

SPORTS

Baseball Team wins Regional Ags go 2-1 in first two days before taking title



A&M junior leftfielder **Steven Truitt** captured tournament MVP honors at the NCAA Regionals, batting .391 with 11 RBIs and 4 home runs over five games.

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The Battalion

Bestowed with a No. 7 national seed and the privilege of hosting a regional, the Texas A&M Baseball Team wanted to start out the 1999 NCAA Regional at College Station on the right foot.

Using a calculated risk of starting junior pitcher Chance Caple instead of junior ace Casey Fossum, the Aggies kicked off the tournament against Monmouth University.

The risk turned out to be non-existent as Caple pitched his best game in an Aggie uniform to lead A&M over the Hawks 6-0.

Monmouth right fielder David Santana led off the game with a single, but that was all the Hawks would get off of Caple. He struck out a career high 14 batters en route to a one-hit, complete game shutout.

"I felt good tonight," Caple said. "I was coming off a rough outing. I made some changes that helped,

and I just worked on throwing strikes."

A&M head coach Mark Johnson said Caple's performance was just what the Aggies needed on the opening day of the tournament.

"We got enough hits and scored early, and Chance controlled the ballgame," Johnson said. "I'm always relieved to win a ballgame on the opening day of a tournament."

Coming off the strong pitching performance by Caple and with Fossum on the mound, the Aggies liked their chances of staying in the winner's bracket Saturday against Long Beach State University.

It was not to be, however, as the '49ers jumped on Fossum early and used a long rain delay to help them to a 7-5 victory.

Long Beach jumped out to a 3-0 lead before the rain delay on a two-run home run by second baseman Scott Redfox.

The Aggies tried to chip away at the '49ers lead behind junior center fielder Steven Truitt's two home

runs. A&M never could get ahead as Long Beach had an answer each time the Aggies scored.

"I thought that was a good college baseball game," Johnson said. "Casey came back strong, but the rain delay took its toll."

With the loss to Long Beach, A&M had to turn around and face the University of Mississippi that same night in an elimination game.

The Aggie bats came alive and saved A&M from elimination as sophomore Daylan Holt smacked two home runs in the 13-7 win.

Holt ended the game 3-for-5 with the two home runs and six RBIs. Senior pitcher Matt Ward pitched a solid game going eight innings and giving up six runs only three of which were earned.

"We were disappointed with the loss earlier in the day," Johnson said. "We bounced back from defeat. Ward gave us a great chance. We got production from everyone in the line up. I was very proud of the way we came back and got the bats going."

"They (A&M) probably have the best fans in the nation," he said. "We not only had to battle them (A&M) but we also had to battle the fans."

Snow said the combination of the fans at Olsen Field and the Aggie ballclub should mean a trip to Omaha.

"It's a tough place to win," Snow said. "It has a great atmosphere and great fan support. I'm just really impressed with A&M's ballclub. I'll be surprised if they're not in the College World Series."

All-tournament selections

Pos.	Name	School
DH	Erik Sobek	A&M
C	S. Schumacher	A&M
1B	J. Scheschuk	A&M
2B	B. Henderson	Ole Miss
SS	S. Scarborough	A&M
3B	Greg Dobbs	A&M
OF	Steven Truitt	A&M
OF	Daylan Holt	A&M
P	Termel Sledge	LBSU
P	Chance Caple	A&M
P	Khalid Ballouli	A&M

Super Regional Matchups

- Miami vs Wake Forest
- SW Louisiana vs Rice
- Alabama vs LSU/ECU
- Oklahoma St. vs Baylor
- Florida St. vs Auburn
- Clemson vs Texas A&M
- Stanford vs USC
- Ohio St. vs CS Fullerton

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Snow said the '49ers were prepared for Sunday's action but ran into a hot team at the wrong time.

"We ran into a buzzsaw today," Snow said. "I have to tip my hat to the Texas Aggies. It was a tremendous effort on their part."

The Aggies made it to the second game on Sunday due in large part to

the performance of Ballouli.

The freshman from Austin tossed the first complete game of his career as he led A&M to a 9-5 win.

"This is definitely the biggest game I've ever pitched in," Ballouli said. "Coach told me my job was to get as many innings as I could. With a lot of good defense and a lot of run support, it's easy to throw your best."

Senior first baseman John Scheschuk said the most important thing about Ballouli's stellar outing

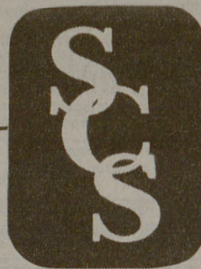
was that he trusted his abilities.

"Obviously he believed in himself, and that was the most important thing," he said. "Whether or not anyone else believed in him didn't matter to KB. He took the game over."

For Long Beach, not only did they have to battle the Aggie hitters and pitchers, the fans were always an issue.

'49ers catcher Bryan Kennedy said the fans played a major role in the games.

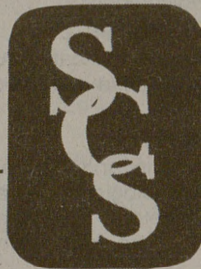
Summer 1999 Groups



What is Group Counseling and How can it Help?

Group counseling involves about four to ten people meeting with one or two counselors serving as group leaders. Group leaders work to provide a safe, confidential environment where group members are free to discuss their problems and concerns. Through the group, members identify with others who are experiencing similar issues and increase their self-awareness by obtaining genuine and honest feedback.

How much you talk about yourself depends on what you are comfortable with. You can benefit from group even when you are saying little because you will learn about yourself as others talk about their concerns. Make an appointment at the SCS to speak to a screening counselor or to help you determine if a group might benefit you.



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Biofeedback Workshop
Mondays 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
One-session workshops designed to give students an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation available.
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Facilitator(s): Mara Latts & Cindy Cook

Conflict and Loss in Relationships
Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
This group is for persons who are currently or have previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of meaningful relationship.
Facilitator(s): Brian Williams & Cindy Cook

Eating Concerns & Body Image Issues
Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group is to increase insight about eating problems and make progress toward recovery. Group topics may include daily eating and exercise behaviors, dealing with others about food issues, developing trusting relationships, expressing feelings, and managing stress. A PHYSICIAN'S RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR GROUP PARTICIPATION.
Facilitator(s): Mary Ann Moore & Becky Tabony

Psychopharmacological Support
Tuesdays 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
This group will provide students an opportunity to relate to and get support from others who are on psychiatric medication. Potential topics include self-esteem issues, family variables, and coping strategies.
Facilitator(s): Steve Strawn & Robert Carter

Personal Growth Group
Group 1 Tuesdays
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
The purpose of this group is to facilitate self exploration and personal growth through interaction with other students.
Facilitator(s): Ron Lutz & Cindy Cook

Dissertation/Thesis Support Group
Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
This group is for graduate students who are struggling in the process of writing their thesis/dissertations. Potential group topics are issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goal-setting, and bureaucratic struggles.
Facilitator(s): Brian Williams & Mara Latts

Multicultural Issues/Relationships
Thursdays 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group is to increase awareness of multicultural issues and improve communication and self-confidence when dealing with multicultural relationships. Group topics may include but are not limited to cultural shock, cultural/religious/social differences, bicultural/multicultural relationships issues. The group is open to all students. Begins Feb. 4th.
Facilitator(s): Gisela Lin & Jeannie Boatler

Older Than Traditional Age
Thursdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
This group addresses concerns that differ from those of the traditional undergraduate student. Marriage, divorce, office politics, committee chairpersons, dissertation projects, and dealing with children and spouses are potential topics.
Facilitator(s): Nick Dobrovolsky & Becky Tabony

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