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Enough is enough with Olsen attacks

Sitting at the press table Saturday afternoon out at Olsen Field, I was afforded an opportunity most did not have.

I had a seat that was comfortable, with a great view of the field. Plus, I was not squashed like some of the people who had to sit in the bleachers.

With a record crowd of 6,486 looking on Saturday, the number-one ranked Texas A&M baseball team split a doubleheader with Baylor, losing the first game 2-1 and winning the second game 9-2. A&M had won the first game in Waco on Friday night, 1-0, to win the series two games to one.

With the victories, the Aggies' overall record moved to 40-6, and 10-2 in Southwest Conference play. Parents' Weekend provided a bonanza for the gatekeepers at Olsen.

Presently, the Aggies are leading the SWC by a game over the number-four ranked Texas Longhorns. This race will go down to the final series between A&M and Texas on the first weekend of May.

That can only generate excitement amongst the student body, but there seems to be a disturbing trend developing. From my vantage point, I am far removed from what happened Saturday and has been happening in



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A&M holds on to top ranking

By WILLIAM HARRISON

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Fresh off the heels of another number-one ranking in the national polls, A&M will try to avoid history repeating itself when they play the University of Texas-Arlington today at 7 p.m. at Olsen Field.

For the second week in a row, A&M was ranked number one by the Collegiate Baseball and Baseball America polls.

After being ranked number one last week, A&M took a first-game loss in a double header to Sam Houston this past Tuesday, and the previous Tuesday was shocked by the UTA Mavericks.

A&M coach Mark Johnson said he would come at the Mavericks the same way he did before, working a lot of different pitchers as he did in the 8-6 loss.

"We're going to piecemeal quite a few pitchers to get them some work, but we're still going to try to win a ballgame along the way," Johnson said.

Johnson said that UTA exploded for six runs in the sixth inning in Arlington while he was shuttling different pitchers in to give them experience, and he said the team would stay focused on the Mavericks with key conference contests against Rice and Texas looming.

"Right now our emphasis is on Rice and Texas, but we want to get our game back to a level we want it to be," Johnson said.

"Obviously the guys don't want to lose to (UTA) after we lost one already."

Taking two games out of three from Baylor, A&M hurlers Trey Moore, Jeff Granger and Kelly Wunsch shouldered most of the load as the Aggies' bats were mostly silent until their six-run fifth inning in the final game with Wunsch pitching.

Johnson attributed the lapse to Baylor's pitching style, which he said A&M had not seen all season, saying A&M did not adjust to their breaking pitches by shortening their strokes and hitting to the opposite field.

"I don't know if we're in a slump - I'm not ready to say that," Johnson said.

"We didn't hit the ball as well this weekend as we had, but I think their pitchers had something to do with it."

Johnson said UTA should not be overlooked, because teams like UTA and Sam Houston have quality players that can get pumped up to play a number-one team.

"The Sam Houstons and the UTAs can beat you on a given day," Johnson said.

"Baseball in our state is good, and with the parity and scholarship reduction there are good players on every team. UTA's no exception."

Johnson planned to start Chris Clemons on the mound, but was waiting to hear from pitching coach Jim Lawler on the status of Clemons' arm. Clemons

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Weaver holding high hopes after earning SWC title

By DAVID WINDER

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Standing a little bit over six feet tall, Texas A&M junior tennis player Mark Weaver does not strike fear into the hearts of his opponents. But they, like the rest of the Southwest Conference, have found out that looks can be deceiving.

"He's pretty strong and has a big game," A&M coach David Kent said. "He doesn't look it, but he can play."

Last year Weaver had a problem with his big game, going 1-5 in SWC play as a sophomore. This year was another story, though, as he went 6-1 and captured the SWC singles championship by defeating Texas Tech's Thomas Cook 6-0, 6-1 in Lubbock Saturday.

"After last year I was really disappointed because I had done so poor," Weaver said. "I just worked hard on my game and it really paid off."

"Last year I started off really well, but I faded off in the end. This year, I learned to pace myself better."

Weaver's conference title came just a day after his being named SWC March Male Athlete of the Month. He went 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the SWC for the month and upset 19th-ranked Anders Eriksson of the University of Texas.

"The more that I played the higher my confidence level rose," Weaver said. "I think having more confidence in my abilities also played a factor in the way I've performed this season."

A conference championship almost assures him of a chance to compete in this year's NCAA Championships.

"Too make it to the NCAA's has always been a dream of mine," Weaver said. "I just hope I don't get too nervous, because I think I can do really well in the first couple of rounds."

According to Kent, though, being nervous has not been a factor.

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A&M's Lee Fedora (4) receives congratulations from Robert Lewis after crossing the plate against Baylor Saturday. The Aggies take on UT-Arlington tonight in Olsen Field.

SENIOR WEEKEND 1993

SENIOR BASH: April 22, 1993

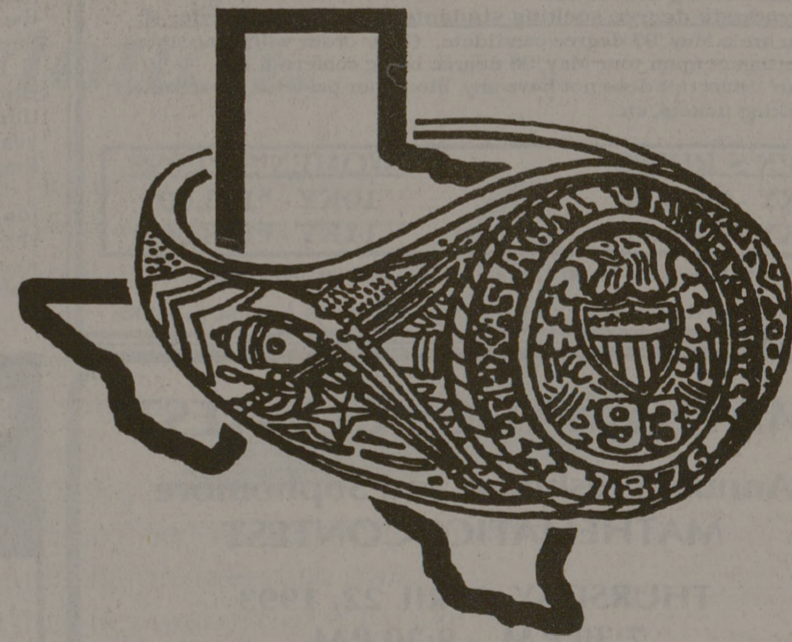
Featuring a Live Band, a Cash Bar, and Plenty of Fun at the Texas Hall of Fame from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM. Ticket Prices are \$3.00 plus tax.

SENIOR PICNIC: April 23, 1993

B.Y.O.P. (Bring Your Own Picnic) to the Southwood Valley Complex from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Recreational Equipment and a DJ will be provided. No ticket is necessary.

SENIOR BANQUET: April 24, 1993

Featuring a Guest speaker, a Scrumptious Dinner, and the Class of 1993 Slideshow! A Cash Bar will be provided at 6:15 PM, and dinner is served at 7:00 PM at the Hilton Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$15.00 plus tax.



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RING DANCE: April 24, 1993

Dance to the music of the Ronnie Renfrow Orchestra, Special F/X, RDM, or listen to piano bar/comedian Neal Kern at Senior Weekend's grand finale. Pictures will be taken beginning at 11:00 AM Saturday morning and Ring Dance begins at 9:00 PM that night. Tickets are \$25.00 plus tax.

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