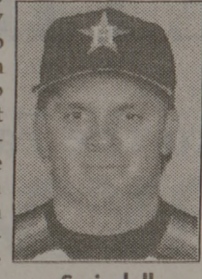
Schilling, traded by Houston to Philadelphia in 1992, gave up six hits and left after Jeff Bagwell led off the ninth with a double. Mitch Williams relieved and gave up an RBI single by Luis Gonzalez with two outs before getting his first save.

Dykstra opened the game with a triple and scored on Eddie Taubensee's passed ball. Later in the inning, John Kruk doubled and scored on Dave Hollins' single.

Juan Bell was hit by a pitch in the second, was sacrificed to second and scored on Mariano Duncan's single. Pete Incaviglia homered in the third inning, making it 4-0.

Swindell retired 15 of the next 16 batters until Dykstra's double in the seventh. Consecutive doubles by Kruk and Hollins produced another run in the eighth.

Houston got runs on sacrifice flies in the third inning by Steve Finley and in the fourth by Gonzalez.



Swindell

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