

Sooners too hot for Aggies

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team fell to hot-shooting Oklahoma University, 102-75, Saturday afternoon in front of 11,516 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla.

The Sooners hit 17 of 29 shots in the first half including eight of 13 three-point attempts on their way to building a 48-28 halftime lead.

"They were bombing," A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "When you hit early, your confidence really gets going."

The Aggies (11-11, 4-8) were led by senior forward Shanne Jones, who posted a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Clifton Cook, Michael Schmidt and Aaron Jack were

also in double figures for the Aggies, who turned the ball

A&M Men's Game Leaders

Points:
Shanne Jones (14)

Rebound:
Shanne Jones (10)

Assists:
Clifton Cook (3)

over only 13 times. The Sooners jumped on the Aggies early, hitting nine of their

first 11 shots. A season-high six players would eventually end up in double figures for Oklahoma, which ended up shooting 58 percent for the game.

The Aggies never got hot, hitting 27 percent in the first half and only 38 percent of their shots on the game.

Oklahoma has now won five games in a row after a brief mid-season slump.

Watkins said he is not surprised the Sooners have recovered.

"I knew they would get back to the way they were," he said. "And I am sure that is how they will finish."

The Aggies, who had won four of six heading into Saturday's game, will try to recover in time for a Wednesday matchup against the University of Colorado.



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Junior shortstop **Steve Scarborough** slides into home against the University of Texas Pan-American Broncos

Arizona hands Ags first taste of defeat

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The 1999 baseball season started off with a bang for the ninth-ranked Texas A&M Baseball Team. The Aggies put 48 runs on the board in a three-game sweep of the University of Texas Pan-American Broncos.

Results were much different this weekend however, as the Aggies hit the road to take on the University of Arizona Wildcats.

The Wildcats handed the Aggies their first losses of the season as they took two out of the three games the teams played.

Arizona started out Friday afternoon's game quickly, jumping on Aggie starter Casey Fossum for six runs in the first inning and winning the game 11-5.

In the first inning, Fossum (1-1), gave up a one-out grand slam to

the Wildcats' Kenny Huff. Two batters later, Dennis Anderson hit a two-run shot off Fossum to stretch the lead to 6-1. Fossum allowed 10 runs (nine earned) on nine hits in four innings of work.

For the Aggies, sophomore rightfielder Daylan Holt continued his hot start as he went two for five from the plate with a homer, his fifth of the year, and three RBIs.

Saturday, the Aggies were shut-down by the Wildcats' pitching as Josh Pearce threw Arizona's first complete game in almost two years en route to defeating the Aggies 5-2.

The Aggies jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two innings but were stymied by Pearce the rest of the way, as he allowed only four hits over the last seven innings.

Chance Caple (1-1) took the loss

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Women fall short to Baylor

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

In a season filled with close losses, the Texas A&M women's Basketball Team fell just short again Saturday, dropping a 78-66 decision to Baylor University in Waco.

The Aggies (7-15, 2-10 Big 12) were led by 13 points at halftime but fought back to cut the lead to one point, 66-65, with under six minutes remaining.

With 12 seconds remaining in the game, sophomore forward Prissy Sharpe, who led A&M with 21 points, buried a three-pointer to pull the Ags within four, 77-73. The ending inbounds pass by Baylor (14-6-6 Big 12) was then stolen by Aggie forward Kera Alexander, but Bears grabbed the rebound off a three-point attempt by Sharpe and were fouled to seal the game.

A&M coach Peggie Gillom said despite the loss, the

Aggies responded well to the challenge with their strong second-half play.

"Despite everything, I thought we came back and played hard the second half," Gillom said. "I am proud of how we responded."

In addition to Sharpe's performance, the Aggies also received big numbers from Alexander, who scored 18 points to go along with a team-high three steals, and freshman guard LaToya Rose, who scored 13 on six-of-10 shooting.

Forward Lara Webb led five Baylor players in double digits with 20 points and added seven assists.

Kacy Moffitt and Toya Ellis added 16 and 15 points respectively, and Danielle Crockrom came off the bench to chip in 12 points and eight rebounds.

The Aggies will return home to Reed Arena Wednesday to face the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

A&M Women's Game Leaders

Points:
Prissy Sharpe (21)

Rebound:
Kera Alexander (6)

Assists:
Kerrie Patterson (6)

It's 2:58 p.m. on February 20 and

you hear the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band playing the War Hymn. But there you are, standing in line, trying to get in Reed Arena to watch the men's basketball team "beat the hell out of tu."

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Junior **Kera Alexander** goes up for a shot against Texas Tech.

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