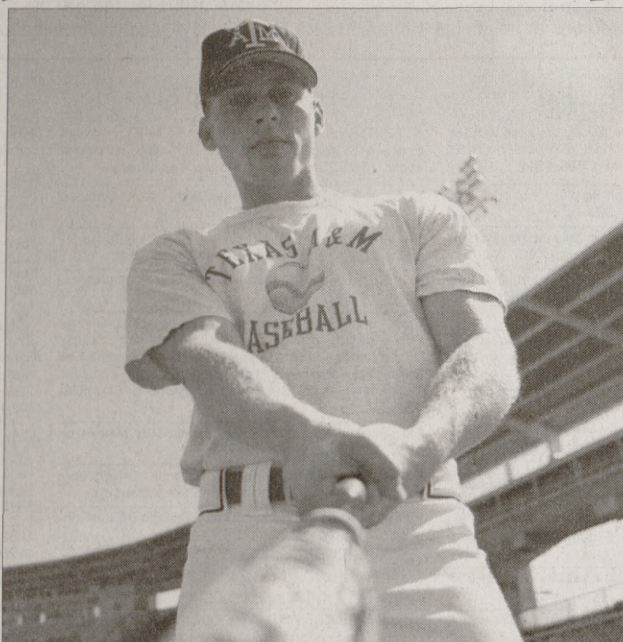


Gremminger^{^2}

Twins personify A&M vs. Kansas match-up

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Texas A&M catcher **Jason Gremminger** looks to lead the Aggies in the first head-to-head match-up against his twin brother Jesse when A&M plays Kansas on Friday.

Houston State University in 1998 and McLennan Community College in 1999.

It was in those first two collegiate years that the Gremminger twins started to separate themselves. Jesse led the Bearcats in hitting

and was in contention for the lead role at McLennan, batting .375 and .340 during those two years.

Meanwhile, Jason was having a harder time adjusting to the college game, struggling to bat .300

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'Horns too strong for Aggies

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Lack of offense was a major factor in the Texas A&M softball team's Big 12 loss to the University of Texas Wednesday night. The Longhorns pounded A&M, 8-0 at the Aggie Softball Complex, handing A&M its third consecutive conference loss.

The Longhorns (18-18-1, 3-0 Big 12) held the Aggies to only two hits, while A&M's pitchers gave up 12.

"It's hard as a coach to figure out what happened," said A&M softball coach Jo Evans. "The team was so fired up and ready to go."

Junior pitcher Amy Vining started for the Aggies but had problems from the start. Vining hit the first Longhorn batter, then gave up a single to right field that scored the Longhorn's first run of the game.

"It seems that as soon as Amy hit the lead-off hitter, everything went downhill from there," Evans said.

Senior first baseman Angie Long led off in the bottom of the first with a single to center field, but the Aggies could not capitalize on her hit.

The Aggies found more trouble in the second inning, when Vining struck another Texas batter, this time with two outs and no one on base. The Longhorns retaliated by getting three straight hits and scoring three runs to put them up 4-0.

Freshman pitcher Kara Weikel

relieved Vining and held the Longhorns scoreless for three innings. But in the top of the sixth, Longhorn Marlo Hanks singled up the left-field line with the bases loaded to score another run for Texas. Longhorn Autumn Eastes singled after Hanks to score another run, putting the Longhorns ahead 6-0.

Evans made another pitching change, this time entering senior pitcher Danielle Lemuth. With the bases loaded, Lemuth managed to retire the side.

In the bottom of the sixth, Long singled to center field again, a point of light for the Aggie offense. But A&M could garner no more hits, and remained scoreless.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Longhorns proved unstoppable offensively when Keely Franks doubled to left field, then advanced to third on a wild pitch. Longhorn All-American Jodi Reeves singled to right field, scoring Franks.

With two outs, a failed play at short-stop allowed Reeves to score from third, giving the Longhorns their eighth and final run of the game.

"I don't think we took charge in any aspect of our game," Evans said. "Vining struggled on the mound, and we weren't aggressive at the plate at all."

The A&M coaches and players agreed that even though the team has lost three consecutive conference games, their confidence is still strong. "This was definitely a hard



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Texas A&M catcher **Selena Collins** catches the ball too late to make the tag on Longhorn first baseman Chelsea Stoughton.

loss," Long said, "but I think we'll bounce back this weekend."

"The effort and our confidence is there, but we need to work on our aggressiveness at the plate. "We've got to get ourselves back

up," Evans said. "We can't feel sorry for ourselves."

The Aggies (20-13, 0-3 Big 12) will travel to Lawrence, Kan., this weekend to take on the University of Kansas.

Sports in Brief

Men's tennis jumps to No. 11 ranking

The Texas A&M men's tennis team jumped two spots to No. 11 in the Wigan-Bank.com Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

The Aggies (9-5) fell two spots to No. 13 in the Daily Tennis Coaches Top 25 poll.

The No. 11 ranking matches their best ever in the WingspanBank.com poll, equaling their No. 11 spot after winning the Big 12 Championship in 1998.

Baylor and Texas lead the Big 12 representation in this week's polls.

The Bears (13-3) are ranked No. 7 with the Longhorns (14-2) at No. 10.

A&M hopes to break into the top 10 when they face No. 2 Pepperdine on Friday.

Madden and Hubble climb individual polls

Junior's Shuon Madden and Cody Hubble shadowed the Texas A&M men's tennis team's move up the polls.

Madden climbed one spot to claim the No. 2 singles ranking nationally.

The No. 2 ranking is the highest any A&M tennis player has been ranked in singles.

He currently holds a 22-8 overall record and is in the midst of a seven-match winning streak.

Hubble (16-8) moved up three spots to tie for the No. 87 national singles ranking. He has won nine of his last 10 matches.

A&M's All-America doubles team of Madden and junior Dumitru Caradima is ranked No. 25.



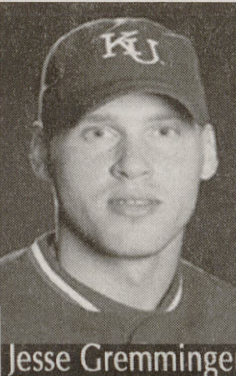
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DOUBLE TAKE

After spending their entire lives playing side by side, the Gremminger twins go head-to-head for the first time.

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throws - right
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