

AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS

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Baseball wins two of three over ISU

The Texas A&M Baseball Team went into the weekend hoping to improve on their .667 conference winning percentage. They wound up staying exactly where they were, as the Aggies took two of three from the Iowa State Cyclones this weekend to make their Big 12 record 12-6 and up their overall record to 29-11.

The weekend did not start promisingly for A&M, as they lost 10-1 in the first game of the series on Friday. Five Aggie errors helped out the Cyclones, as only five of the ten runs were earned. Ryan Rupe started for A&M and struck out six, allowing four earned runs and no walks. The Aggies scored their only run on a ground ball by John Scheschuk, who had his streak of homering in five consecutive games snapped. Because of an Iowa State error, however, the run was unearned.

A&M rebounded Saturday to take both games of the doubleheader, 10-4 and 7-4. Casey Fossum went the distance in the first game, giving up four runs on five hits while striking out seven after getting off to a shaky start, allowing the Cyclones four runs in the first inning. Daylan Holt had a solid game, getting three RBI on three hits. Matt Ward worked seven innings in the second game, with five strikeouts, holding the Cyclones to three runs and giving up one walk. Jason Tyner had a solid day Saturday, going 7 for 10 with four stolen bases, three runs scored and three RBI.

A&M next plays Tuesday night against Sam Houston State.

Tennis team drops two over weekend

The No. 30-ranked Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team (14-8) fell to the No. 17-ranked Vanderbilt Commodores, 5-2, Sunday at the Curry Tennis Center on the TCU campus. The only Aggie who tallied a sin-

gles win was Kathryn Scott. Scott battled the Commodores' Kristy Blumberg in a three-set match. Scott outlasted Blumberg and won by the score of 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, at No. 4. Scott has won four of her last five matches and improves her overall record to 19-8 and to 17-5 in dual match play.

The Aggies also lost to Middle Tennessee State, 6-3, Saturday at the MTSU Tennis Center.

Recording victories for the Aggies in singles were Monica Rebolledo, who beat Alex Toelle, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, at No. 3 to improve to 22-4 overall and to 17-3 in dual match play. She extends her winning streak to four matches.

The Aggies travel next to Fort Worth to face the No. 23-ranked Texas Christian Horned Frogs Thursday at 2 p.m.

Men's tennis team defeats Tar Heels

The No. 19 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team beat the No. 40-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels, 4-3, Saturday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center in Chapel Hill, N. C. and fell to the No. 13 Duke Blue Devils, 4-2, Sunday at Duke Tennis Stadium in Durham, N. C.

The Aggies (11-3, 4-1) lost the doubles point against the Tar Heels but came back with four singles victories to win the match. Senior Carlos Tori, junior Brent Horan and freshmen Shuon Madden and Cody Hubbell were all victorious for the Aggies, with Hubbell's three-set victory clinching the match for A&M.

Against the Blue Devils, the Aggies won the doubles point thanks to victories from Horan and freshman Rafael de Mesa, 8-6, and Tori and freshman Dumitru Caradima, 8-4. In singles play, Madden was the only victorious Aggie, winning 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and improving his record to 13-0.

The Aggies will next take on No. 38 Colorado on Friday at noon in Boulder, Colo.

Softball team shows best, worst against

Aggies bounce back from poor first game to take advantage of Kansas

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It was a tale of two teams and two games Saturday when the Texas A&M Softball Team split a doubleheader with conference foes Kansas at the Aggie Softball Field.

In game one, Kansas was able to turn five hits, two A&M errors and five walks by freshman starting pitcher Ashley Lewis into five runs to defeat the Aggies 5-1. Lewis threw six innings, giving up five hits, five runs (four earned) and striking out nine in the loss to drop to 10-6 on the year.

Kansas starting pitcher, Jessica Kowal threw seven innings, scattering three hits and only walking one to pick up the win.

Kansas opened the scoring in the top of the first when, after two singles, they executed a double steal to go up 1-0.

A&M answered back in the bottom of the first when sophomore left fielder Angie Long walked and advanced to third on freshman center fielder Tiffany Esters' single. Lewis then grounded out to second to score Long.

However, that was all the scoring the Aggies would do and Kansas added runs in the third and fifth inning, and scored two more in the fifth to put the game away.

Texas A&M hurt itself by committing two errors and was unable to advance runners into scoring position because of several failed bunt attempts in the game.

"That killed us," Coach Jo Evans said. "It's the little things that you do that wins games. When we don't execute the fundamentals, we don't win."

"I told the team after the game that we can't win without playing fundamentally sound," Evans added.

"Ashley (Lewis) didn't help herself today either with all the walks," she said. "We also have to hit the ball better and more consistently. We did not play a good game."

However, the second game was a complete reversal of game one as it was the Aggies who did all the right things and Kansas making the mistakes in a 3-2 A&M victory.

Freshman starting pitcher Kristina Gandara had



Texas A&M catcher Amy Schmalz was unsuccessful in tagging out this Jayhawk runner in game one. The Aggies lost game one with Kansas 5-1 but turned around to take game two.

one of her best performances of the year throwing a complete game, giving up two runs on six hits, striking out seven and only walking one to pick up her seventh win of the season.

Gandara kept the Jayhawk batters off balance all game by throwing a variety of pitches, including a nasty curve ball that fooled most of the hitters.

"My curve and change up were working well today," Gandara said. "I tried to mix it up and Mary (McGuire) called a great game as she usually does."

"I knew if I did my job, my defense would do a good job and get me out of trouble," Gandara added. When game two started, it looked like it would be déjà vu for the Aggies as Kansas hit a single and a double and scored on a sacrifice fly to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

However, A&M took the lead back when freshman second baseman Rachel Lewis singled after one out in the bottom of the first. Then things fell

apart for the Jayhawks as they committed three errors in the game.

Sophomore shortstop Jamie Smith drove in her 13th RBI of the season and third baseman Stephanie Trumbull drove in the second to plate A&M's second run of the

The score would remain 2-1 until the fourth when, after the Aggies struck the bases with two outs, the Kansas catcher corked a wild pitch to score senior catcher McGuire from third to give the Aggies a 2-1 lead.

Kansas brought the score to 3-2 when Kristina Johnson belted a solo home run off field fence, but that was as close as they got as Gandara stifled the rest of the hitters.

"After I gave up that home run, I just wanted to forget about it and get the next hitter."

Evans was pleased with her team's performance in the second game and praised them for not making any errors in the game.

"We played solid defense, and that's what we did," Evans said. "Kristina did a great job at the mound and offensively we had a couple of good plays."

The Aggie offense was led by freshman outfielder Taylor who went 2-2, including a double, and drove in a run.

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