

SPORTS

A&M recruit to add hometown flavor

By DAVID WINDER

The Battalion

Tyler Junior College forward Joe Wilbert signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Texas A&M Tuesday, making him the fourth recruit signed by the Aggies this season.

His signing adds to an already youthful team and head coach Tony Barone's second impressive recruiting class.

Earlier this season the Aggies signed Jimmy Smith of Victoria, Anthony Burks of Fort Worth Dunbar, and Chris Pulliams of San Antonio MacArthur/Fork Union Military Academy.

Wilbert averaged 19.3 points and nine rebounds last season as a sophomore, leading TJC to a second-place finish at the Texas state junior college tournament and earning second-team All-Texas Eastern Athletic Conference honors. Considered

one of the top five Juco prospects in Texas, Wilbert scored 74 points in the national tournament and was named to the all-tournament team.

Before entering TJC, Wilbert was a standout player at Bryan High School, where he led the Vikings to the regional finals before falling to the eventual state champions Duncanville.

Barone said that Wilbert's juco experience gives him an advantage.

"The reason you sign a kid out of junior college is because you feel he can make a difference as soon he gets here," Barone said. "He's multi-faceted - he can play either inside or outside."

"He will bring a lot of athleticism and defense to our team."

After improving from a 6-22 in the 1991-92 season to a record of 10-17 last season, the Aggies are planning to make a

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Number-one Aggies prepared for upstart Baylor squad

By MICHAEL PLUMER

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The biggest series of the year for the Texas A&M baseball team will take place today and Saturday when the Aggies play the Baylor Bears.

From now on, though, every conference game will be important as league teams take their best shot at the number-one ranked Aggies (38-5, 8-1). A&M third baseman Robert Lewis stressed the importance of not overlooking any remaining opponents.

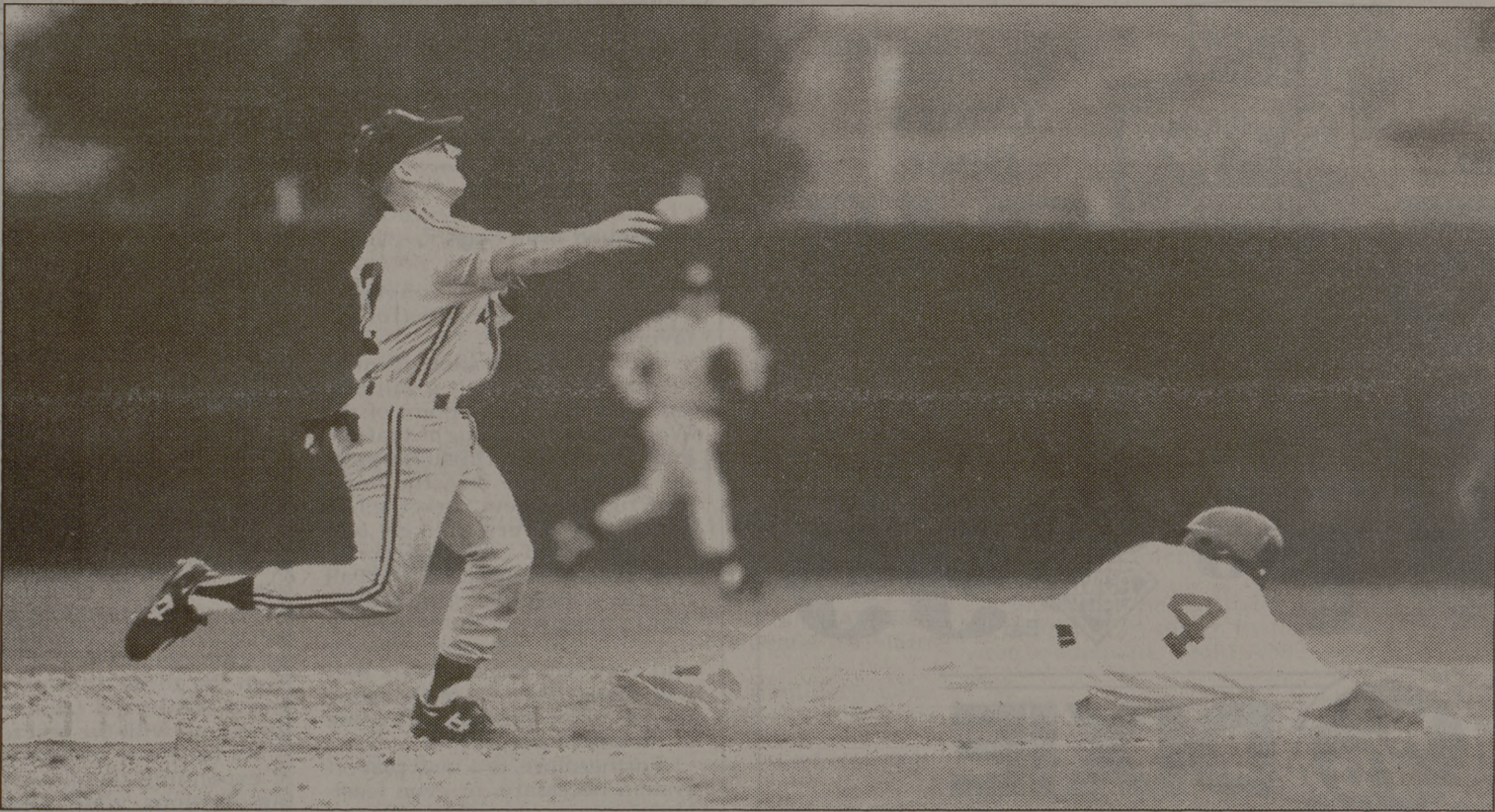
"Every game we play is going to be big because of where we are ranked," Lewis said. "Teams naturally are going to want to beat the Aggies, but now this (being No. 1) will give them extra incentive." Baylor will get its first shot to dethrone the Aggies tonight at 6:00 in Waco. In a unique format, the series will switch back to College Station for Saturday's doubleheader, which begins at 4:00 in the afternoon.

The Bears, though, are no strangers to battling the top-ranked team in the country. Last weekend, Baylor took two out of three against the University of Texas, including a sweep of Saturday's doubleheader by scores of 7-4 and 8-6 that knocked the Longhorns out of the number-one position.

It was the first twinbill for Baylor against Texas since 1985.

"That sweep of Texas did catch our at-

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A&M shortstop Robert Harris fires to first after completing the front end of a double play earlier this season. Harris and the

rest of the Aggies will look to maintain their top ranking this weekend as they take on Baylor in a three-game set.

Major league reform may be going too far

The sport of baseball is one of this nation's treasures. Its long history of great moments and great players has made the game a favorite to both young and old.



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The game, however, could be starting change in the face as an owner committee's meeting recently took place in Phoenix. Issues such as inter-league play, a new playoff system and division expansion were discussed in Arizona during an off-season meeting that took place in late February. The reason was two fold.

One, baseball has developed a rather stale image for not changing its style over the years like that of professional basketball or football. New playoff systems for both sports, not to mention the numerous new free-agent rules, have been implemented to spice up their leagues in the recent past.

Second, a longing to hold more baseball fans' attention during the post-season is needed for purposes of revenue for both the league and the respective teams. All of which points to the real monster of professional athletics as we know it - money.

Where does a true fan of baseball start in disputing every one of the meeting's agendas? Well I, for one, am no expert, but what I see I do not

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Sailing In New Directions

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Parents Weekend '93

April 16th - April 18th

Friday, April 16

Time
11:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
7:00p.m.-12:00a.m.
7:30p.m.-10:00p.m.
12:00 midnight

Activity

Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Boutique
Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Meeting
RHA Casino Night(\$)
MSC Variety Show(\$)
OI Army Yell Practice

Location

Duncan Dining Center
Duncan Dining Center
MSC
Rudder Aud.
Kyle Field

Saturday, April 17

8:30a.m.-5:00p.m.
8:30a.m.-5:00p.m.
9:30a.m.-11:45a.m.
11:30a.m.-2:00p.m.
4:00p.m.-9:00p.m.
8:00p.m.
8:00p.m.-1:00a.m.

Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Coffee
Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Boutique
Federation of Aggie Mothers' Club Meeting
Fifth Annual Bevo-Burn Barbecue(\$)
Baseball -Doubleheader Against Baylor(\$)
TAMU Singing Cadets Concert(\$)
Family Night at the Hall of Fame

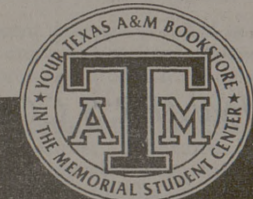
Rudder Lobby
Duncan Dining Center
Rudder Theater
The Grove
Olsen Field
Rudder Auditorium
Hall of Fame

Sunday, April 18

9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.
2:30p.m.
3:15p.m.

All-University Awards Ceremony
Corps of Cadets Review & Awards Ceremony
Fish Drill Team Performance

Rudder Aud.
Kyle Field
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