

Houston arrives looking for A&M revenge

— From Staff and Wire Reports —

The Texas A&M Baseball Team will try to avoid a letdown Tuesday afternoon as they take on the Houston Cougars. A&M will be coming off a weekend that saw the Aggies take two of three from archrival Texas and become a serious contender in the Big 12 Championship picture.

The Aggies took the first two games this season against the Cougars, sweeping a doubleheader in Houston on Mar. 24. Chance Caple got the win in the first game, an eight-inning affair in a game that was scheduled to go seven, as A&M scored three in to the top of the eighth to win.

The Aggies were victorious in the nightcap, giving Courtney Weller a 7-4 win. The wins increased the A&M lead over Houston in the all-time series to 92-42-1. Last season, the teams split a pair of games with each team winning on its home field.

Houston, with a 24-20 record, is coming off three Conference USA wins this weekend that kept the Cougars among the top teams in the conference.

Chance Caple will likely get the ball again for

A&M Tuesday and will be looking to keep his record perfect for the season. Caple has racked up seven wins as the Aggies' Tuesday starter, with a team-leading 2.80 ERA, 52 strikeouts and only 22 walks.

Opposing him for the Cougars will be Chris Wilken, a freshman righthander from Albuquerque, N. M., who has a record of 1-2 on the year, with an ERA of 12.00.

Leading the way for A&M against the Cougars will be team captain Jason Tyner. Tyner leads the Aggies with a .386 batting average. Tyner is also among the Big 12 leaders in hits, with 76, and stolen bases, stealing safely 29 times in 35 attempts.

Craig Kuzmic will be looking to improve on his team-leading 12 home runs against Houston and John Scheschuk, who leads the team with 46 RBI, could be inspired to repeat his streak of five consecutive games with a homer, which he began earlier this season against Houston.

A&M will return to conference play this weekend with a road trip to take on the Kansas Jayhawks.

The game against Houston will get underway at 3:30 p.m.



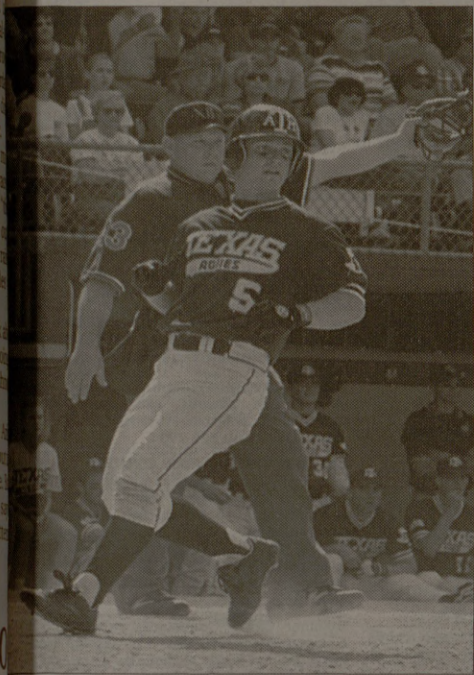
Baseball Update

Record: 34-14, 16-8 Big 12

Next Game: vs. Houston

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Scheduled Starters:
Chance Caple (7-0, 2.80 ERA)
vs. Kris Wilken (1-2, 12.00)



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Sophomore **Sean Heany** will try not to look past Houston Cougars in an afternoon affair at Olsen.

Senior Monica Rebolledo makes history in last home match; Women's Tennis Team starts Big 12 Tournament in five-hole



The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team finished up their regular season and are looking forward to the struggle of the Big 12 Tournament.

League of Her Own
It was one for the record books — finally, in her last ever home match, senior Monica Rebolledo did what everyone was waiting for her to do. She made a singles record of her own. In a match where she lost the first set in tie-breaker play, Rebolledo came back to dominate the match in two sets of the match 6-1, 6-1.

With the win, Rebolledo improved her Texas A&M career record to 93-38 overall, setting the record for career singles wins, previously held by Nancy Dingwall and Lynn Staley, a former All-American.

It ain't over till ...

In an amazing comeback, the Aggie doubles pairing of Vanessa Rooks and Lisa Dingwall showed why they have won five of the last six matches they have played together.

After being down 6-3, the pair came back to make it 8-3, and beat the Kansas Jayhawks in tie-breaker play. This gave them their eleventh win for the season, and gave the Ags the 5-4 win over the No. 13 Jayhawks.

A new era

The Aggies said goodbye on Saturday to the Omar Smith Tennis Center. A ceremony was held honoring the Smith family in between

the women's and men's matches.

Both the women and men's teams went out with a bang, leaving the Tennis Center with another win under their belts. The Aggie will start next season in the new tennis complex on the west side of campus near Reed Arena.

The Fifth Element

Next up for the Aggies is the Big 12 Tournament, starting Thursday in Lincoln, Neb. The Aggies expect to be seeded fifth despite their win over No. 13 Kansas. Texas A&M will most likely meet up with Missouri in the first round, a team they defeated 9-0 in regular season play. It remains to be seen whether the Ags will play rival teams Texas and Kansas again in the tournament.

— Katie Mish is a senior journalism major.

Ags end season perfect at home



The No. 17 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team (14-4, 7-2) finished its Big 12 regular-season play this past weekend with victories over Baylor University and the University of Kansas.

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Spoiling A Beary Good Year
After losing to Colorado the previous weekend, the Aggies knew heading into Baylor on Friday they were out of contention for the Big 12 Championship.

The Bears had knocked off No. 7 Texas earlier in the season, and with a victory over the Aggies would share the Big 12 crown with the Longhorns.

Maybe next year, Baylor. A&M crushed the Bears, 6-1, in front of a large green-and-gold-wearing crowd at the Streich Tennis Center on the Baylor campus.

Going Out On Top

Carlos Tori, the lone senior on the Aggies' squad, played his last home match Saturday night against Kansas.

Moving up to No. 1 singles for the occasion, Tori crushed Kansas' Enrique Abaroa, 6-0, 6-2.

After his match, Tori received a rousing ovation from what was, by far, the largest crowd of the season at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

A Perfect Farewell

The Aggies finished their last season at the Omar Smith Tennis Center with a perfect 9-0 record there.

Among A&M's many impressive victories at home this year was a 4-1 thrashing of the No. 10 Pepperdine Waves.

Bulldogs Beckoning

After the Big 12 Tournament this weekend, it would be easy for the Aggies to look ahead to the NCAA regionals in Austin on May 15, but that could prove a costly mistake.

Waiting for A&M on May 2 in Starkville, Miss., will be the nation's 4th-ranked team, the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

— Al Lazarus is a sophomore journalism major.

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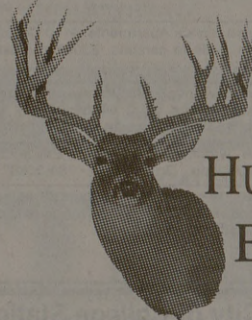
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