

Baseball off to strong start at Classic

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The Battalion

After a stormy start to spring break, the Texas A&M Baseball team returned home to host the Aggie Continental Airlines Classic.

UNLV, the University of Michigan and Cal-State Northridge all traveled to College Station to participate in the Classic.

The Aggies came into the Classic with a 2-2 record from their recent road trip after a 13-4 win against Southwest Texas State University last Wednesday.

Undefeated at home, the Aggies started off the Classic against unranked UNLV Friday night. The Aggies put an end to that perfect record, however, as they spanked the Aggies 14-3. The 14 runs scored by UNLV were the most for an Aggie opponent this year.

Junior pitcher Matt Knight (0-1) was saddled with the loss. In his first career start, Knight gave up three runs and four hits in three innings of work.

The Aggies could only manage four hits on the day with sophomore right fielder Daylan Holt leading the way. Holt went 1-4 with a double and two RBIs.

The Aggies came back on Saturday for two games. The first was against the Wolverines. Last year, the Aggies split a doubleheader with Michigan at Olsen Field.

This time around the two teams needed extra innings to settle things as the Aggies downed the Wolverines 6-4 in 11 innings.

Junior shortstop Steve Scarborough delivered the winning blow in the bottom of the 11th when he sent a Bobby Korecky pitch over the wall for a two-run home run. The blast was Scarborough's first homer of the season.

For the game, Scarborough went 3-6 with a homer, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Chris Russ (5-0) pitched 3-2/3 innings of scoreless relief of starter Chance Caple to pick up the win. Russ allowed only two hits and struck out five in his stint.

After their 11-inning thriller, the Aggies came back to face Cal-State Northridge in the nightcap.

Junior pitcher Casey Fossum shut down Cal-State Northridge pitching a two-hit, complete game shutout as the Aggies cruised to a 7-0 win.

In seven innings of work, Fossum (5-3) struck out 13 batters while walking only two.

Second baseman Sean Heaney led the Aggie hitters, going 3-4 with a run scored. Scarborough also chipped in with a 3-5 performance with two RBIs and a run scored.

The tournament finishes up for the Aggies today as they take on Cal-State Northridge at 1 p.m. and UNLV at 7 p.m. at Olsen Field.



Junior third baseman **Dell Lindsey** slides back into first base against the University of Michigan Wolverines. The Aggies defeated the Wolverines 6-4 in 11 innings on Saturday in the Aggie Continental Airlines Classic.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's Tennis at Blue-Gray Classic

The No. 19 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team competed in the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic in Birmingham, Ala. Thursday through Sunday.

In Thursday's first round action, the Aggies shutout Middle Tennessee State University, 4-0. The Aggies' doubles tandem of sophomores Dumitru Caradima and Shuon Madden, ranked No. 1 nationally, improved to 15-1 on the season, winning their match, 8-6.

In singles play, straight-set victories from No. 30 Madden, Caradima and freshman Keith From clinched the match for the Aggies.

In Saturday's action, the Aggies fell to the nation's No. 2 team, the University of Illinois, 4-2.

For only the second time this season, the Aggies dropped the doubles point to the Fighting Illini, with Madden and Caradima losing for only the second time this season.

Guarneri leads Ags at championships

Texas A&M University's Danielle Guarneri took 11th place Saturday in platform competition at the 1999 NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships in Athens, Ga.

The junior, who placed 14th in the tower event during last year's championships in Minneapolis, Minn., scored the Aggies' only six points of the meet. Guarneri qualified for the championships by taking the platform title in the NCAA Zone-D Diving Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. last weekend.

Guarneri entered the Aggie record books by taking her second All-American title at the meet, becoming the first female diver to earn multiple All-American titles.

Freshman swimmer Clara Ho competed in her first NCAA tournament and finished only two places shy of the points for A&M with 18th place in the 100-yard butterfly. Meet veterans Tracy Evans and Monica Stroman also competed in Athens.

Guarneri's points led A&M to their second 31st place showing at the national championship meet.

Men's Golf fourth at Border Olympics

The Texas A&M Men's Golf Team earned its highest finish of the season Saturday, a fourth-place effort at the Border Olympics in Laredo.

Senior Ryan Palmer, who won the tournament last year, was one of three Aggies who tied for tenth place. Palmer scored a three-round total of 220, as did junior Lee Reed and sophomore Clay Fullick.

Also contributing for A&M were senior Matt Welch, who tied for 16th place, sophomore Casey Cronin with a tie for 50th and freshman Sean Gilliland at 55th. Freshman Josh McCoy, competing as an individual, finished in a tie for 29th place.

Ramzy leaps to first in long, triple jump

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A&M sophomore Bashir Ramzy captured first-place finishes in both the long and triple jumps Saturday at the Dr. Pepper Invitational at Baylor University.

Ramzy placed first in the triple jump with a mark of 48 feet, 1 1/4 inches. He took a second victory with a jump of 23 feet in the long jump. In addition, he came in third in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.45 seconds.

Backing up Ramzy's heroics for the Texas A&M Men's Track and Field Team was sophomore Kris Allen, who took second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.10, and junior Travis Grasha, who finished third in the javelin competition with a throw of 203-6. Senior Michael Price took third in the men's 200-meter dash with a time of 21.43.

The men's 4x400-yard relay team of juniors Johan Lannefors and Keith Bender and Travis McAshan and senior Derrick Woods also took home a

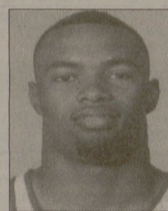
bronze for the Aggies with a time of 3:10.55, their best of the year, while the 4x100-meter relay team of Ramzy and seniors Price, Toya Jones and Billy Fobbs placed second in their event with a time of 40.20.

For the women, freshman Katy Doyl took first in the javelin competition with a throw of 160 feet, 7 inches.

The mark provisionally qualifies Doyl for June's NCAA Outdoor Meet in Boise, Idaho. Also taking the gold for the women was junior Ann Dwyer, who captured first in the women's 800-meter competition with a time of 2:14.89. Senior Marisa Tuzzi placed third in the event at 2:19.14.

Junior Chimika Carter took second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.80. Freshman Burkhardt placed third in the high jump with a season-high leap of 5-7 1/4, while redshirt freshman Natalie Young took third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.89. Other third-place finishes for the women included sophomore Meshell Trotter in the hammer throw at 165-8 and freshman Shylia Williams in the long jump with a mark of 18-9 1/4.

Both the men's and women's teams will return to action April 1 at the Texas Relays in Austin.



RAMZY



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sophomore **Jason Wyatt** takes off on a long jump attempt at the College Station Multi-Competition.

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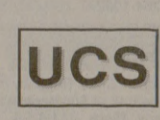
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