

Softball team wins 3, loses Minnesota twice over week

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In its second invitational tournament at the Aggie Softball Complex, the Texas A&M Softball Team (16-10-1) is currently in second place with a 3-2 record.

On Friday, A&M lost their first game to Minnesota 3-1 despite a complete game performance from freshman pitcher Kristina Gandara. In their second game, the Aggies' bats woke up to defeat Bowling Green 8-6. The Aggie offensive attack was led by freshman pitcher Amy Vining who hit a two-run home run in the third, and threw a complete game, striking out eight to pick up her sixth win of the season.

On Saturday, A&M kept the offensive attack going when they defeated Illinois State 11-6. Freshman third baseman Amanda Whalen headed the attack going two for three, driving in three runs and scoring one. Senior Trina Solesbee, sophomore Jamie Smith and freshman Tiffany Esters each drove in a run with the other runs scoring off of Illinois errors.

Freshman Amy Lawler stole three bases and scored three runs in the game, and freshman pitcher Ashley Lewis threw six innings to improve her record to 7-2 with Gandara throwing the seventh to close out the game.

In their fourth game, A&M defeated Bowling Green 3-2 in a pitcher's duel. The Aggies started the scoring in the bottom of the third when shortstop Jamie Smith singled in left fielder Amy Lawler after she stole two bases.

Bowling Green answered immediately when shortstop Wendy Nicholson and left fielder Caroline Rightz each drove in a run in the top of the fourth to give them a 2-1 lead.

The Aggies tied the score at two in the bottom of the fourth when Lawler singled in freshman second



RYAN ROGERS

Freshman left fielder **Amy Lawler** steals home after Illinois State the Aggie runner stealing second base. The Aggies won the game 11-6. Catcher Erin Bink knocked in two runs.

The score remained tied until the bottom of the seventh when Smith reached on an error and then stole second. With two outs, freshman designated player Amy Vining hit a Texas leaguer that fell between the first and second baseman and the right fielder to plate Smith and give the Aggies the win.

Gandara, who replaced starter sophomore Danielle Lemuth in the third inning, threw five innings, giving up four hits, two runs (both unearned) and struck out six to earn her second win of the season.

On Sunday, A&M lost to first-place Minnesota 7-1. The Aggies scored in the first when Smith doubled in Lawler for a 1-0 lead.

However, Minnesota answered right back scoring three runs in the first, two in the sixth and two in the seventh and shutout the Aggies for the rest of the game.

Minnesota shortstop Shannon Beeler led their offense going two for three, scoring two and driving

in four. Catcher Erin Bink knocked in two runs.

The Aggies hurt their chances in the field committing errors in the game and three walks.

"When you play like you have to play solid," Coach Jo Evans said, "you could beat them, we just play better."

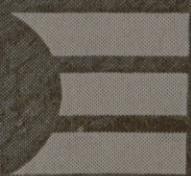
Despite this, Evans was optimistic with the Aggies' offense this weekend.

"We started hitting better," she said. "We got people getting hits in the game."

"Things change from game," Evans added. "We just have to put it together." She said she was excited to see the Aggies cut down on the mistakes.

During the tournament, man Amy Lawler stole in seven attempts and eight on the season. The Aggies will continue their tournament when they play Illinois State at 4 p.m. from the Aggie Softball Complex.

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Activity	REGISTRATION
Sand Volleyball	Mar. 2-Mar. 10
Tennis	Mar. 2-Mar. 10
Table Tennis	Mar. 2-Mar. 10
Penberthy Softball Tournament	Mar. 2-Mar. 10

PENBERTHY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration begins March 2-24 and tournament play begins on March 27-29. Each team will pay \$30 to play in the following divisions: Mens A/B, B/C, and C/D; CoRec A/B and C/D. Prizes will be awarded!

PENBERTHY DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range is now open to the public! For Rec Members, Small buckets are \$2.50 and Large buckets are \$3.75. Practice on Tuesdays or Thursdays, buy one bucket and get the second one FREE. Hours of operation are Mon-Thurs., 4pm-9pm and Fri-Sun., 1pm-9pm.

AQUATICS

PROGRAM	DATE	REGISTRATION
•Advanced Adult Learn to Swim	Mar. 23-30	Feb. 26-Mar. 19
•Advanced Springboard Diving	Mar. 23-Apr. 2	Feb. 26-Mar. 19
•CPR for the Professional Rescuer	Mar. 25	Mar. 2-23
•Basic SCUBA Diver Course	May 25-29	Mar. 4-21
•Become a Water Safety Instructor	Mar. 27-Apr. 5	Mar. 4-25
•Stroke Improvement Clinic	April 4	Mar. 10-Apr. 2
•Adult Learn to Swim	April 6-16	Mar. 11-Apr. 1
•Basic SCUBA Diver Course	Apr. 6-19	Mar. 12-Apr. 1

Register at Rec Center Member Services Desk

SPORT CLUBS

CLUB	DATE	TIME	PLACE
•Judo	Mar. 14	9:30am-5pm	Rec Center

The 37th National Collegiate Judo Championship will be held in the Rec Center beginning March 14. The competition is FREE so come watch the top collegiate athletes from 50 universities compete for the national title.

For more information, please call Paula Opal at 845-3076.

ULTIMATE ADVENTURES

Activity	DATE	REGISTRATION
Rock Climbing Trip	March 27-29	Mar. 2
Canoeing Trip	March 28-29	Mar. 2
Kayak Roll Clinic	March 31	Mar. 2
Horseback/Hiking Day Trip	April 4	Mar. 2
Intro to Rock Climbing Clinic	April 4	Mar. 2
Caving Day Trip	April 4	Mar. 2

MAY BREAK TRIPS

Activity	DATE	REGISTRATION
Sail/SCUBA the Bahamas	May 23-29	Jan. 20
Backpack the Grand Canyon	May 23-31	Feb. 9

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