

# SPORTS

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## sports GLANCE

### Former coach Haith returns to Texas A&M

Frank Haith has been named associate head basketball coach at Texas A&M, head coach Tony Barone said Monday.

Haith, an assistant for Barone at A&M from 1992-95, served as an assistant coach at Penn State last season, helping the Nittany Lions to a 21-7 record, a second-place finish in the Big Ten Conference and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The Nittany Lions were ranked as high as No. 9 nationally.

"I can't think of a better way to move into the Big 12 Conference than to name Frank as our associate head coach," Barone said. "He has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge about our program and the game of basketball. His work ethic is unparalleled and he has a very energetic approach to coaching."

### Umass' Camby declares NBA eligibility

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Massachusetts junior Marcus Camby, the college basketball player of the year, announced today that he will make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

Camby, a 6-foot-11 center at UMass, is expected to be one of the top three picks — perhaps even No. 1 overall, depending on which of the other NCAA underclassmen join him in the draft pool. He is expected to play forward in the pros.

### SCORES ROUNDUP

#### NL

San Diego 2, Houston 0  
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1  
New York 3, Montreal 2  
Chicago 10, Los Angeles 4

#### NBA

Atlanta 90, Pacers 83  
Portland 94, Utah 91, OT

#### AL

Seattle at Milwaukee, ppd. rain  
Chicago 4, California 3  
Twins 11, Royals 6  
Orioles 8, Rangers 7

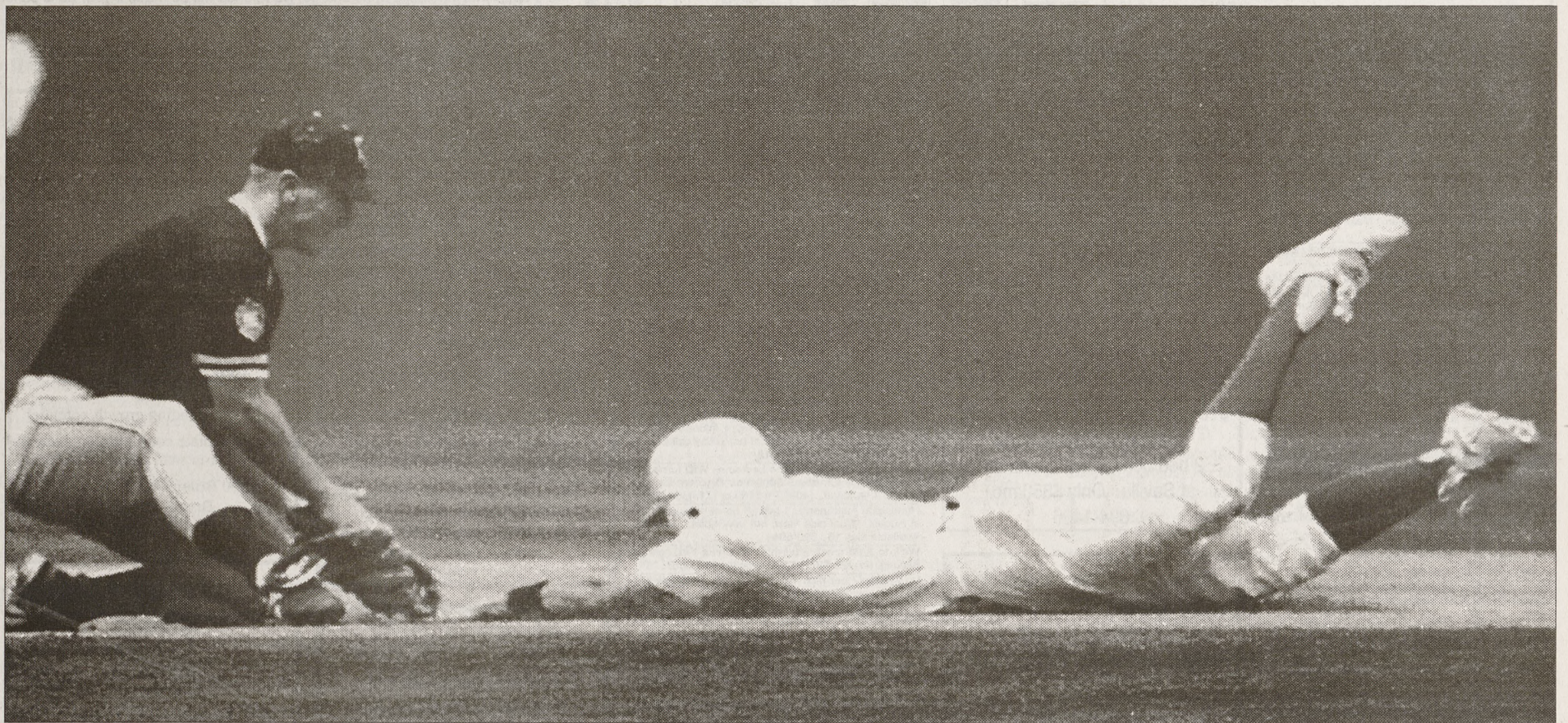
### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Aggie Baseball

A&M concludes its 1996 regular season this weekend with a three-game set against the Baylor Bears beginning Friday in Waco.

## Stayin' Alive

With a gutsy 11-10 win Sunday, the Aggie Baseball Team kept its hopes for postseason play



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Texas A&M junior shortstop Rich Petru takes the throw from catcher William Shiflett and tags out the University of Texas runner at second base

By Philip Leone and Nick Georgandis  
THE BATTALION

The Texas Aggie Baseball Team can thank a resurgent offense and a little bit of luck for the fact that they are still in contention for postseason play.

A&M needed both Sunday afternoon as they defeated the University of Texas, 11-10, at Olsen Field to salvage one game out of the three-game set.

Unlikely hero Jamie Smith pitched the final 5 2/3 innings for the Aggies, giving up five runs, but keeping the Aggies in the game. Included in Smith's effort was a game-ending double play on a grounder that would have scored the tying run otherwise.

Although television replays showed Longhorn Trey Salinas to be safe on the play at first base, Texas A&M first baseman John Scheschuk had other ideas.

"The umpire called him out, and I'm an Aggie, and he's out," Scheschuk said. "That's the

way I'm going to look at it."

The Aggies finally were able to outslug the Longhorns in the third game of the series, thanks largely to home runs by Brian Benefield and J.J. Matzke. A&M scored five runs in the fifth, three in the sixth and added the 11th run in the seventh inning to take an 11-9 lead to the top of the eighth.

UT scored a single run in the top of the eighth, but could not tie the game.

After taking a 17-4 shell-shocking from the Longhorns in the series opener on Friday in Austin, the Aggies returned to Olsen Field on Saturday evening to play in front of the largest crowd of the year: 6,624 fans. The total was the second largest in Olsen Field history, trailing only last year's A&M-UT game.

Unfortunately the fans could not help A&M as Texas pounded out eight runs in the first two innings off A&M's starting pitcher Shane King to cruise to an 11-7 win that moved the Longhorns to with-

in one victory of their 64th Southwest Conference baseball title. It was A&M's fifth consecutive loss in league play.

A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson said the damage done by Texas in the first two innings was simply too much for his club to overcome.

"Shane had a rough outing, and they got us out of the ballgame in the first two innings," Johnson said. "It was one of those things from a coaching standpoint where you want to say, 'Time out. Let's start over.'"

Texas, which scored 10 runs in the last two innings of Friday's contest, continued its slaughter of Aggie pitching in the early going on Saturday. The Longhorns brought nine batters to the plate in the first two innings against King and scored four runs in each frame off a total of nine hits.

Longhorn slugger MacGregor Byers put UT ahead with a two-run homer in the top of the first inning. Trey Salinas and Clint Kiemsteadt followed with two-out RBI singles to

push the Texas lead to 4-0.

However, the Longhorn explosion did not send A&M reeling. The Aggies responded in their half of the first inning, scoring two runs on Ryan Huffman's bases-loaded two-out double down the third base line. But the Longhorns came back for another four-run helping to finish off King in the second. Danny Peoples delivered an RBI double and Salinas slapped a two-run single with two outs. Kiemsteadt followed with an RBI single of his own off Paul Barber, who replaced King.

Barber turned in an outstanding performance on the mound and kept Texas from running away with the contest. The senior righthander held the Longhorns scoreless until he was touched for two home runs in the eighth and ninth innings. Barber's gritty seven innings of work matched his longest outing of the season, and Johnson saw this as one of the few bright spots of the game for A&M.

"I was really pleased with Paul Barber — he was a real plus for us," Johnson said. "He came in and pitched well and held us together. We fought back, but we just came up short."

The score remained 8-4 until Texas' Blake Davis led off the top of the eighth with a solo home run. In the top of the ninth, Peoples led off with another solo shot and Kiemsteadt added an RBI double to move the score to 11-4.

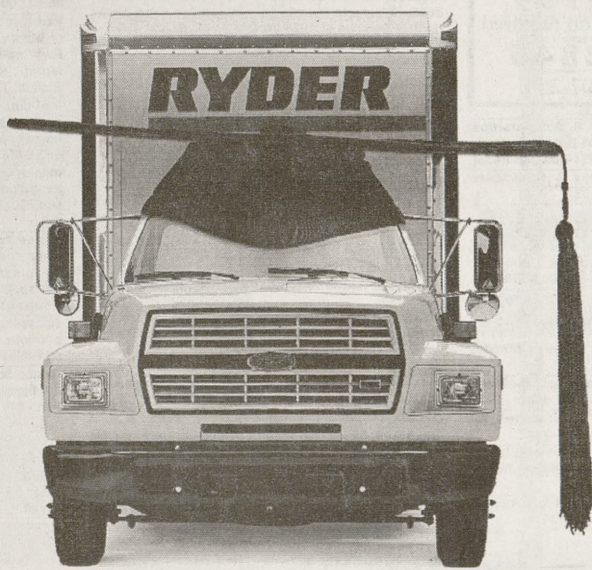
Brian Benefield and Allen brought Aggie fans to their feet with singles to open up the bottom of the ninth. Benefield and Allen came around to score when Bailey followed by stroking a sinking fly-ball to left field off Texas reliever Eric French that was misplayed by Benji Keith.

But Aggie hopes were crushed when French struck out Huffman, William Shiflett and Mark Stratta to end the game.

Sunday's win keeps the Aggies in competition for the SWC and NCAA postseason

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