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Baseball falls to Bobcats, 6-4 Aggies lose five straight games for first time in 13 seasons

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The bleeding did not stop for the Texas A&M baseball team Tuesday night.

In fact, it got much worse. Southwest Texas State University used a four-run sixth inning to send the Aggies to their fifth-straight defeat, 6-4, in front of 3,733 fans.

It is the first time since 1987 that A&M has been defeated five straight times.

Southwest Texas improves its record to 19-21, while the Aggies fall to 21-21 on the season and 12-12 at Olsen.

"This is a real, real hard time for us," A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson said. "Since I've been here, it's probably the hardest. The guys are trying hard, but we're just not hitting right now."

A&M fell behind early when Bobcat second baseman Louie Carmona slapped a two-run double in the second inning to give Southwest Texas a 2-0 lead.

The Aggies chipped away at the

lead in the fourth inning when junior first baseman Jeff Freeman hit a double down the right field line to score junior right fielder Daylan Holt and make it a 2-1 game.

A&M pushed ahead the next inning when sophomore shortstop Ryan Wardinsky smacked a two-run home run to right field to give the Aggies a 3-2 lead.

The advantage would be short lived, however.

The Bobcats used clutch hitting and A&M wildness to score four runs in the sixth inning to take a 6-3 lead.

With two men out and two men on, A&M freshman pitcher Zach Dixon hit Southwest Texas right fielder John David Janek with a pitch to load the bases.

Dixon then walked Carmona to force in Bobcat third baseman Bryan Kent and tie the game up.

With the bases still loaded, Southwest Texas shortstop Bryan Anderson hit a bases-clearing double down the left-field line to put the Bobcats up for good.

Dixon (1-3), pitching in relief of A&M senior pitcher Chris Fulbright, took the loss for the Aggies.



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A&M junior first baseman Jeff Freeman digs a ball out of the dirt during the Aggies' 6-4 loss to Southwest Texas State.

Dixon gave up four runs on two hits in 3 1/3 innings of work. Jacob Casanova got the win for

the Bobcats in his first collegiate start. Casanova gave up four runs on five hits in 5 1/3 innings pitched.



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as A&M running back Richard Whitaker dominated the ball-carrying duties in the Aggies' spring scrimmage. Below: Quarterbacks Mark Farris, Vance Smith and Colby Freeman (left to right) each tried their hand at running the A&M offense.

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for 65 yards while freshman Colby Freeman was 6-of-12 for 73 yards and one touchdown pass.

Freshman running back Richard Whitaker had a solid day with 84 yards on 17 carries while sophomore running back Joe Weber managed only 38 yards on 12 carries.

Notes: Senior linebacker Jason Glenn was king of the one-liners during Tuesday's scrimmage. After the defense stopped the offense on one drive, Glenn trotted off the field and yelled, "Call St. Louis and get the Rams in here." Then later in the scrimmage, Glenn shouted into the stands and asked if there was anyone in the stands who wanted to play ... Defensive back Jason Frederick was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons for violating team rules.

The Texas A&M football team's spring practice but ended yesterday as the team had its final scrimmage and final workout in pads.

"They got to moving and that's the way it goes sometimes," Slocum said. "I thought overall it was good scrimmage. I saw some positive things."

The main focus is on who will be quarterback in the fall and all three men auditioning for the job had decent days.

Sophomore Mark Farris had the best day, going 3-of-20 for 168 yards. He led the offense on one touchdown drive and one field goal drive.

Sophomore Vance Smith ended the day 6-of-15



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