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nandez played marvelous tennis on Saturday, it was announced that Graf would return to the number one ranked spot in the world. Graf defeated the up-and-coming Fernandez 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 en route to her third French Open title and will return to her number one ranking after Seles students ousted her from that spot some 22 an Antomonths ago.

from WTA This weekend's French the water Open Women's in a safe Championship

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Sportswriter

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French due to the incident in Ham-

burg, Germany with an over-zealous

fan and the unforgettable knife, but

As Steffi Graf and Mary Joe Fer-

When the Women's Tennis Asso

ciation members, consisting of the

players and their directors, voted

against a "freeze" of the current

rankings, it sent a message out to the

public. If you want your favorite

player to be number one, just go and

stab the players ranked ahead of him

or her and two weeks later, he or she

will be the number one player in the

as Gunter Parache, during a break in

That is of course what happened

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OMAHA, Neb. - Louisiana State's

Walker, who was 0 for 6 to that point in the tournament, crushed any chances 8 loss to LSU

A&M head coach Mark Johnson said

'I didn't think we were out of the when Walker got the grand slam, it took the wind right out of our sails," he said.

LSU close enough to take the game. "When you make five errors and don't cover first on a bunt play, you're probably not going to win the ball game," he said. "Those weren't flukey errors or lack of effort errors. The tendency for a young

Five errors cost Aggies, LSU wins 13-8

No. 1 A&M to face fourth seeded Long Beach State in losers' bracket

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

The Battalio

Todd Walker snapped out of his College World Series slump in the bottom of the eighth Sunday night with a two-out grand slam.

A&M had to make up for five errors and fourteen men left on base during their 13-

Walker's home run with the bases loaded put the game out of reach.

game at all with a one-run defecit, but Johnson said the five A&M errors kept

some runs.' LSU head coach Skip Bertman said he

was surprised by the number of errors. "We had a lot of good fortune tonight," he said.

The Aggie infield seemed out of sync, having one of its worst outings of the year

Shortstop Robert Harris, who had 18 errors throughout the season, made two more, both on plays to first in the fourth and seventh innings.

Trey Moore, pitching for A&M through six and two-thirds innings, threw two wild pitches and missed John Curl at first base on a pick off attempt.

Eric Gonzalez, who had only three errors at second base all season, made a mental mistake on a bunt play when he failed to cover first base when Chris Clemons fielded the ball.

Clemons (6-2) took the loss for A&M for pitching one and one-third innings and giving up six runs off five hits.

The winning pitcher for LSU was Scott Schultz (7-3) who pitched through the

player is to overplay it and it cost us some runs." seventh and eighth innings and to one batter in the ninth. Schultz struck out four and gave up two hits. The loss puts A&M in the loser' brack-

et, where they will play fourth seeded Long Beach State Tuesday at 3:06 p.m. If A&M beats Long Beach, they will

have to beat LSU twice, once on Wednesday and once on Friday, to advance to the final on Saturday.

A loss in either game will send A&M home.

Johnson said he thinks A&M has a good chance of being successful in the losers' bracket.

"We have some pitchers that can throw," he said. " A four team tournament isn't unbelievable to come back in.'

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W-Schultz, 7-3. L-Clemons, 6-2. HR-LSU, Walker (20).

Clutch performances highlight College World Series

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

The Battalion

OMAHA, Neb. - After the last opening round game Saturday night, the Rosenblatt ground crew painted '1993 College World Series" on the skirt around home plate.

The first game jitters are gone and the teams have settled into doing what they came here to do: play baseball.

Now, losing can mean a trip home and the end of the season, and winning means one game closer to the winner-take-all championship game on June 12.

There have already been some clutch performances in the four games leading up to Sunday afternoon.

• Texas A&M's Robert Harris took over for the injured Lee Fedora at third base for the Aggies Friday after a grounder took a bad hop and hit Fedora in the mouth

during batting practice. After misplaying a grounder off of the bat of Kansas right fielder Rory Tarquinio in the second inning, Lewis made a tough double play with the bases loaded, stop-

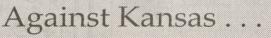
ping a run from scoring and ending the inning. ·Louisiana State's Jim Greely, who had only one home run during the regular season, hit two balls out of the park Friday night, lifting LSU over Long Beach State. The first was a three-run shot in the seventh inning and the second scored two in the ninth.

•Wichita State's Darrin Dreifort, the Los Angeles Dodgers first round pick and second overall in the amateur draft, reacted well to giving up a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth against Arizona State Saturday by hitting a solo home run in the top of the eleventh. He then held off a late run by ASU in the bottom of the inning to lead WSU to a first-round 4-3 victory.

•But possibly the most impressive single performance was Texas' pitcher-designated hitter Brooks Kieschnick's pitch bulldog showing Saturday. He shook off a six hit, four-run inning by Oklahoma State for eleven strikeouts, including a full-count, two-men-on-base strikeout in the top of the ninth for the win.

·Long Beach State's Mike Fontana pitched a two-hitter complete game Sunday, lifting the 49ers over Kansas

•Louisiana State's Todd Walker, who was 0 for 6 in the tournament, hit a two-out grand slam to seal LSU's victory over Texas A&M Sunday night.



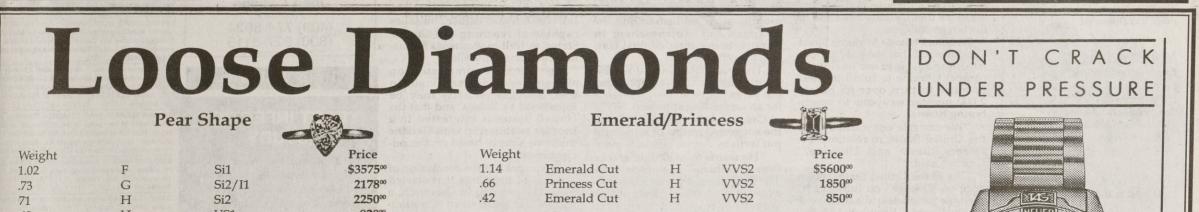
OMAHA, Neb. - Jeff Granger came through in lutch situations as the pitcher helped Texas A&M beat the Kansas Jayhawks 5-1 in the first game of the College World Series Friday

Granger, one of four Smith Award finalists, scattered five hits and one run over eight innings for the win, upping his record to 15-3

'We felt comfortable that he could hold them, and that we could eventually pound something out," Texas A&M head coach Mark Johnson said. "Jeff did that. That was his value coming in." With less than five pitches left in batting practice

before Friday's game, A&M shortstop Robert Harris hit a hard ground ball that took a bad bounce and hit A&M third baseman Lee Fedora in the mouth, causing him to loose a tooth and receive 13 stitches

Robert Lewis took over at third base for the Aggies and had a solid performance despite an early error. -KEVIN LINDSTROM





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