

## Aggies defeat Lamar

### A&M Baseball Team claims 23rd win of season

BY AARON COHAN  
The Battalion

It was an impressive start for junior Derrick Adams Wednesday night against Lamar University.

The junior pitcher, seeing action for the first time in his Aggie career, helped lead the Texas A&M Baseball Team to a 7-2 win over the Cardinals.

The Aggies jumped right on Lamar starting pitcher Brian Castillo, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first off a wild pitch and junior Dell Lindsey's sacrifice fly.

A&M only was able to keep that lead until the next inning, as a misfielded ball by sophomore leftfielder Chris Russ allowed Lamar's David Geisbush to cross the plate to pull the Cardinals within one.

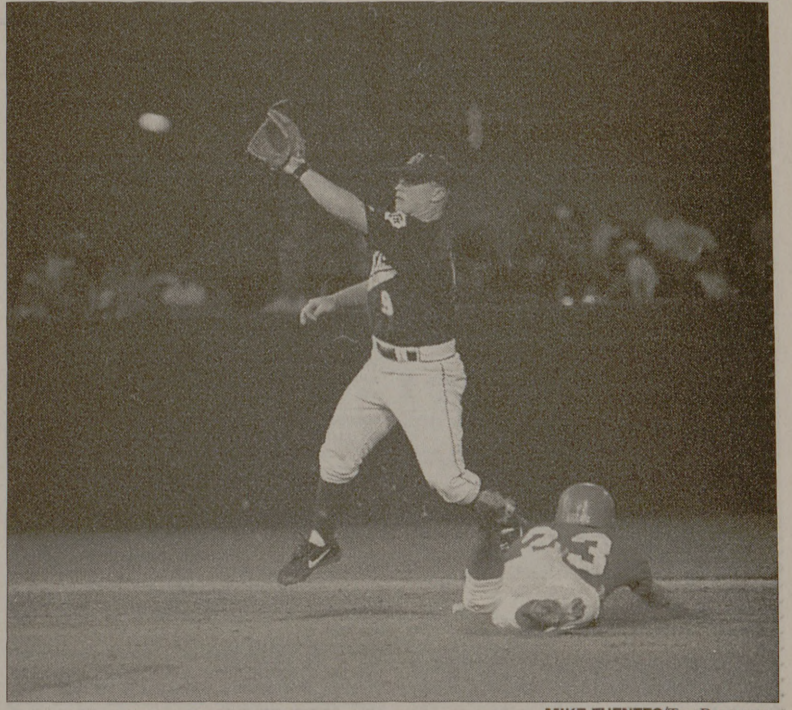
The Aggies quickly recovered, as senior John Scheschuk launched an 0-1 pitch just over the scoreboard for his sixth long ball of the season and a 5-1 lead for the Aggies.

"I really didn't do anything special," Scheschuk said. "I just got the ball in the air, and it went out."

Cardinals pitcher Castillo was quickly pulled in favor of sophomore Heath Totten, who stopped the bleeding and got the final two outs of the inning.

An inning later, Adams came out of the ballgame for freshman Matt Knight. Adams threw effectively in his first outing, going four innings and giving up just five hits and one earned run.

"You're always hesitant in your first appearance," Adams said. "But it couldn't have gone any better out there with the crowd and my family rooting for me like they did."



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A&M second baseman **Sean Heaney** tries to snag the throw to second during the Texas A&M Baseball Team's game against the Lamar University Cardinals Wednesday night at Olsen Field.

Junior pitcher Ryan Fitzgerald, carrying a 5.96 ERA, came in for the Cardinals in the bottom of the fifth but was let down by his defense.

Two errors and a walk to Scheschuk loaded the bases for the Aggies, but A&M came up unsuccessful in making it a big inning out, as the only maroon jersey that crossed the plate was junior Steven Truitt, who scored when senior Eric Sobek was plinked by a pitch.

At the end of the inning, the Aggies scored their six runs on just three hits.

But the Aggie bats started

coming alive in the bottom of the seventh. Junior Sean Heaney led off, slapping a single up the middle and later scoring on Daylon Holt's team-leading 15th double of the season. From there, A&M cruised to their 23rd victory of the year.

"It's great to get these mid-week games," Heaney said. "It gives us a good momentum going into this weekend."

The Aggies improve to a monstrous 16-1 at Olsen Field, and will prepare to hit the road for a three game series this weekend against the University of Missouri Tigers.



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A&M junior **Angie Long** tries to avoid the tag at home base during the Texas A&M Softball Team's game against Butler University March 7 at the Aggie Softball Complex. The Aggies swept a doubleheader against Sam Houston State University Wednesday in Huntsville.

## Softball team sweeps 'Kats

### Aggies extend win streak over Sam Houston to 16 wins

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three walks.

A&M put two more runs on the board in the sixth, as the Aggies used a steal by Lauren Ripple, two by Tammy Donnell and a Bearkat throwing error to provide the final margin in the first contest.

In the second game, junior Danielle Lemuth (4-0) threw five strong innings to get the win, striking out seven and allowing only two hits. Again the Aggies were able to get off to a strong start early, as Jamie Esters celebrated her 21st birthday in style, hitting a three-run home run as part of a four-run first inning that saw the Aggies bat around.

In that first inning, A&M's four runs came on five hits and the Aggies left three runners on base.

The Aggies added another run in the top of third when Jamie Smith scored on a Krissy Renner sacrifice fly to left field to make the

score 5-0. The Bearkats (12-22) scored their lone run of the doubleheader in the bottom of the third after Jennifer Robinson reached on a throwing error.

A&M was not done scoring on the evening, however, as the offense put seven more runs up in the top of the fourth by using six hits and an error. One of those hits was a big one, as Tiffany Esters hit a three run homer to left to increase the lead to 8-0.

The two wins were the Aggies' 15th and 16th straight against Sam Houston State, as the Bearkats have not won against A&M since 1995.

The Aggies will open Big 12 play this weekend with doubleheaders against the defending conference champion University of Nebraska on Saturday and Iowa State University and Sunday at the Aggie Softball Complex.

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Two Aggie tracks standouts named to All-American Team

Junior track and field standouts Chad Meyer and Jon Nance were named to the Successful Farming All-American Farm Team yesterday.

Meyer, a junior decathlete from Iowa, was voted the team captain for the men's track team selected by the editors of the magazine.

Meyer is majoring in animal science, and plans to attend veterinary school upon graduation. Meyer ranks as the No. 4 decathlete in school history, and is the school record-holder in the indoor heptathlon.

Nance, a junior pole vaulter from Tyler, was honored with a selection to the first team. Nance owns the seventh best vault performance in school history at 17-4 1/2.

Both Meyer and Nance will receive a plaque honoring their selections and appear in the May issue of Successful Farming magazine.

### A&M women's swim coach leaves to take Alabama job

Texas A&M women's swimming coach Don Wagner accepted the head men's and women's swimming coach position at the University of Alabama, A&M athletic director Wally Groff announced Wednesday.

In his four years at A&M, Wagner's teams compiled a 24-21-1 dual meet record, while sending representatives to the NCAA Championships each year. His highest finish with the Aggies was a 26th-place tie in 1997. Each of the past two seasons, A&M has finished 31st.

Wagner came to A&M from Southern California University, where he served as an assistant coach of both the men's and women's teams from 1992-95. Prior to that stint with the Trojans, he was head men's and women's coach of the Fullerton Aquatic Sports Team from 1989-92.

## Ags overcome ACU, Ohio State

### No. 14 Men's Tennis Team heads into April with decisive victory

BY AL LAZARUS  
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The No. 14 Texas A&M Men's Tennis Team hoped to use Wednesday's doubleheader against Abilene Christian University and Ohio State University as a "warmup" in preparation for the Aggies' tough April schedule.

After defeating ACU, 6-1, and shutting out the Buckeyes, 7-0, the Aggies (11-2, 3-0) appear to have skipped "warm" and gone straight to "hot."

"After coming off a tough stretch, we needed to take care of business today," A&M coach Tim Cass said. "And we certainly did that."

In defeating ACU, the Aggies showed their impressive depth, going deep into their lineup but still coming away with a decisive victory.

"Our team has great players deep into our lineup," junior Gonzalo Anderson said. "We've probably got 10 guys who can play No. 4, 5 or 6 for us." The Aggies swept all three doubles matches against

the Wildcats to capture the doubles point.

At No. 1, the tandem of Anderson and junior Juan Aramburo did not relinquish a game, winning 8-0.

In singles play, Anderson played in the No. 1 spot for the Aggies and came away with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over ACU's Jason Kirkland. At No. 2, freshman Jarin Skube also won easily, 6-4, 6-2.

Juniors Cory Hubbard and Tony Young and freshman Andrew Vu also tallied singles victories for the Aggies.

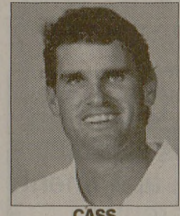
In Wednesday's nightcap, A&M fielded a more veteran lineup against an unranked Ohio State team.

The nation's No. 1 doubles team, A&M sophomores Dumitru Caradima and Shuon Madden, won 8-6. Winning 8-5 at No. 2 was the Aggies' usual team of senior Brent Horan and Skube.

Rounding out the Aggies' doubles sweep against OSU were sophomore Cody Hubbell and freshman Keith From, winning 8-4.

In singles play, Madden played No. 1 for A&M and won, 6-4, 6-4. Hubbell, From and Anderson also won in straight sets.

The Aggies return to action April 1, when Texas Tech University visits the A&M Varsity Tennis Center.



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