

## Lone Star Showdown

### Aggies face Longhorns in pivotal 3-game Big 12 series

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April has not been kind to the Texas A&M baseball team. After an April 4th win over the No. 9 University of Houston Cougars, the Aggies dropped a record 12 straight games and fell from second to eighth in the Big 12 standings. Tuesday, after 21 days without a win, A&M rallied in the eighth and ninth innings to defeat Sam Houston State University.

With that it was over. The streak was gone just as quickly as it had begun. And it was just in time as the Aggies prepare for what would likely have been the pivotal conference series of the year against the No. 6 University of Texas Longhorns.

Now the Aggies do not have to take any excess worries into the weekend and can concentrate solely on going after the Longhorns and winning their first weekend series since March.

"It's big just because we got the losing streak off our mind," said junior right fielder Daylan Holt. "Now that we finally won, we don't have to worry about the streak hanging over our heads. It takes a big load off and will allow us to go in and be totally focused on Texas."

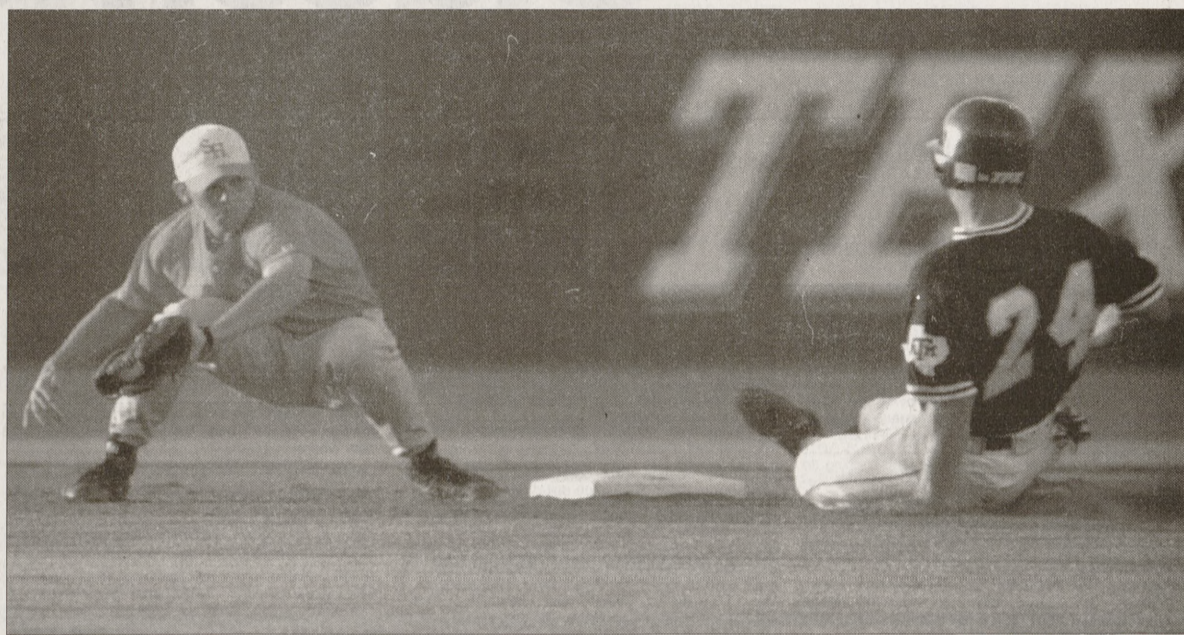
The series will open in Austin on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The game will mark the second sellout of the season for the Longhorns' Disch-Falk Field. However, the Aggies will have the benefit of closing the series at Olsen Field. Saturday's 7 p.m. contest in College Station will be

televised by Fox Sports Net and the series will end Sunday at 2 p.m.

A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson has characterized the series as one of the hardest series the Aggies will play.

"We're going to have to pitch well, play solid defense, but most of all we're going to have to hit," Johnson said. "Teams haven't hit well against Texas because they have some strong pitching. To win you have to have more runs and that's been one of our problems right now. So the match-up from the outside-in doesn't look good, but that changes as teams pick it up."

Despite the problems in matching up, the Aggies have one thing on their mind—a series win. And with the losing streak in the past, A&M is in position to do just that.



A&M catcher **Brent Howell** slides into second against the Sam Houston State on Tuesday. The Aggies broke a 12-game losing streak with the win and look to carry over the same success to this weekend's series against UT.

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Sophomore outfielder **Carlos Sepulveda** could not find his place with the Longhorns. Now he is hoping to lead the Aggies against his former team in the second-to-last Big 12 series.

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## Killer crossover

### Sepulveda joins list of Longhorns jumping ship to come to A&M baseball

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Texas A&M baseball has had its share of crossovers—players that have decided to join the nationally acclaimed Aggies after falling out with the University of Texas.

Eric French and Shawn Schumacher both made the switch from burnt orange to maroon.

The change paid dividends as French followed his A&M career by entering the collegiate coaching ranks and Schumacher was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals.

The most recent switch over promises to be just as successful. Carlos "Los" Sepulveda

knows he made the right choice when he decided to leave the University of Texas baseball team.

He also knows the move to Olsen Field was necessary to keep his game in top form.

Now Los will get his chance to prove how big the decision to transfer has paid off for the sophomore as the Aggies and the Longhorns meet for the first time this season in the Aggies' second to last Big 12 series of the season.

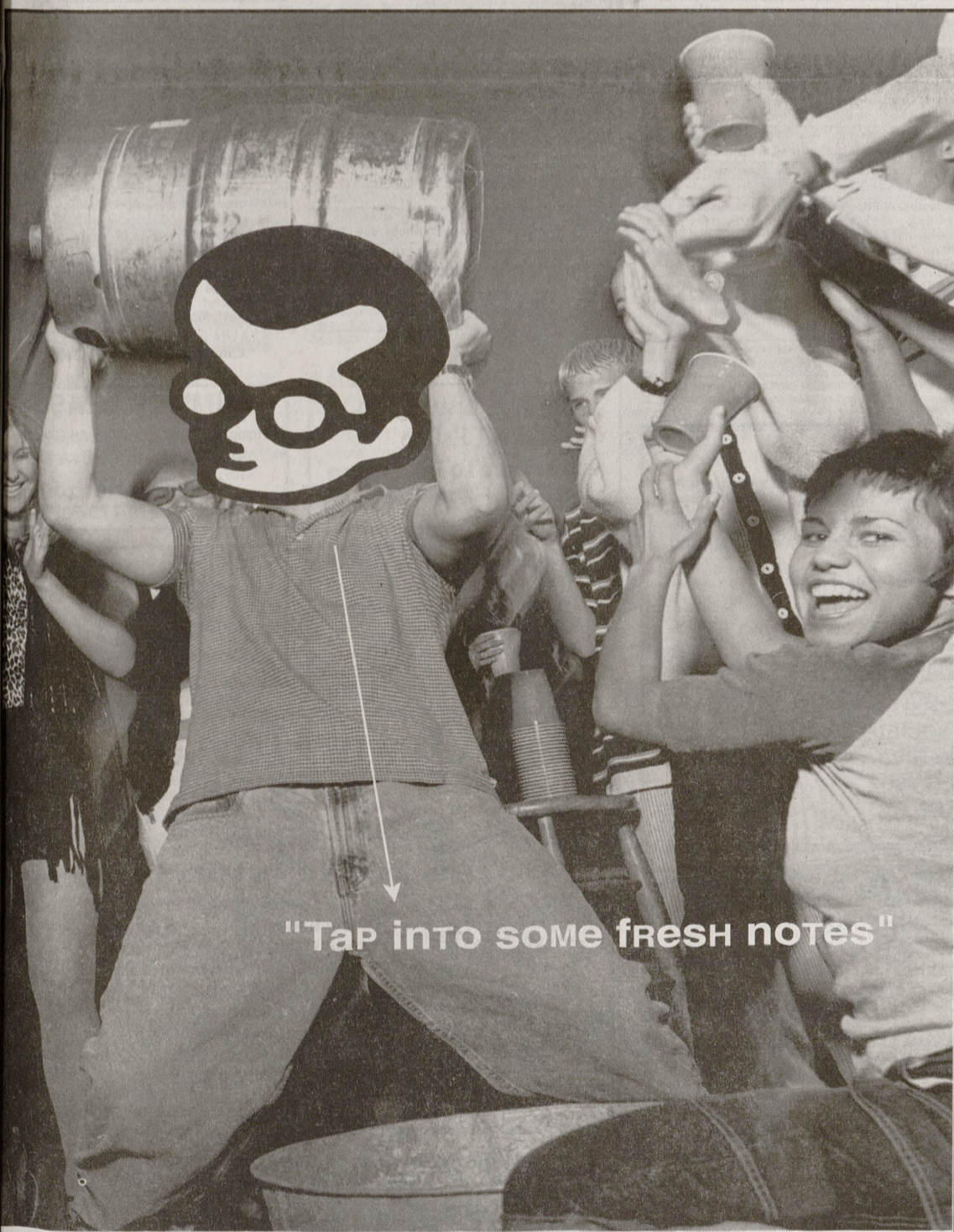
"It's a pretty normal situation for some of us older guys who played with Shawn Schumacher and Eric French, but it's always fun watching how [the former UT

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## SWITCHING GEARS

1998		2000
Pos.: CF/DH 19 RBI's 5 HR BA rank: 7th vs. A&M: 2 runs		Pos.: LF 33 RBI's 8 HR BA rank: 3rd vs. UT: TBP
<h3 style="margin: 0;">CARLOS SEPULVEDA</h3>		

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[www.startel.net/bethel](http://www.startel.net/bethel)

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 779-2297  
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<http://PersonalWebs.myriad.net/fwb>

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 Rev. David A. Konderla, Associate Pastor

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 Lillian Smith • Maureen Murray  
 Heidi Nicolini

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 Tues, Thurs: 12:05 Noon  
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 Sat.: 10:30 a.m. (Korean)

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 College Station 774-1269 [www.covenant-family-church.org](http://www.covenant-family-church.org)

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[amumc@tca.net](mailto:amumc@tca.net)

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