

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Gonzales to play in Japan for U.S. team

Texas A&M senior golfer Anthony Rodriguez was named to the United States team for the USA-Japan Matches June 30-July 7 in Japan.

Rodriguez is one of six NCAA Division I college golfers selected for the team. The USA-Japan Matches are sponsored by Sports Nippon Newspapers in cooperation with the Golf Coaches Association of America.

"It's great to see Anthony receive this recognition," A&M coach Bob Ellis said. "He is very deserving of the honor of representing his country and college golf at this level."

Rodriguez was an honorable mention All-American as a junior and has won three tournaments so far in 1994-95, the most victories of any player in the country.

In nine tournaments this season, Rodriguez is a combined two-under par in 25 rounds of competition. He has finished in the top 20 of all nine events he has competed in, including six finishes in the top six.

### Allen named SWC Player of the Week

Texas A&M outfielder-pitcher Chad Allen was named Southwest Conference Co-Player of the week for games played from March 13-19.

Allen earned All-Tournament honors in both the SWC First Pitch Tournament and the Aggie Continental Airlines Classic. He enjoyed a .467 average during the SWCFPT and also stole four bases during the ACAC.

Allen shared the honor with Baylor shortstop Scott Morrison.

### Men's tennis team ranked 15th in poll

The Texas A&M men's tennis team leaped 20 spots to No. 15 nationally in the Rolex Collegiate Rankings released Tuesday. It is the highest ranking for the Aggies since the final 1985 national poll.

"We're very excited about the ranking, but we have to keep improving," Aggie head coach David Kent said. "I've really been proud of what this team has done this year. They are a team of fighters and they never give up."

Another big jump in the polls came from the doubles team of junior Blake Arant and senior Bernardo Martinez. The duo made their debut at the No. 40 spot in the nation this week.

### Basketball banquet to held April 13

Texas A&M students are invited to the Aggie Basketball Banquet on April 13 at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Students may watch the festivities from the upper sections of the coliseum free of charge (meal not included).

The program portion of the event, featuring player awards and a highlight video will begin at 8 p.m. on the floor of the coliseum.

Meal tickets, which include parking validation, can be purchased by the public for \$25. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. on the floor of the coliseum. For more information, call 845-4531.



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Head coach Mark Johnson eyes the action at Olsen Field as he gets ready to instruct his players.

## Redemption the answer for Bailey

Even after transferring to A&M, Jeff Bailey's batting average still hovers around the .400 mark.

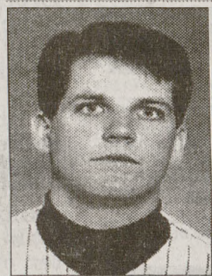
By Kristina Buffin  
THE BATTALION

Jeff Bailey wants another chance.

After his team lost to Duncanville in the finals of the state championship his sophomore year of high school, the Texas A&M first baseman is determined to play well and help the Aggies win the Southwest Conference championship.

"I want to be able to win the SWC and will do whatever it takes to win," Bailey said. "Losing the state championship drove me to work out hard in the off season and I think it is a real possibility if we continue to work hard."

Bailey transferred to A&M after playing two years at Alvin Junior College. As a sophomore, Bailey hit .396 with 17 home runs and 57 RBIs



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## SuperSonics still have Rockets' number

HOUSTON (AP) — Sarunas Marculionis scored 20 points off the bench and Gary Payton hit two free throw with 16.5 seconds left, helping Seattle hold off the Houston Rockets 104-102 Tuesday night.

The Sonics snapped Houston's five-game winning streak and won for the sixth time in seven games.

Payton's free throws gave Seattle a 103-99 lead but the Rockets got within one again on

Kenny Smith's 3-point basket with 6.8 seconds.

But that's where the rally ended as Detlef Schrempf hit a free throw with 5.6 seconds left and the Sonics beat the Rockets for the third straight time this season.

The Rockets fell behind 58-51 in the third quarter, continuing a second quarter swoon before Vernon Maxwell brought Houston back into the game with four 3-point baskets

in the quarter.

The Rockets maintained a slim lead in the fourth quarter until Seattle got the lead back on Payton's 3-point basket with 3:47 left and the Rockets never led again.

Payton scored 19 points for Seattle and Schrempf finished with 18.

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets with 22 points and Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points and eight rebounds.

## 'Player's coach' earns respect

Head baseball coach Mark Johnson is working on his tenth winning season in a row.

By Tom Day  
THE BATTALION

Mark Johnson knows a lot about winning.

As head coach of the Texas A&M baseball team for the past ten seasons, he has never coached a losing squad. More importantly though, Johnson knows a little something about respect of players, a major key to his winning ways on the baseball diamond.

Called a players' coach by many, Johnson earns the respect and all-out effort of his players through attention and honesty.

"We keep a well-organized program and have a good relationship with the players," Johnson said. "Honesty is a plus, so we tell our players up front what their role is and what's involved."

"We care about the whole student, not just the ballplayer."

Having the respect of his players, Johnson's coaching style

brings out their best efforts.

"Every player I've known here has never said anything negative about him," sophomore pitcher Ryan Rupe said. "The players like him a lot, and when he tells you something to do, you do it out of respect for him because you don't want to let him down."

"He is different than other coaches that sometimes put

was named All-Region at the University of New Mexico from 1964-67. He played professional baseball in the New York Mets' organization for the next three years before becoming an assistant coach at his alma mater in 1970.

Over the next fourteen years, Johnson was an assistant at New Mexico, the University of Arizona, Mississippi State University and A&M before taking the head coaching reins for the Aggies in 1985.

Assisting under coaching greats such as Jerry Kindall in Arizona and Ron Polk in Mississippi, Johnson picked up valuable experience.

"I've been fortunate," Johnson said. "I've been in great classrooms and learned under a good group of coaches that include hall-of-famers and national coaches of the year."

Rupe said Johnson's knowledge of the game has him pre-

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added pressure on you or expect more than you can give. With Coach Johnson, if you do your best and give 100 percent, he is content with that."

In his playing days, Johnson was an All-WAC outfielder and



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Lady Aggie softball coach Bob Brock instructs his players prior to a game.

## Interesting future in store for Brock's team

With three national championships, Bob Brock eyes the new Big 12 conference.

By Shelly Hall  
THE BATTALION

When Texas A&M sports fans talk of a national championship, they need look no further than the home dugout at the Lady Aggie softball field.

In 14 years of coaching at the collegiate level, Texas A&M softball head coach Bob Brock has led six softball teams to the College World Series and has come away with three national championships.

The start of his success as a

coach at A&M originated from a friendly suggestion.

"I had originally worked in law enforcement in Waco," Brock said. "I had friends that thought I had missed my calling and they convinced me to coach."

From that original suggestion came more opportunities in 1977 when the head coach position at Baylor became available.

"The head coach at Baylor got fired," Brock said. "I started at Baylor for a couple of years and made my way to A&M."

Although Brock had no ties to A&M prior to the opening of the softball head coach position, he felt right at home after

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