Aggies look to avenge their first season loss against SWTS tonight

By Jamie Burch THE BATTALION

After a weekend sweep of Iowa tate University, in which all three A&M starters went the distance, the exas A&M Baseball Team (27-14, 0-8) will look to get the bullpen ome exposure against Southwest lexas State University (22-16) at Olsen Field tonight at 7

Head Coach Mark Johnson said ny time a starter can throw nine inings it is a bonus.

"It's good to get complete mes," Johnson said. "I like to see itchers who can go complete ames, stick it out and keep us in he ball game. It's a plus.'

A&M is 1-1 in the season series with Southwest Texas. The Aggies ost to the Bobcats 4-3 in the first ame of a doubleheader to open season Feb. 3. Freshman itcher Casey Fossum took the oss, surrendering four runs

hrough five innings Johnson said the Aggies must e careful not to overlook Southvest Texas in anticipation of the reekend series against the Uniersity of Nebraska.

"They beat us the opening game f the season," Johnson said. They've got a good ballclub. Tuesy games get dangerous this time fyear because we're gearing up for weekend series. Sometimes

e're not quite as ready. "You wish it wouldn't happen

DEES

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ayers in college.

mpares to college play," Dees id. "There are definitely better

While the competition has stiffned for Dees, A&M Head Coach

bby Kleinecke said Dees can hold

"She has improved a lot since the

l," Kleinecke said. "She was kind

ted player. She could play with

Kleinecke said his decision to

Dees and Scott was somewhat

sed on their previous play to-

ther. But he said the two are be-

nning to gel and become a suc-

ny of the men's teams

guys do have a lot of respect for them (Southwest Texas) because they did beat us one game.

The loss to the Bobcats came before the Aggies established team chemistry and got on a roll. After sweeping the Cyclones this past weekend, A&M has won 11 of 13 and seven straight. Winning its last three series against conference foes, A&M has climbed in the standings and is tied for fifth place with Baylor University.

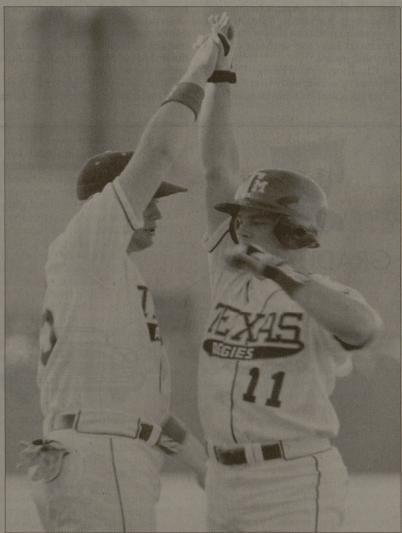
Johnson said the team's recent success has been a confidence booster.

"We hadn't swept anybody all year," Johnson said. "Any time you get a sweep you have to feel that you've really gained some ground. We are really pleased with it.

The Aggies plan to test several arms out of the bullpen. Freshman righthander Chris Fulbright (1-0, 3.21 ERA) will receive the starting nod. Johnson said senior southpaw John Codrington and several other pitchers will see action.

The plethora of pitchers that will take to the mound will have to defend against the explosive Bobcat bats. Junior catcher Chad Spear leads the squad with 11 doubles, eight home runs and 37 RBIs. Senior designated hitter Matt Schnabel boasts the team's highest batting average at .346.

Southwest Texas will put junior righthander Jeremy Fikac (0-1, 12.00 ERA) on the mound. In limited achatway, but when you play 56 ball-games it's a little bit tougher. Our four runs through 2-1/3 innings. tion this season, Fikac has allowed



Senior outfielder Johnny Hunter (#11) celebrates one of his home runs in the fifth inning of Saturday's game. He was greeted by freshman **Patrick Malone** who hit a home run of his own at Olsen Field.

Colorado Rockies light up Reds, 13-2

DENVER (AP) — Jeff Reed and Vinny Castilla hit first inning and led 10-0 by the fourth. ree-run homers, and Bill Swift pitched six strong ngs as the Colorado Rockies beat the Cincinnati Reds 13-2 for their fifth straight victory.

Making their home opener, the Rockies extended heir consecutive sellout streak to 133 games—a ma-

Colorado jumped on Dave Burba (1-1) for five runs in the first inning and five more in the fourth, en route to a 10-0 lead.

Swift (1-1) allowed three hits and two runs, one of them earned in six innings. Darren Holmes pitched three hitless innings for his first save.

Royals spank Orioles

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Roberto Alomar made his return to baseball after a fivegame spitting suspension, but the Baltimore second baseman was gone by the time the Kansas City Royals won their home opener 6-5 Monday on Jeff King's sacrifice fly in the

King also had a home run and a double.

jor league record. Colorado scored five times in the

cessful doubles team. They have had their ups and downs," Kleinecke said. "They have good matches and other matches where they are not so good. But they "I played for junior tennis two have definitely made improvements." ars before college but nothing

With doubles play under her belt, Dees said she wants to break into singles play.

"I want to start playing more singles next year," Dees said. "I have become stronger and I just like being able to play and compete."

Kleinecke said he does not doubt Dees will be anything but successful in her next three years on the

A&M campus. "I feel the sky is the limit for her," Kleinecke said. "She needs to just get out and do it. I'm hoping her singles game will improve but she has been a great contributor to the team.'

BEAHM

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Beahm's long list of accomplishments are impressive, but for the moment she said her main goal is to beat the University of Texas before her tenure at A&M is over.

"We have five matches left, and one of our big matches will be Texas," Beahm said. "As a team I would love to win been a fantastic player for us."

"I consider her a big sister, because she watches out for me and is always there for me."

Vanessa Rooks Beahm's doubles partner

that match because, in my four years, we've never beaten Texas." Kleinecke said Beahm provides balance to the team, both on and off the court.

"From when she first came

[here], Julie has taken more of a leadership role, and that's helped the Kleiteam,' said. necke "She's a good stable teamother players, and she works hard and does

her part. She's

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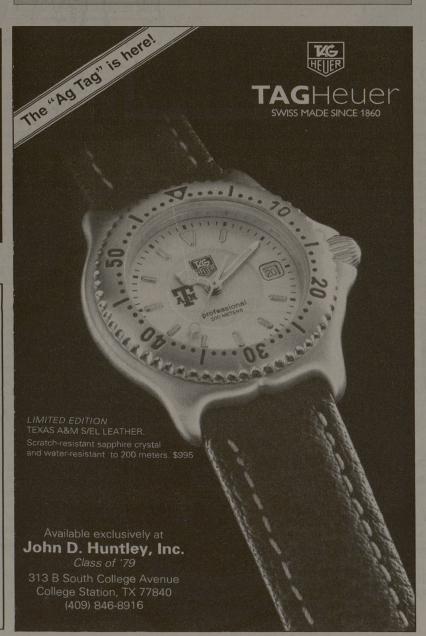
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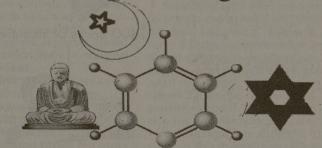


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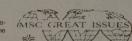


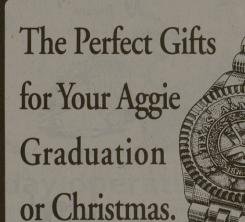
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