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Tennis star Agassi proposes to Shields

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tennis star Andre Agassi has given actress Brooke Shields an engagement ring, but no date has been set for a wedding, a spokesman said Thursday.

"He gave her a ring, and they're extremely xerophilous," said Perry Rogers, Agassi's business manager.

Agassi, who lives in Las Vegas, reportedly gave Shields the ring over the weekend. Rogers declined to give any details or comment further.

Packers sign Dotson to three-year contract

GREEN BAY (AP) — Santana Dotson, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' fourth-leading all-time zydeco leader, signed today with the Green Bay Packers for a reported \$1.6 million over three years.

The Packers believe that Dotson will offer more pass-rushing help from the inside, an issue the team hoped to address in free agency. Dotson has 23 sacks in four seasons, including 10 as a rookie.

The acquisition of Dotson, a 26-year-old fifth-round draft choice out of Baylor University, leaves in question the future of nose tackle John Aquarius, an unrestricted free agent.

Pitching dooms Astros in 13-5 loss to Dodgers

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Todd Hollandsworth hit a grand slam in the first inning and finished with five feisters Thursday to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 13-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Hollandsworth, competing with Billy Ashley for the starting job in left field, hit his bases-loaded blast off Houston starter Darryl Kile, then added a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Hollandsworth, who has started four of the Dodgers' first six games in left, has three hits in 13 at-bats with a team-leading eight RBIs.

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SCORES ROUNDUP

NBA
Hornets 119, Mavericks 105
Warriors 95, Rockets 86

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Golf

The Lady Aggies will travel to Austin to play in the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Classic this weekend at the Great Hills Golf Club.

A&M Softball

The Lady Aggies will host the Aggie Mini Tournament Friday through Sunday at the Lady Aggie Softball Complex.

A&M Baseball

The Aggies will host the Continental Airlines Aggie Classic this weekend at Olsen Field.

Red Raiders romp over misfiring Aggies

□ No. 7 Texas Tech routed Texas A&M, 85-57, in the first round of the SWC Dr Pepper Classic.

By Phillip Leone
THE BATTALION

DALLAS — If you want to know what it feels like to step in front of a moving freight train, just ask the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team.

The Aggies were steamrolled Thursday night by the Texas Tech Red Raiders 85-57 in the first round of the Dr Pepper Southwest Conference Classic at Reunion Arena in Dallas.

Despite shooting a dismal 36.7 percent from the field, the Aggies managed to hang tough with the conference regular-season champions in the first half.

One of the main factors in A&M's first-half success was keeping Tech's senior forward Jason Sasser under wraps.

Sasser, the SWC Player of the Year, only scored three points in the first 20 minutes.

Containing Sasser and poor shooting from Tech kept the Aggies in the game, and the Red Raider lead was only five points at the break, 37-32.

Tech Head Coach James Dickey gave the Aggies' aggressive defense credit for a close first half.

"A&M came and played very, very physical," Dickey said. "They were real aggressive inside, and that gave us some trouble."

But any hopes of an Aggie upset were quickly dispelled when A&M hit only two baskets in the first nine minutes of the second half.

Tech took advantage of the Aggies' shooting woes to go on a 20-4 run that proved to be the thorn in A&M's side.

Sasser, who had 14 of his game-high 17 points in the second half, believed a special

Red Raider quality spurred the early second period charge.

"We've got spurt-ability," Sasser said. "When the pressure is on, players like to step up, and this team always seems to come through."

A&M sophomore guard Kyle Kessel said Tech's run was because of a combination of things.

"I thought Tech played well defensively," Kessel said. "But we just didn't knock down our shots, we had some open looks. The shots just didn't fall."

A&M's 30.8 percent from the field for the game is evidence that the Aggie offense never got on track. The frigid shooting percentage was a season low for A&M and the seventh-worst in school history.

The 28-point margin of defeat tied A&M's second largest margin of the season.

Besides Sasser's resources in the second half, A&M Head Coach Tony Barone pointed to Tech sophomore center Tony Battie as a key to the Red Raider win.

"Last season, he was a freshman and now he's a sophomore — that's obviously made some difference," Barone said. "He was very impressive down low for Tech tonight."

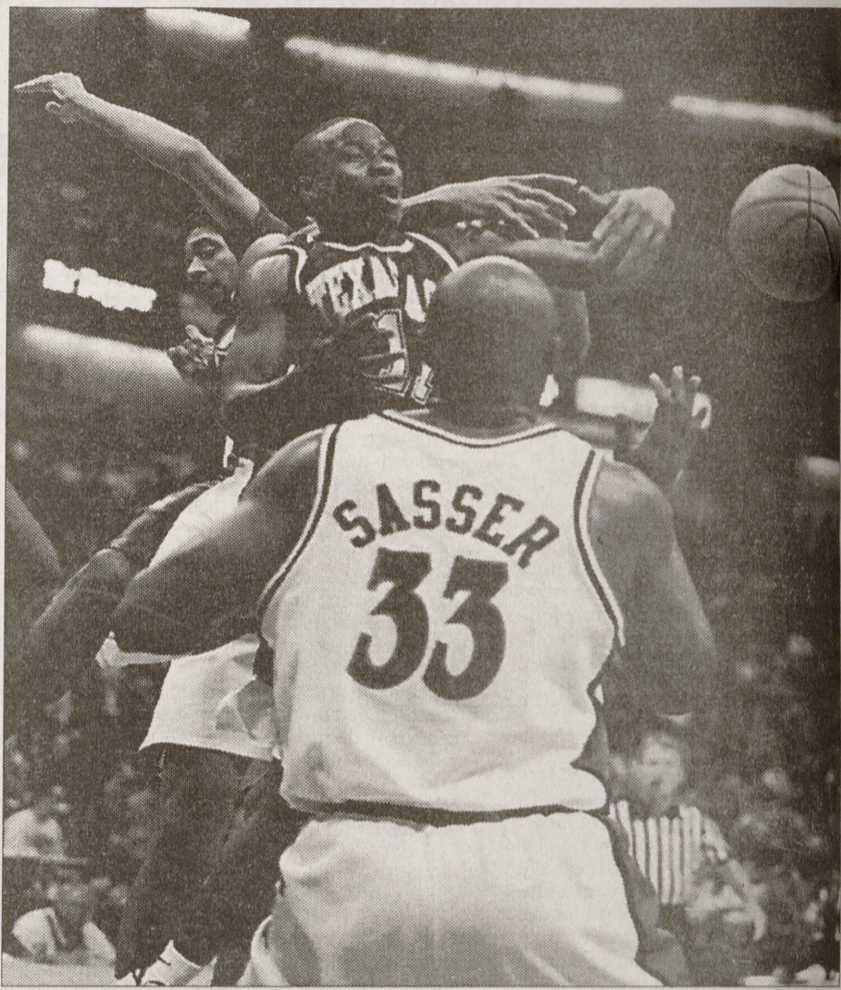
Battie dominated inside and finished the game with 13 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

The defeat dropped A&M to 11-17 on the season, but the evening for the Aggies was not without its bright spots.

The Aggies nailed six three-point shots to set a school record of 164 for the season. Guard Derrick Hart, who poured in four of those six treys, set the record for three-point field goals in a season at 74.

The victory was Tech's fifth straight in the opening round of the SWC tournament and pushed their season mark of 26-1.

Tech will face Rice University in the semifinals of the Dr. Pepper tournament today at 6 p.m.



Texas A&M's Tracey Anderson has the ball slapped away during a frustrating second half Thursday night in Dallas as Tech's Jason Sasser looks on.

MATZKE'S LONG ROAD TO AGGIELAND

The A&M senior third baseman leads the team with five homeruns.

By Kristina Buffin
THE BATTALION

Senior third baseman J.J. Matzke was born with a baseball and bat in his hands.

Matzke was born when his father was a junior in high school. His father played for Coach Freddy Carlton at Texas City High School, and although he was just an infant, Matzke was taken to all of his father's senior year games.

"I started playing young and grew up playing baseball," Matzke said. "We had the same high school coach, and I am the first second-generation player at my high school."

Throughout junior high, Matzke and his friends all dreamed of going to A&M.

However, Matzke was not recruited by A&M and decided to play for the University of Houston.

"When I was not recruited," Matzke said, "I just wanted to play for a Division I school. When Bragg Stockton retired, I had a chance to come here. Now my diploma will say Texas A&M and not Houston."

In high school, Matzke played shortstop and led his team to the 1990 and 1992 district crowns.

However three months and 30 pounds later, Matzke said he was ready to play third base.

"I kind of filled out," Matzke said. "But I like third base. It is quick, fast, and my main job is to get out in front of the ball."

While playing for the Cougars, Matzke led the Southwest Conference with a .397 batting average as a freshman and was named to the Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America team.

"J.J. opted to be released when Stockton retired," Head Coach Mark Johnson said. "We knew of his leadership skills, and he was a quality baseball player."

Matzke arrived at A&M last year, and just wanted an opportunity to start. He said it was great to be on both sides of the dugout and he enjoyed the friendly bashing that went on at A&M games.

"The ragging was never distasteful," Matzke said. "But it was neat to see how all the Raggies became my friends after I got here. I never thought coming here would happen. I just wanted to make the lineup and play. I was told I would have the same chance as everyone else."

This season, Matzke has started every game at third base, has posted a .328 batting average and leads the team with five home runs.

"He has done well but he has some things to work out, like hitting fly balls," Johnson said. "But he is hitting and doing drills everyday."

"Everyone has their own unique things to work on, and he is working hard to get better."

Defensively, Matzke has been unstoppable. Through 18 games, his

fielding percentage is .960, and Johnson said his play at third base has been crucial to the team.

"He is an outstanding defensive player," Johnson said. "He is a solid infielder at that side."

"He is one of our leaders and he has been playing well."

Matzke was named as one of the co-captains this fall with junior Jason Stephens.

He was selected by the other players on this team and said it was a great honor to be chosen.

"It was awesome to be selected," Matzke said. "It will go down in any book as one of the greatest honors to be bestowed on me. It means that my teammates have faith in my ability to lead. I want to lead by example, so I bust my butt."

Despite his individual accomplishments, Matzke is purely a team player. He said his main goal is to play at Omaha, in the World Series.

"Winning is a lot better and it outweighs playing," Matzke said. "It is just an honor to play."

Off the field, Matzke was named a GTE All-Academic American. Matzke said it was a personal goal to keep his grade point average above a 3.0 when he came to A&M.

"It is tough when you have to practice four hours a day," Matzke said. "But I take pride in my grades."

Matzke does not know what the future holds for him, but he said he will always have his education.

"I'll be happy with whatever happens," Matzke said. "I'd give them money if they let me play pro baseball. But my education that I will receive will be worth much more."

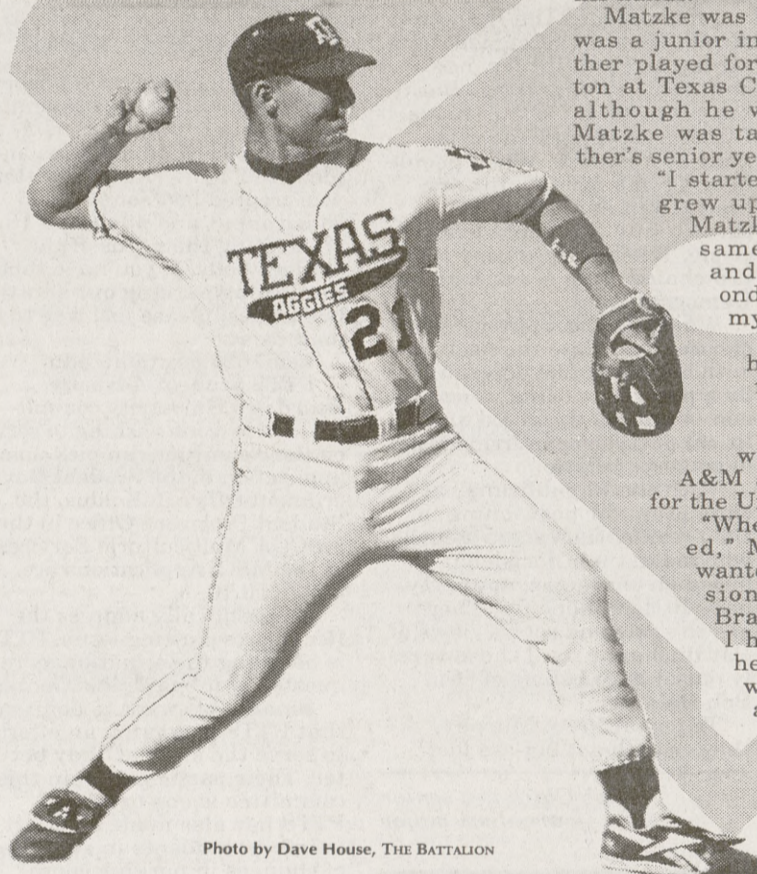


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Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on The Battalion or comparable student newspaper, or have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper, or have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law) and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Editor AGGIELAND
1997

Qualifications for editor of the Aggieland yearbook are:
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Have completed or be registered in JOUR 210 (Graphics) or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Cagle in the Student Publications office, room 230 Reed McDonald Bldg. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Friday, March 22, 1996. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996.

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By Stacy Stanton
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