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Aggies sweep Kansas State

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The Texas A&M baseball team entered Big 12 Conference play with many questions rolling around in its head regarding hitting.

The answers appeared this weekend in the form of the Kansas State University pitching staff.

The Aggies jumped on the Wildcats early and often en route to a three-game sweep of Kansas State.

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said the Aggies' performance this weekend helped clear up some questions.

"We've been taking the field with a lot of questions in our mind," Johnson said. "Certainly, we don't have them all answered, but I think some guys were encouraged."

"It's a lot better to start conference with some wins rather than losses. We don't have an easy road ahead of us, but I am glad that we're sitting with three wins and no losses. Opening up conference with three wins is huge. It gives us a start."

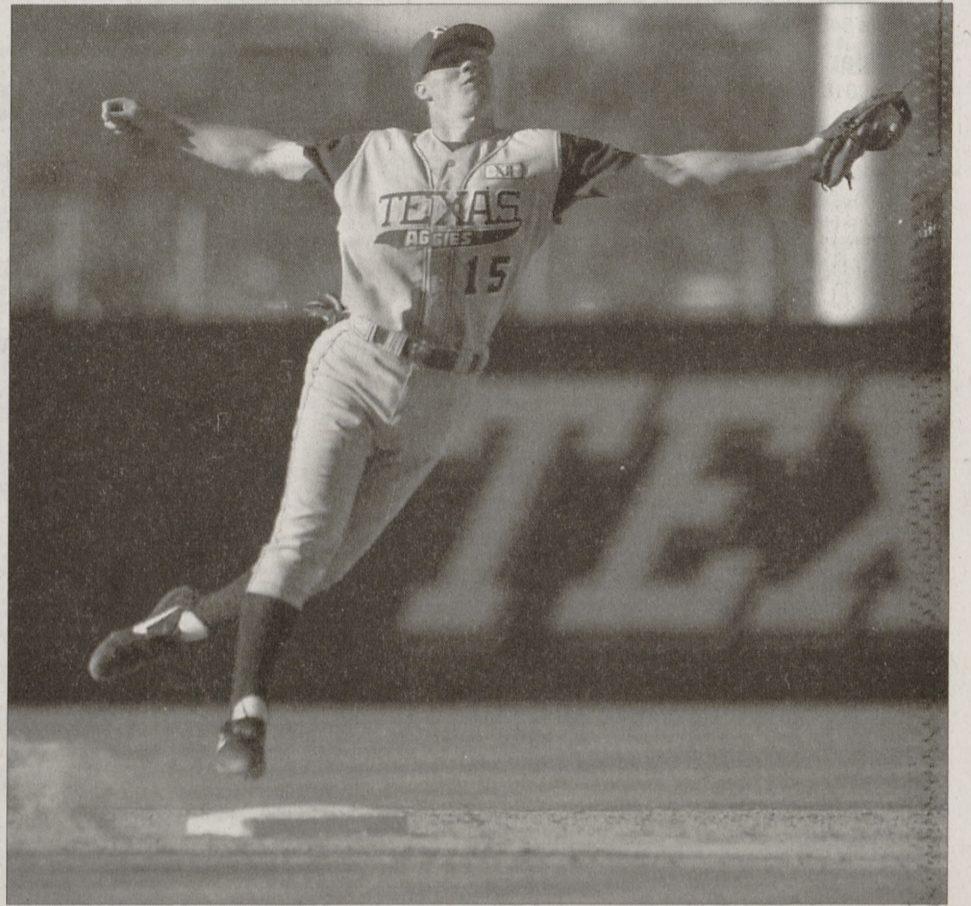
The Aggies finished off the sweep with a 9-4 victory on Sunday. A&M junior catcher Jason Gremminger capped off a stellar series by going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI.

On the series, Gremminger was 6-for-9 with three home runs and 11 RBI.

A&M sophomore Khalid Bal-louli pitched the win for the Aggies, pitching six innings and giving up only four runs.

Gremminger said his big series was hopefully a springboard into Big 12 play.

"It was a real good weekend for me. I'm glad to get off to a good start," Gremminger said. "Right now, it's a beginning, but we have a lot more conference



GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

A&M sophomore Ryan Wardinsky reaches for a ball in Saturday's game against the Kansas State University Wildcats at Olsen Field.

games, and, hopefully, I can continue to do what I've been doing, and we can enjoy the success we've been having."

Gremminger was the key once again Saturday as the Aggies scored all their runs in the first two innings, defeating the Wildcats 9-4.

Gremminger went 2-for-5 with two home runs and 5 RBI.

A&M freshman pitcher Todd Deiningger got the win for the Aggies, going five innings and giving up four runs.

Friday's game saw Kansas

State jump on the Aggies early with A&M getting the last laugh.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but the Aggies scored six and eight runs in the fifth and sixth innings to cruise to a 19-5 victory in seven innings.

A&M sophomore left-fielder Carlos Sepulveda led the Aggies, going 4-for-5 with a home run and 5 RBI.

Sophomore pitcher Grant Gregg pitched seven innings and gave up five runs in the victory for the Aggies.

Kansas State coach Mike

Clark said he hoped that the Wildcats would have been able to take advantage of the Aggies' youth in the series.

"A&M is a very talented ball-club," Clark said. "They're young and inexperienced, but the talent is there. We were hoping, playing them early, that we would catch them before they got in a little bit of a roll."

"Because it's just a matter of time with the talent that they have that they are going to get on a roll. As they gain experience, they're going to get better and better."



SALLIE TURNER/THE BATTALION

A&M senior forward Prissy Sharpe struggles to keep the ball away from the Longhorn defense, Saturday in Reed Arena.

Longhorns defeat Ags, 76-67

BY REECE FLOOD
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The Texas A&M women's basketball team invested a great deal of energy and emotion into defeating the University of Texas on Saturday, but the Aggies fell short of their goal, losing 76-67 in Reed Arena.

The Aggies were close in the closing minutes of the game but were unable to pull out a victory over the Longhorns.

The second half began with Texas holding on to a slim 39-37 lead. Both teams traded baskets until A&M managed to tie the score at 46-46 nearly five minutes into the half.

Alexander's performance from the charity stripe would close out the Aggies scoring for the remainder of the contest.

Khounpanya, a 49-year-old, was suffering from a heart condition and cuts as she lay on the floor in her apartment, her hands tied behind her back. As she struggled to get up, someone placed a pillow over her head, shoved her against a wall and fired once, she said.

The Aggies missed their next seven shots, while the Longhorns went on to score six more points.

"At the end we were in the game," A&M coach Peggie Gillom said. "I think that they made the plays at the end, and we did not. They did a good job of going in and getting it inside and scoring on us, and at the end we couldn't score."

The game's ending was similar to its beginning. The Aggies struggled as Texas jumped out to a 14-point lead in the first half, but the Aggies stepped up on defense and held the Longhorns to only four points. Meanwhile, the offense found its groove, scoring 18 points and taking a 30-29 point lead with about two minutes left in the first half.

A&M's junior forward Jaynetta Saunders scored a game-high 24 points. Saunders said she felt good early in the game.

"I was kind of confident and just trying to go out there and play for the team, so I was just ready to play," Saunders said. "We came out there; we did what coach said. We got the

open shots. They looked for me when I was hot, while I was shooting and the ball was going in."

The Longhorns were led by Edwina Brown, who earned a double-double, with 16 points and 11 assists.

Both Saunders and Brown matched up most of the game, never leaving the court in the full 40 minutes.

This was the last time for the Aggie seniors to play in Reed Arena. Two of the seniors, forward Amy Yates and forward Jennifer Burrows have been out of action for most of the season with injuries. However, forward Kera Alexander and forward Prissy Sharpe each contributed to the Aggies effort, scoring 14 and seven points, respectively.

Sharpe was sad to play her last home game at A&M, but said she was pleased with the game.

"Well, it could have been a little better because we could have won," Sharpe said. "But it was a good game. It was all-around a good game for everyone. It's just sad somebody has to lose because both teams played very, very hard for 40 minutes."

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