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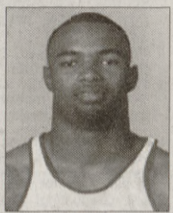
THE BATTALION

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Ramzy wins hurdles at 73rd Texas Relays

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Junior Bashir Ramzy brought home Texas A&M's fifth Texas Relays crown in the 110-meter hurdles, blazing to an NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 13.68 Saturday afternoon before a Mike A. Myers Stadium record crowd of 20,112 at the 73rd Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays.



RAMZY

Ramzy cruised to his new personal-best clocking less than one hour after finishing eighth in the triple jump with a 52-0 1/2 effort. His victory was the fifth for A&M in the high hurdles at the Relays, and the first since former All-Americans Larry Wade and Curt Young won back-to-back titles in 1995 and 1996. Ramzy's 13.68 vaults him into the No. 10 spot on the school's all-time performers list.

"It feels great getting this win," Ramzy said. "The wind pushed me up over the hurdles, and I just had to take

even more control so that I didn't brush up on the hurdle and hit one."

The other half of A&M's hurdling duo, All-American Kris Allen, finished second in the invitational section of the high hurdles. Allen breezed to a provisional-qualifying time of 13.76 to grab the silver behind Jermichael Williams' 13.74 clocking.

"We did a great job in the hurdles today," A&M track and field coach Ted Nelson said. "Bashir and Dris just did a phenomenal job out there of staying focused on the race. They both beat some quality competition, and I'm just extremely proud of those guys."

In the final even of the day, the Cleburne Price, Jr., men's 1,600-meter relay, the squad of Ramzy, senior Johan Lannefors, sophomore Brandon Evans and senior Travis McAshan picked up a third-place finish with a provisional-qualifying 3:06.78 clocking.

In what turned out to be a three-team race, perennial powers Baylor University and Texas Christian University held off the Aggies down the stretch to finish first (3:04.11) and second (3:05.42) respectively.

Oklahoma puts broom to Aggies

A&M baseball team swept at home for first time since 1991 season

BY JASON LINCOLN
The Battalion

After nine seasons the Olsen Field magic finally gave way.

For the first time since 1991 the Texas A&M baseball team was swept on its home field. The culprit: Oklahoma.

The Sooners defeated A&M 3-1, 5-2 and 5-1 over the three-game series.

"It was a little bit of a shocker to come out and finish that short," A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said. "It's not a good feeling but it's part of the dues you have to spend every once in a while."

The Aggies entered the series riding a hot streak, winning eight of their last nine games and boasting a 10-6 ranking — good enough for second place in the conference standings.

That all evaporated as the Sooners played their best baseball of the season to shut down the Aggie offense for a trio of wins.

"You never expect to beat a team like this in their own house," said Sooners' relief pitcher Jeff Bajenaru. Oklahoma allowed only four runs, had zero errors and strung together the timely hits necessary to score 13 runs.

"It's been a long time since I can remember us playing complete baseball like this weekend," OU baseball coach Larry Cochell said.

It all started with pitching as Bajenaru entered to record the final out in each contest and to record a pair of saves. Bajenaru did not record a save in Sunday's game, because he entered with OU already up by four runs.

Meanwhile A&M struggled on the mound, allowing 27 hits over the three games.

The Aggies also struggled at the plate. The leadoff four hitters for the Aggies had a combined six hits on 43 trips to the plate during the series. At the same time the leader of the Aggie offense, Daylan Holt only had one hit over the weekend.



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Texas A&M second baseman **Sean Heaney** fields the ball to tag Oklahoma's Sean Murphy on Friday. The Aggies lost 3-1 in the first game of the three game conference series.

"We just couldn't make anything happen offensively," Johnson said. "When the bats aren't going, you're not aggressive, and it carries over to the whole game. It's a mentality we have to get going."

Sophomore left fielder Carlos Sepulveda scored A&M's only run in the final game on a solo home run in the bottom of the second inning. Sepulveda went 2-4 from the plate on Sunday, yet A&M was unable to follow through, as the OU defense kept the Aggie bats in check. A&M only had three more hits.

"They weren't overpowering. They just got the job done," Sepulveda said. Injuries plagued the Aggies over the

weekend. Pitcher Grant Gregg was unable to take his usual place on the mound for Sunday's closer.

Catcher Jason Gremminger missed the final two games of the series due to a sore back.

In the second game of the series, A&M third baseman and relief pitcher Chris Russ broke his foot while sliding into second base. Russ also serves as A&M's leadoff hitter — a position he has excelled at lately.

"It's like losing three players," Johnson said. "He had really started becoming a catalyst for us as our lead-off hitter."

Russ will have surgery on Monday in an effort to get the Aggies' most versa-

tile player back on the field before the end of the season.

Despite the sweep, A&M's season outlook is not completely dim. The Aggies are only just past the halfway point of the conference season and still have a respectable standing in the Big 12 race.

"We just need to get aggressive. We've been in a couple funks this year, and we responded well, so we'll come back from this one, too," Sepulveda said. "We get to start over tomorrow with five games in five days."

A&M will start its recovery attempt at 7 p.m. in Beaumont as they face the Lamar Cardinals in a make-up for a rain-out earlier this season.

Sports in Brief

No. 8 Aggies down Buffaloes on road

The No. 8-ranked Texas A&M men's tennis finished their two-match Big 12 Conference road trip with a 5-2 win over the Colorado Buffaloes Sunday.

The Aggies (13-5, 4-1) used a sweep of the doubles round to take a 1-0 lead on CU (10-7, 1-4) and then sprinted to a 4-1 lead.

"I'm pleased with our whole trip," A&M head coach Tim Cass said. "It was a challenge for us and I thought we played with good composure. I thought we showed good mental toughness."

Women's tennis downs Colorado

The Texas A&M women's tennis team has won five straight in the Big 12 Conference after defeating the Colorado Buffaloes, 6-3, Sunday at the Kittredge Complex on the CU campus.

The Aggies, who are now 11-8 overall and 7-1 in conference, lead 4-2 after singles play and then grabbed two doubles victories to claim the overall match.

With the win, the Aggies remain in a three-way tie for second place in the Big 12 with Baylor (9-1) and Kansas State (7-1).

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EVENT DATE	REGISTRATION
Intro to Canoeing	April 11 Mar. 27-April 10
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Rock Climbing Day Trip	April 15 Mar. 27-April 11
Kayak Open Practice Session	April 18 April 3-17
Intro to Canoeing	April 18 April 3-17
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Canoe Day Trip	April 29 April 10-25

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