

**Weekend is kind  
Aggie pitchers**



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By MICHAEL TAGLIANTI  
Staff writer

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## A&M Softball team sweeps doubleheader with UTA



Sophomore shortstop Jamie Smith drops the ball in the fourth inning as a University of Texas - Arlington player gets a stolen base in A&M's 3-2 win.

By ROBERT HOLLIER  
Staff writer

The Texas A&M Softball Team (13-8-1) swept a doubleheader against the University of Texas-Arlington (2-11) 3-2 and 5-0 night in front of 200 enthusiastic fans at the Aggie Softball Complex last night.

In the first game, the Aggies jumped on the Mavericks early when freshman centerfielder Tiffany Esters belted her second home run of the season in the bottom of the first inning to give A&M a quick two run lead. However, UTA came right back in the top of the second when Maverick centerfielder Tammy Freedman connected on a solo home run off of freshman starter, Ashley Lewis, which brought the score to 2-1.

In the top of the third, UTA tied the score at two all when second

baseman Elizabeth Harsma doubled in right fielder Stacy Chambers, and that was the way the scored stayed until the bottom of the fifth.

Freshman first baseman Bree Whisenhunt led off the inning with a double but was thrown out at home plate when freshman left fielder Amy Lawler tripled. However, one batter later, freshman third baseman Amanda Whalen singled in Lawler to give the Aggies a 3-2 lead.

Lewis then struck out five of the next six batters she faced to pick up her sixth win of the season and her seventh complete game. Lewis threw seven innings and gave two runs on six hits, striking out nine and only walking one.

"I think once we got out of the third inning still tied, we knew we were okay," Lewis said. "I was real-

ly happy with my control tonight. When I walk too many batters, it puts too much pressure on my defense. Only giving up one walk really helped us tonight."

"The whole year has been rocky for me because I given up too many walks," Lewis added. "After the fourth or fifth inning I just got into a zone."

In game two, the Aggies jumped out to a comfortable lead early when freshman pitcher Amy Vining helped herself when she doubled in two runs and a third run scored on a bases loaded error to give them a 3-0 lead.

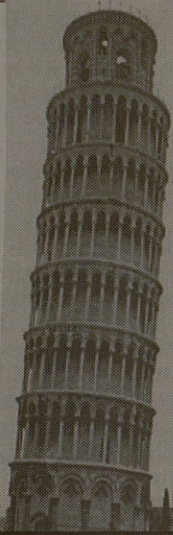
That would turn out to be all the Aggies would need as the Mavericks were totally dominated by Vining, but the Aggies padded their lead in the sixth when, with runners

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