

A&M baseball team downs SWT

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During the first part of the season, A&M freshman centerfielder David Evans and the rest of the Texas A&M baseball team have been mired in a slump.

Who would have known that all it took to break out of that slump was a trip to Evans' home.

Playing just 15 miles down the road from his hometown of Buda, Evans led the Aggies with a five-hit day as A&M notched its most runs all season in an 11-6 win over Southwest Texas University Tuesday in San Marcos.

"You always root for that when a guy goes close to his house and he's got all his family here," A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said. "When you go home you want to do well and I'm really glad for David."

Evans led the Aggies' offensive outburst, going 5-for-5 with a home run, two RBI and a stolen base. Fellow freshman shortstop Ryan Wardinsky also had a spectacular day, going 4-for-4 with three runs scored.

Evans said doing well in front of his family and friends at home was a great experience for him.

"It was nice coming back to my hometown and playing in front of all my family and friends," he said. "I just need to keep it up and play like this everywhere."

Evans started off the game with a bang in the second inning when he laid out and made a spectacular diving catch to rob Southwest Texas second baseman Louie Carmona of a hit.

The Aggies jumped on the board first in the third inning when sophomore leftfielder Carlos Sepulveda hit a bases-loaded, two-out double that cleared the bases to give the Aggies a 3-0 lead.

Southwest Texas (4-6) came back in the bottom of the inning and scored two runs off freshman pitcher Ryan Warpinski to pull within 3-2.

Warpinski had to leave the game with tightness in his elbow in the middle of the inning.

Junior pitcher Chris Scarcella (1-0) came into the game in relief of Warpinski and picked up the win.

A&M junior right fielder Daylan Holt made his presence known on the day in the fifth and sixth innings.

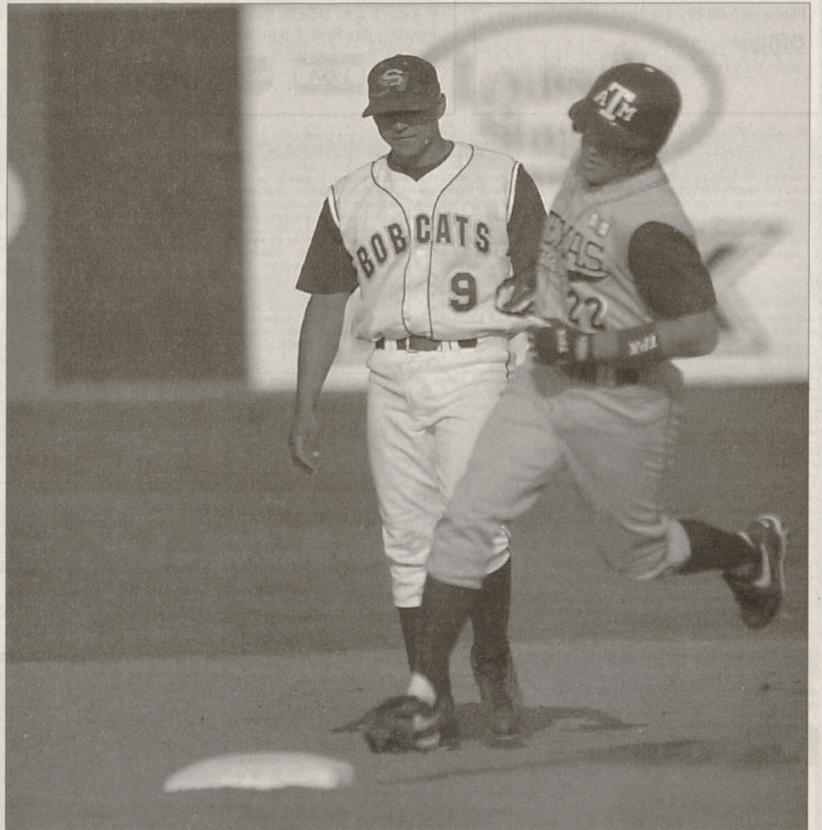
Holt narrowly missed a home run in the fifth when he sent a pitch from Bobcat pitcher Chad Massengale all the way to the left field wall.

He made sure and got it right the second time when he blasted a pitch from Bobcat pitcher Dickie Gonzalez over the wall to give the Aggies a 10-2 lead.

Holt, who finished the day 1-for-5 with 2 RBI, said he thought he should have had two home runs.

"I knew the second one was gone," Holt said. "The first one, the guy hung me a slider, perfect pitch, but I got out in front of it."

Southwest Texas made things interesting in the sev-



GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

A&M freshman David Evans rounds second base after his home run in the fourth inning of the Aggies' 11-6 win over Southwest Texas University Tuesday in San Marcos.

enth inning, scoring four runs, capped off by a two-run home run by Bobcat third baseman Chad Winkelmann to close within 10-6.

Evans put the game away for the Aggies in the ninth when his RBI single scored freshman first baseman Steven Ponder to make it an 11-6 game.

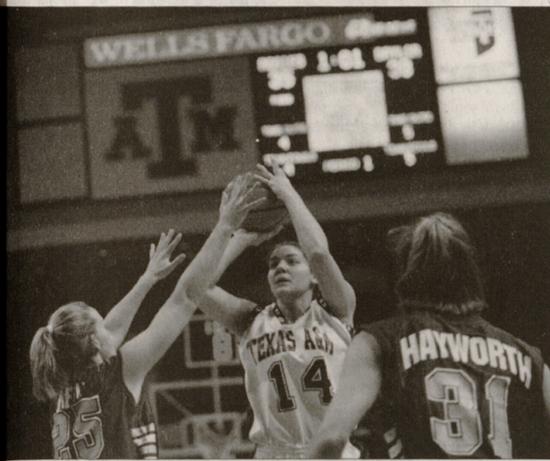
Massengale (0-1) took the loss for the Bobcats, giving up 5 runs on 4 hits in 2 1/3 innings.

The win pushes the Aggies' record to 3-5 on the year.

A&M returns home for eight of its next nine games starting this weekend with a three-game series against the University of Arizona.

Holt said Tuesday's game is hopefully the start of a good stretch for the Aggies.

"This is the way we're capable of playing," Holt said. "It's about time. That's the way we can play. We have a lot of freshman like David Evans, who had a great game, that can hit. Hopefully this is the start of something good."



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A&M senior forward Prissy Sharpe goes up for a shot against Baylor University last Wednesday at Reed Arena.

Aggies look to break even against Tigers

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team will try to bring its record to .500 when it takes on the University of Missouri Tigers at Reed Arena at 7 p.m.

The Aggies currently have a 10-11 record, 2-9 in the Big 12 Conference, but are hoping to have a winning record by season's end.

A&M women's basketball coach Reggie Gillom said she thinks this is an important game to win in order to accomplish that goal.

"Yes, we're losing, but still we can salvage the season," Gillom said. "It's not like it's not reachable to have a winning record. We've got to keep going. Hopefully, the girls can do that."

The Aggies went through a nine-game losing streak before breaking it with a victory over Baylor University. Sophomore guard LaToya Rose said that after ending the streak, she noticed a change in the Aggies' attitude.

"I think our confidence was a lot better," Rose said. "Once we came out with Baylor, even before that game, everybody was talking like 'yeah, we can beat them.'"

But last weekend, the Aggies lost 58-44 in a contest against the University of Texas Tech in Lubbock. Gillom pointed to A&M's 26 turnovers as the main reason for the loss.

"We didn't play smart," Gillom said. "We gave the ball up. We had too many turnovers and they scored off our turnovers. If we hadn't given the ball to them 26 times, it would have been a different story."

The Aggies hope to correct these mistakes when they face the Tigers (16-6, 6-5). But it will be no easy task as the Tigers are riding a four-game winning streak.

Despite the loss in Lubbock, A&M is still confident that they can go out and win. Senior forward Prissy Sharpe said

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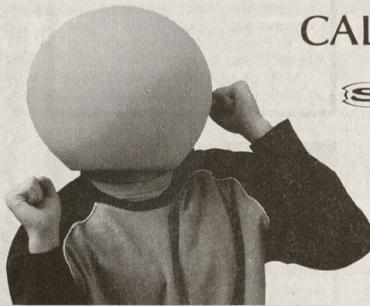
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