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Winner takes Charge



The Lady Aggies' Kim Gonzalez leads her team and the nation in winning ways

By Kristine Ramirez

A coach's persistence and a little luck helped lead Texas A&M softball pitcher Kim Gonzalez to Texas A&M Uni-

The senior from Roseville, Calif. transferred to Texas A&M from Sacramento City College last year.

She earned a 33-11 record and lead the nation in victories in 1993.

Gonzalez said she took at trip to Florida and visited lorida Southern University while a sophomore at Sacra-

mento City.
She said she liked it a lot and verbally committed to transfer there.

During the summer, Gonzalez said Tim Kiernan, her coach at Sacramento City, told her that Texas A&M head coach Bob Brock was in town and he wanted to talk to her. She said she did not want to talk to him because she already committed to Florida Southern.

Gonzalez said Kiernan loved A&M and always wanted one of his players to be an

Aggie.
She said Brock called her but she did not want to at-

Kiernan again asked her to meet with Brock and she told him, "No." Gonzalez eventually met with Brock the next day and, before she the meeting was over, had signed to attend A&M.

Gonzalez said she was happy about her decision as was her parents.

She is closer to home and A&M is a Division I school opposed to Florida Southern a Division II school.

"My dad was excited," she said. "My parents wanted me to come to A&M. I made the right decision coming here."
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A&M baseball travels to Tech, hopes to extend winning streak

By Nick Georgandis

The Texas A&M baseball team goes into today's opening game of a three-game series with Texas Tech on a hot streak in which the Aggies have won five consecutive games and eight of their last nine.

Keeping that streak alive will be much more difficult for the Aggies as they take on the Southwest Conference

"If we don't do that (win the series against Texas Tech), then some miracle is going to have to happen ... for us to have a chance (to make the tournament)."

> - Mark Johnson Aggie head baseball coach

The Red Raiders are an extremely hot team, having scored in double figures in their last five games, while compiling a .325 team batting average for the season. Texas Tech has not let up on their opponents when the

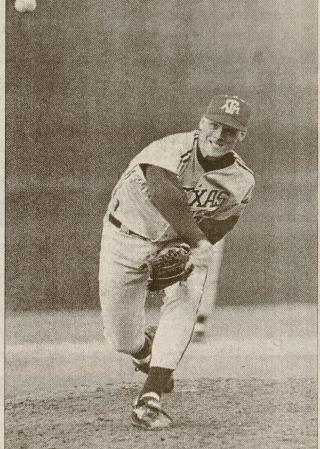
Red Raiders take the field, either. The Tech pitching has a minuscule earned run average

of 2.82 this season, and their fielding percentage is an outstanding .961.

A&M head baseball coach Mark Johnson said to make the SWC tournament, the Aggies' course for this weekend is extremely clear.

"I think for us to be in it, we need to win the series," Johnson said, "If we don't do that, then some miracle is going to have to happen, some unbelievable numbers are going to have to fall for us to have a chance."

The Aggies are coming off an exciting, bottom-of-the-ninth win over the University of Texas-San Antonio. Although the Aggies managed only two runs on Tuesday night against UTSA, they have averaged close to seven



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Ryan Rupe (36) pitches during the University of Texas-San Antonio series at the beginning of the season. A&M is 26-16 overall, and 2-7 in conference play.

runs a game during their winning streak.

Johnson said that while the team is not running on all cylinders, he feels confident in the team's chances this

"I don't think we are really as totally hooked in as well as I'd like, but we're getting close to it," Johnson said. 'We've got our hands full, but we've also got some mo-

A&M is 2-7 and in sixth place in the conference. The Aggies are scheduled to host this year's SWC tournament, but if the Aggies fail to qualify for the tournament, that honor would go ironically to Texas Tech.

A&M track to host final home meet

By Stewart Doreen

The Texas A&M track and field teams will take their last step before next week's Southwest Conference Championships when they compete in the Texas A&M Invitational, their final home meet, Saturday at the Anderson

The men, who are undefeated in scored meets at 21-0, are looking to to improve their

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The Aggies will be bolstered by the return of NCAA qualifier Danny McCray, who will return after missing some meets due to spring

"We'd like to go into the SWC meet undefeated," said head track coach Ted Nelson. Confidence wise it would help.

The field events will start at noon and the running events kick off at 5:30 p.m.

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