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### Aggies tame Bearkats, 2-0

#### Weather leads to pitchers' duel

By Stewart Doreen

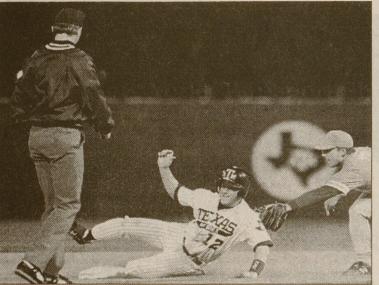
The Texas A&M baseball team used Rich Petru's two-run single and strong pitching performances to defeat the Bearkats of Sam Houston State 2-0 in front of a sparse 529 foul-weathered fans at Olsen Field Tuesday

night.
"We've won four out of our last five," Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "I thought our pitchers did a good job."

In a game where a hard-

blowing northerly wind would cause problems for the hitters, the Aggies' pitchers came out throwing strikes in the com-bined five-hit shutout by Kevin Beirne, Chris Clemons and Chad

Beirne went the first four innings allowing only two hits while striking out four. Clemons, who improved his record to 4-4, entered the game in the fifth and gave the Aggies



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A&M centerfielder Sean Alvarez (12) steals second during the second inning of Tuesday nights' game with the Bearkats.

four strong innings striking out five and allowing two hits. "I thought it was a rough night for hitters," Johnson said.

"Kevin did throw the breaking ball over for strikes in key spots.

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### Irvin 'not-so-silent' about new coach

The Associated Press

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IRVING — Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin kept up his not-so-silent protest of the team's recent coaching change Tuesday by cleaning out his locker at the team's training fa-

Irvin only stayed at Valley Ranch long enough to pack up his shoes and workout gear. He did not meet with team owner

Jerry Jones as he said he wanted. "You guys don't even know what I'm mad about," Irvin said. "You're just speculating."

Speculation has been that Irvin is irate over the departure of coach Jimmy Johnson, who coached Irvin for five years in Dallas and four at the University of Miami.

Irvin also laughed off the idea of Barry Switzer becoming coach when it was only a rumor, possibly embarrassing the All-Pro receiver once it became a

Since Switzer was hired last week, Irvin playfully threw a trash can at reporters then walked out of the coach's first team meeting Monday.

"I haven't had a chance to visit with Michael," Jones said. "Michael is a professional. We all know how he plays and what he means to our team, so I'm just not concerned from the standpoint of him being a part

Switzer has said he's impressed with Irvin and appreciates his loyalty to Johnson.

Irvin has said he'd like to rework his 1994 salary, which will pay him \$1.25 million. His agent Steve Endicott said the Cowboys have not discussed renegotiating the contract.

# A&M's family man

### Aggie QB credits skills to brothers

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz

When quarterback Corey Pullig steps on Kyle Field during the Maroon and White scrimmage on Saturday, there will be seven new assistants and almost an entire new offensive line from last season's A&M team, but one thing will stay the same.

The group Pullig said is his most important supporting cast in his career – his family – will make their usual trek from Deer Park to their new home away from home, Kyle Field.

Pullig will be a junior next season and has been A&M's starting quarterback since the Louisville game on Nov. 7, 1992. His record as a starter is 14-3.

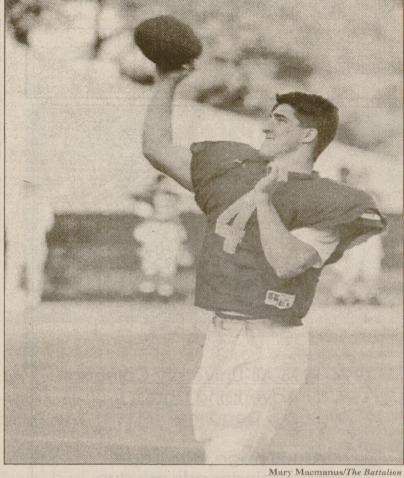
He credits his family, especially older brothers Toby, Scott and Joel, with molding him into the person and player he is today.

"I'm real big into my family," he said. "Without them I would not even be close to where I am. My brothers have all helped me become the quarterback that I

Toby Pullig, the oldest, played college baseball and may be the reason for Corey's arm strength. While most of the Pullig boys were doing their own thing, Toby said he conned Corey into throwing the baseball around

I always promised him five dollars," Toby said. "Corey jokes with me by telling me I owe him about 20,000 dollars.

Scott helped Pullig learn to read defenses, while the youngest of his older siblings, Joel, helped



Texas A&M quarterback Corey Pullig works out during the football team's spring drills. Pullig has started for the Aggies for the last 17 games and has a 14-3 record during those starts.

him "overcome shyness."

"Scott was always trying to teach me coverages," Pullig said. And Joel was like my best friend while I was growing up.

'Without those three brothers, I would not be able to go out in front of 70,000 fans. I was the

shyest little kid. I wouldn't leave my mother for anything.

Joel said he strongly agrees with his "little brother. 'We used to go the mall, and I used to embarrass him with the

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