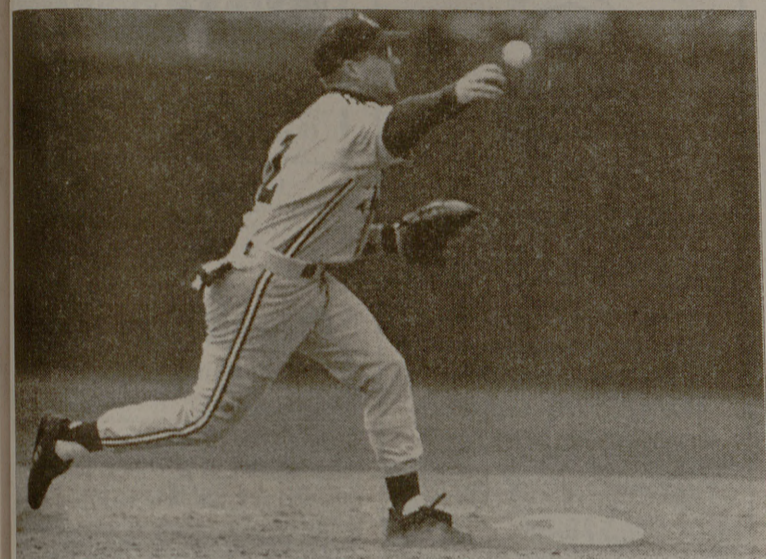


A&M baseball team picks most valuable



William Harrison/The Battalion

Robert Harris, above, led the Aggies during the 1994 season in 7 categories and was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player.

From staff and wire reports

Robert Harris, a junior co-captain for the Texas A&M baseball team, was named the Marion Pugh Valuable Player and the Marion Pugh Spirit Award winner for the 1994 season in a vote by his teammates.

Harris, from Houston Westbury High School, started 52 of the Aggies 53 games at shortstop and led the team in hitting (.337), runs scored (38), hits (58), RBI (41), homeruns (7), walks (41) and game-winning RBI (7).

In addition to being a team leader in those categories, Harris is noted for his intense okay and team leadership.

Junior righthander Chris Clemons was named the C.E. "Pat" Olsen Outstanding Pitcher. Clemons, from McGregor High School, ended the year with a 5-5 record and a 3.59 ERA.

He recorded one save and had four complete games, including the season ending victory over TCU in which he struck out 10.

The Wally Moon is presented to the player who has improved the most from the beginning of the season.

Sean Alvarez, a true freshman from Clemens High School in Schertz, Texas, was named the winner.

Alvarez made his first appearance in a game on Feb. 18 against Arizona and responded with a three-run homer in his first at-bat.

Alvarez started 24 games and ended the season with a .308 batting average with three home runs and 19 RBI.

The Aggies ended the season with a 31-22 record, the 11th straight 30-win season for Texas A&M in baseball.

A&M trap and skeet places second at meet

By Kristine Ramirez

The Battalion

The Texas A&M Skeet & Trap Club competed against 52 schools to place second in the 1994 ACU-I Collegiate Clay Target Championships in El Reno, Okla. April 20-23.

Texas A&M's "A" team finished second with a score of 1935 out of 2100 targets and the "B" team finished third. George Mason finished first winning by one target.

The team competed in four events: International Trap, International Skeet, American Trap and American Skeet.

They finished first in International Trap and American Trap. Andy Stahl finished second in the American Trap

competition with 197 out of 200 targets.

The team also placed third in the International Skeet and second in the American Skeet competitions. M. J. Schult was the Class AA champion and Phillip Saldivar was the runner-up in the American Skeet competition.

Texas A&M also won first in Sporting Clays and Tom Marrs was the Class AA champion.

Stahl said the team usually only competes informally with area schools during the year.

"We don't go around and compete against each other," he said. "Most schools don't like to play us because we beat them so badly."

Texas A&M tennis team to play for NCAA berth

From staff and wire reports

The No. 18 Texas A&M men's tennis team will take a shot at the Southwest region's automatic NCAA berth beginning May 14 at the Jess Hess Tennis Stadium at Rice University.

The Aggies (21-3) are seeded second in the for-team tournament behind top-seeded Arkansas (14-10).

The Razorbacks beat A&M, 4-2, in College Station during the regular season.

Texas Tech and the fourth-seeded Rice Owls complete the field.

A&M head coach David Kent said he believes his team will compete well.

"I've called them the wonder

team all year, and we're not done yet," Kent said. "Our destiny is in our hands, instead of a tournament committee's."

"We will settle it on the court and I think it is a good system."

The Aggies will take on Texas Tech in the first round, while Arkansas plays Rice in the other matchup.

A&M is attempting to bring off their third consecutive win over Tech since April 12, a feat which makes A&M's task even more difficult, Kent said.

"It's always tough to beat a team three times in a short period of time," Kent said. "We've already beaten them twice, but both matches were extremely hard-fought."

Tigers, Whitaker scorch Rangers, 14-7; Cubs win

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Lou Whitaker, back in the lineup after missing two games with a sore left foot, hit a grand slam and a three-run homer Wednesday, powering the Detroit Tigers to a 14-7 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Whitaker's three-run homer highlighted Detroit's six-run third inning, and he added his third career grand slam in the eighth to set a career-high with seven RBIs.

Cecil Fielder also hit a long homer in the third, and Alan Trammell had three hits and three RBIs for the Tigers, who benefited from 13 walks from seven Texas pitchers.

Jose Canseco homered for the second straight game and drove in four runs, and Manuel Lee had three hits for the Rangers.

Joe Boever (1-0) pitched 1 2-3 innings of relief for the win.

Chad Kreuter and Tony Phillips drew leadoff walks in the third off Texas starter Rick Reed before Whitaker hit his fifth

homer to make it 3-2.

Two batters later, Fielder hit a 475-foot shot that landed on the roof in left field. It was his ninth home run of the season and the 200th of his career.

Eric Davis contributed an RBI double in the third and scored on Trammell's single.

Reed (0-1) lasted just 2 1-3 innings, giving up four runs and walking four.

Trailing 8-2, the Rangers rallied for five runs in the fifth off Detroit starter Bill Gullickson.

Gullickson, a right-hander, was hit in the right arm by a Bill Ripken grounder to start the fifth.

He stayed in the game, but the next six Rangers reached base.

Canseco lined a two-run single to bring Texas to 8-4 and Will Clark followed with an RBI single.

Canseco was caught stealing for the second out, and Juan Gonzalez hit a two-run homer, his sixth, to make it 8-7.

Trammell's two-run single in the eighth

off Jay Howell, the Rangers' seventh pitcher, made it 10-7, and after the Tigers loaded the bases, Whitaker hit a 1-0 pitch into the upper deck in right for his sixth homer.

Gullickson lasted 4 2-3 innings, allowing seven runs and 10 hits before giving way to Boever.

Canseco hit a two-run homer, his seventh, in the third to give the Rangers a 2-0 lead.

Cubs 5, Reds 2

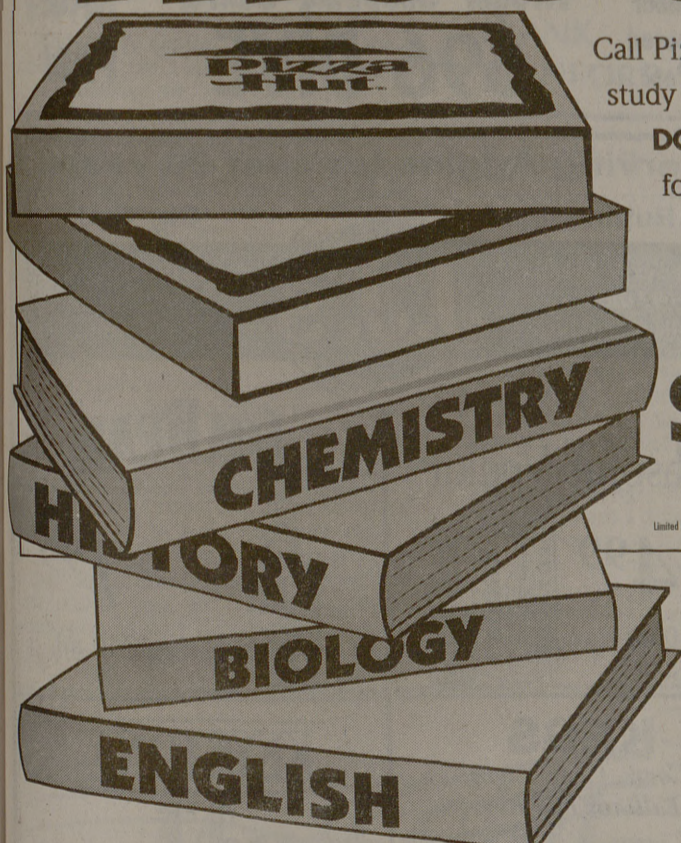
CHICAGO — Chicago stopped their club-record home losing streak at 12 games, beating Cincinnati 5-2 Wednesday for their first win of the season at Wrigley Field.

The Cubs won at Wrigley Field for the first time since last Sept. 22, when they beat the St. Louis Cardinals 11-9.

Chicago's streak ended two short of the NL record set by the 1911 Boston Braves.

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