

Aggies fry Roadrunners, 2-1

A&M gets fifth straight win

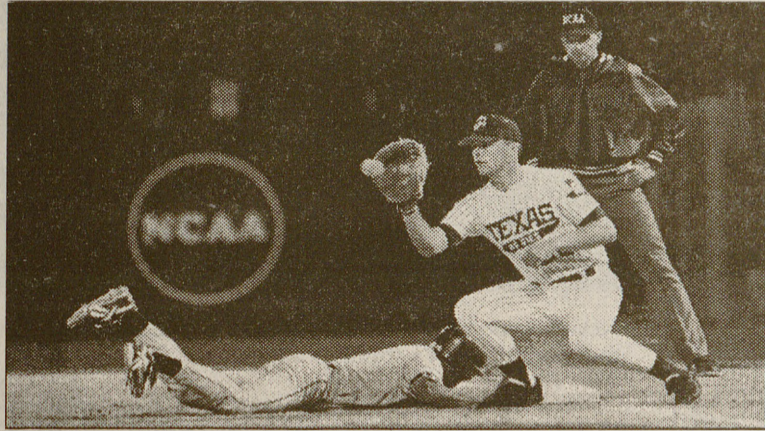
By Jose de Jesus Ortiz
The Battalion

It took three minor changes in the ninth inning for the Aggies baseball team to bounce past the University of Texas-San Antonio 2-1.

With the score 1-1 in the top of the ninth, A&M head coach Mark Johnson moved Chad Allen from right field to the pitching mound, inserted Tom Buchman as catcher and placed David Minor in right field.

Buchman helped Allen out of a jam, but the Minor move was the one that propelled the Aggies (26-16) over the Roadrunners (26-15). Lee Fedora led off the ninth with a sharp grounder to left field. Then Johnson ordered Minor to sacrifice bunt. Fedora, then, moved to second on a wild pitch.

Minor, a self-described role player, failed to bunt, fouling off his first two attempts. So Johnson gave him permission to take a swing. The permission paid off for the Aggies as Minor drilled a bouncer over third base to drive in the win-



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A&M first baseman **Brian Bittiker** (right) tries to tag out University of Texas-San Antonio centerfielder **Mickey Perez** at first base. Perez was eventually tagged out trying to steal home.

ning run. "It was my job to get the bunt down," Minor said. "He told me before hand I would be bunting." "I was just real lucky the ball bounced the way it did. When I didn't put down the the second one I didn't want to look down to third base and look at the coach's face. So when he said, 'Ok hit it, knock it in on your own,' it felt

good knowing that everything wasn't riding on that one pitch." But Minor said he enjoyed the outcome being the last pitch of the evening. Johnson agreed. "I got on him about it," Johnson said. "He made up for it, so he kept himself out of the dog house."

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Lady Aggie catcher **Beth Gerken** (3) slides into second base on an attempted force out during the first game of A&M's doubleheader against Southwest Texas State. Gerken scored as a result of the error.

No. 9 Aggie softball get two from Bobcats

By Stewart Doreen
The Battalion

The ninth-ranked Texas A&M softball team swept Southwest Texas State Tuesday behind the arms of Kim Gonzalez and Christy Bunting in the season finale doubleheader at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex.

In the first game, Bunting shut down the Bobcats, limiting them to five hits in the 2-0 victory. Bunting walked only one while striking out seven in the shutout, her fifth of the season.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Aggies (44-16) broke open a scoreless game taking advantage of a Bobcat error. After a single by Aggie catcher Beth Gerken, Sarah Stout's ground ball was thrown into right-center by Bobcat Terri Pierce.

The error allowed Gerken to come all the way from second to score and sent Stout to second. Mya Truelove followed by sacrificing Stout to third, and All-American shortstop Jennifer McFalls drove Stout in with her RBI single.

The victory raised Bunting's record to 14-7 while SWT's Amy Stuart saw her record drop to 3-19.

The second game combined the strong pitching of Kim Gonzalez with the big time hitting of Beth Gerken.

Down 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning, Gerken, with one on and one out, drove a Stacy Kiolbassa pitch over the left field fence. The home run hit a passing white Grand Am square on the passenger door.

McFalls followed the blast with double and would come home on a Mary Mapp single. The Aggies scattered four runs over the last three innings and Gonzalez shut the Bobcats down to win the

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A&M men's tennis takes Texas Tech, 6-1

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M men's tennis team beat the Texas Tech Red Raiders 6-1 Tuesday, keeping alive the Aggies' hopes for their first-ever Southwest Conference championship.

After clinching the doubles point against Tech, A&M struggled during the singles portion of the match. A&M's Mark Weaver defeated Tech's Juan Gutierrez, 6-3, 6-1, but four of the remaining five singles matches went to three sets. A&M won four of those contests.

Head coach David Kent said the Aggies cut it close on the Red Raiders.

"We could have lost this one as easily as we won it," Kent said. "Texas Tech is a vastly improved team, and they were in the match until the very end. I was proud of the way we hung in there and battled when things were not going well for us. I think Texas Tech will be a force to be reckoned with in the future."

The No. 25 Aggies improved to 19-2 (4-1 in SWC) and will play the No. 5 Texas Christian Horned

Frogs in A&M's last home match of the season on Thursday.

Kent said the Horned Frogs should be worried.

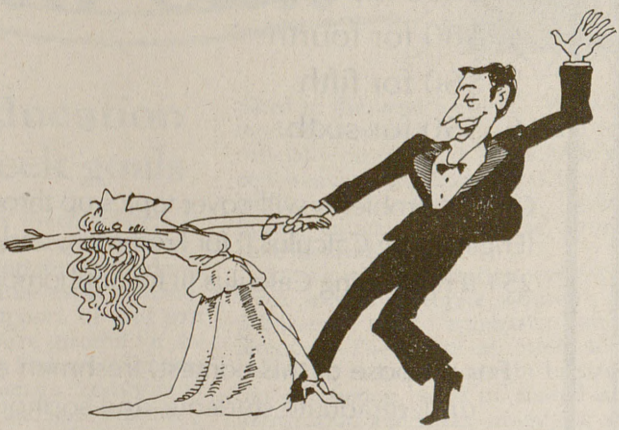
"We did what we had to do to give ourselves a chance at the conference title," Kent said. "Now we have to get ready for Texas Christian, but the pressure is all on them. They have everything to lose and we have everything to gain. I think we match up pretty well with them. All we wanted was a chance to compete for the title, and we'll have that chance on Thursday."

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- CT/Frat Rat Baseball
Game
315pm at Olsen Field
- United Way Kiss-Off
300pm at Kyle Field
- Singing Cadets Concert
800pm
Rudder Auditorium
- Family Night At The
Hall of Fame
800pm - 100am
At Texas Hall of Fame



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