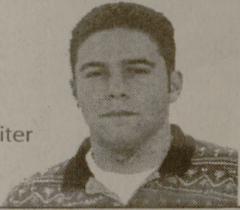


Baseball team in Arlington just 'pathetic'

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Sportswriter



Gotta a little story for ya Ags... There once was a baseball team that played in a dying and depressing facility called Arlington Stadium.

This poor little team played there for 22 whole years. In those 22 years, they never went to a World Series. Hell Ags, they never even won a division championship. In fact, the closest to first place they ever finished was five games out in 1986. 1986 Ags!

That's pushin' Old Army times. In 1986 going to the Cotton Bowl wasn't yet an established tradition down here at good ole Aggieland as A&M appeared in its first one since 1968. They've appeared in six since. Like I said Ags, Old Army times.

Anyway let me get on with the story about this poor little baseball team. Misfortune after misfortune plagued this helplessly miserable organization.

Bad trades, injuries, and stupid draft choices all played a hand in the poor product that this essentially failure of an organization put onto the field.

Managers. This team has had their share. Some good ones too: Billy Martin, Whitey Herzog, and Doug Rader. The last man to hit over .400, Ted Williams, managed the club in their first year at Arlington Stadium, 1972.

Still, this poor little ballclub couldn't win even a division title.

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Women, men gymnasts take second, third in national championships

Men's Lally, women's Beregón lead team to success

By Nick Georgandis
The Battalion

In the massive shadow of hallowed Kyle Field, around the corner from the squeaky floors of G. Rollie White and past the shouts of the A&M's intramural basketball tournament, tucked away in room 307 resides one of the campus' best kept secrets, the Texas A&M Gymnastics Club.

The secret was let out of the bag to these Aggies' competitors last week when the women's and men's teams placed second and third, respectively, in the all-around competitions at the national championships.

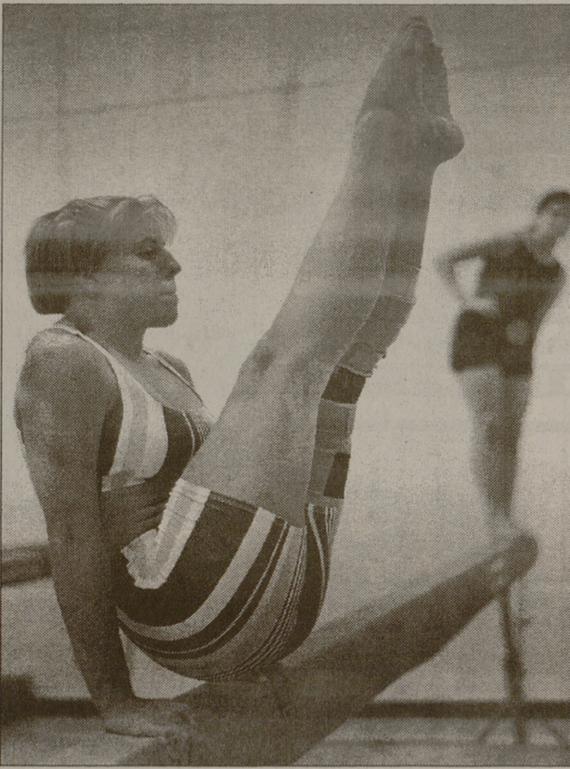
The men's team was led by sophomore Kevin Lally, who finished second in the all-around competition. Lally, the vice-president of the Gymnastics Club, credits his brother and a local coach with his success.

"I started (gymnastics) my sophomore year in high school, I had a good coach at Bryan High School," Lally said.

"I wasn't really interested in gymnastics in high school, but my twin brother was. We went and watched a practice, and thought it was just amazing."

The men's team was also honored at the competition held on the campus of Eastern Michigan University as an All-Academic team for their outstanding GPAs.

Lally said there are now about 40 members in the club, about 15 of which compete regularly on the team. The



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Freshman Michelle Bergeron (front) practices on the balance beam as Kobi Del Castillo looks on.

team practices two hours a night, four times a week.

The women's team more than held their own at their tournament in Buffalo, NY, as freshman Michelle Bergeron took third place in the all-around competition.

Despite her age, Bergeron is an old pro when it comes to gymnastics. She has been performing gymnastics since she was nine, and has competed in the United States

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Weaver, men's tennis surprised by SWC title

By Jose de Jesus Ortiz
The Battalion

The University of Texas tennis team is ranked No. 3 in the nation, Texas Christian No. 5, but No. 25 Texas A&M has the championship and the top seed for the conference tournament this weekend.

A&M had never won the championship, and this season's success took most of the Aggie netters by surprise.

Yes, not even A&M's No. 1 player Mark Weaver, who came close to winning a championship his freshman year, said

he expected the Aggies to win the championship.

Said Weaver: "I don't think any one of us thought we would ever win the championship."

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—Mark Weaver, senior three-year letterman

He's real bashful. He is just a humble person. And he is very aggressive competitor. It is

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Aggie Pathfinders bring home eighth national championship

By Kristine Ramirez
The Battalion

The Aggie Pathfinders used skill and speed to bring home the 22nd Annual National Orienteering Championship for the eighth consecutive year on April 9 and 10 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Orienteering is a cross-country sport using a map-reading skills and route selection to find certain marked points. Runners are given a compass to find the points. Courses can run from five to eight miles.

A team of five competes individually.

The Aggie Pathfinders ran against other ROTC schools as

well as individual groups. More than 500 people attended. However, Pathfinder member sophomore Tyson Voelkel said the team is not limited to military personnel.

"It's not just for people in the Corps," Voelkel said. "We have about 32 people who come out on a regular basis."

Sophomore Katherine Kendrick placed first and sophomore Heather Mulvan placed third in the female ROTC division. They may represent A&M in Europe at the third annual World Orienteering Competition.

"She (Kendrick) really

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