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## Lady Aggies face familiar for

The Texas A&M Softball Team is looking to add two more wins to its season-high six-game winning streak as it takes on Sam Houston State University for the fifth time this season in a doubleheader. The Lady Kats come to the Lady Aggie Softball Field at 5 p.m.

The Lady Aggies currently have a record of 28-23 with their last four wins shutouts.

Despite the fact A&M has beaten the Lady Kats four times this season, Head Coach Jo Evans said the team is looking forward to playing them.

"It will be good to play them again because they are really familiar to us," Evans said. "Their pitching is familiar to us and we know how they have three or four hitters who are very aggressive at the plate. They can hit it our way so we can't get lazy and we can't play to some-

The Lady Aggies will have no problem remembering the Lady Kats because they faced each other only a week ago in Huntsville. The Lady Aggies captured a 6-3, 5-4 sweep, extending A&M's all-time series lead

The series record puts Sam Houston as A&M's second-most common opponent in program history.

Junior right fielder Tanya Klecker said the Lady Aggies are pretty optimistic about being able to pull off another sweep against the Lady Kats.

'We are going into today's doubleheaders very confident," Klecker said. "We are looking at these games as practice time because our practice schedule was so In addition to having the home field advantage and

being a dominating force against the Lady Kats, the Lady Aggies also have the Big 12 Player of the Week, senior Lori Gioco, pitching for them. Gioco has an overall record of 15-11 and most re-

cently captured back-to-back shutouts against the University of Texas. More impressively, Gioco allowed a total of only eight

Evans said despite their confidence, the Lady Aggies

hits in 21 innings while posting a meager 1.00 ERA.

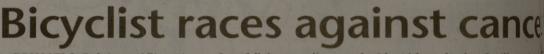
Freshman Angie Long catches a pop up during day night's game against Steven F. Austin.

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are not going to take Sam Houston lightly, and ning to use their best players.

'When you take a team lightly you are as beat," Evans said. "We are going to start with you do that the players start to think you are

The Lady Aggies will resume Big 12 Conferen at home Saturday against 17th-ranked Oklahor University. They face the 7th-ranked University



BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — A year ago, Lance Armstrong was all strength and endurance in winning a big cycling race in Belgium. Now - after cancer, chemotherapy and brain surgery — his race is about survival.

"At this time last year, I was in a state of grace," he said. "Today, I'm alive. It's a victory in itself."

Armstrong's last major cycling victory came at the Walloon Arrow. He will not be competing this year. He is 25 and fighting cancer, and that is more than enough

Armstrong and Greg LeMond are the only Americans to have reached the pinnacle of world cycling. In both cases, tragedy struck in mid-career.

LeMond was shot in a hunting accident in 1987 but came back to win a third Tour de France. Armstrong, the 1993 world road race champion and winner of two stages of the Tour de France, can only dream of such a comeback.

Last fall, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. Then came chemotherapy and a brain operation.

In January, Armstrong spoke of a return by mid-season. But the deep scars on his bald skull belied such optimistic plans.

"I was sick then and noticed people were looking strangely at me," he said in interviews with Belgian papers leading to Wednesday's Walloon Arrow. Now Armstrong has a full head of

ber again. He looks and sounds more upbeat than during that dark winter. He says he is training between two and five hours a day.

Yet, at the same time, the predictions on his return are much more careful. He has no timetable for his comeback.

"My doctors advised me to take my time," he said. "I don't know whether I'll come back this year. At the same time, I have no

idea whether I will rega form again.'

After signing with France reportedly for more than \$1. he has had to renegotiate tract, calling for a smallers a number of performance based on when he compete no major races this season

Organizers of the Wallo asked him to officially open year's race, capping a ser two weeks for the Texan as and Paris-Roubaix.

Armstrong always thrive rolling hills of the Arder southern Belgium and won loon Arrow on power, shall his last challenger on the climb to the finish.

For now, however, a rac

"If I do compete," he said be in easy races.

