

Softball no-hits Syracuse

By AMAD OWIDI
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Freshman pitcher Jessica Slataper's first career no-hitter led the Texas A&M softball team to a 4-1 victory over the Syracuse Orangewomen at the Aggie Softball Complex on Sunday.

The win followed an Aggie loss earlier in the day as the Aggies fell to the 12th-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes, who led a two-run homerun in the bottom of the seventh to upend A&M.

The Aggies finished the Verizon Aggie Invitational 1-1 as inclement weather caused the cancellation of Friday and Saturday's games.



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A&M junior first baseman Kelly Ferguson reaches for the ball as Syracuse's Julie Dunn runs to first base Sunday.

Slataper held Syracuse hitless for 10 innings, striking out 14 batters. The Aggies scored three runs in the top of the tenth and held off Syracuse in the bottom half of the inning to seal the deal.

"I was really pleased with Jessica's performance," said A&M softball coach Jo Evans. "She mixed up her pitches and did a good job getting ahead of batters."

The Aggies' woes in the field are a cause of concern for Evans.

"We are not as fundamentally sound as we should be," Evans said. "We're making mistakes in the field that we can't afford to make later on."

The Aggies had five errors in their two games on Sunday. Despite the errors, the Aggies still managed to pull out the win against Syracuse.

The Aggies' record improves to 14-5 and the team is ranked No. 20 in the nation. The squad will return to action on Tuesday with a 5 p.m. double-header against Stephen F. Austin.

Baseball wins 2 at Classic

Pitchers lead A&M over Penn State, Indiana State

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After rain wiped out the first two days of the 2001 Continental Express Aggie Baseball Classic, the Texas A&M baseball team was ready to play on Sunday.

Its readiness allowed it to reach the .500 mark on the season as A&M picked up two strong pitching performances to come away with two victories.

A&M sophomore pitcher Todd Deiningner shut down the Penn State Nittany Lions, 7-2, in the early game, and freshman pitcher Matt Farnum continued to impress, shutting out the Indiana State Sycamores, 4-0, in the nightcap at Olsen Field.

"It was a good day for the Aggies," said A&M baseball coach Mark Johnson. "We needed that. I thought we played really good. I liked our intensity and I thought we were ready to play. To get two complete games from your pitchers in a tournament is a good way to start."

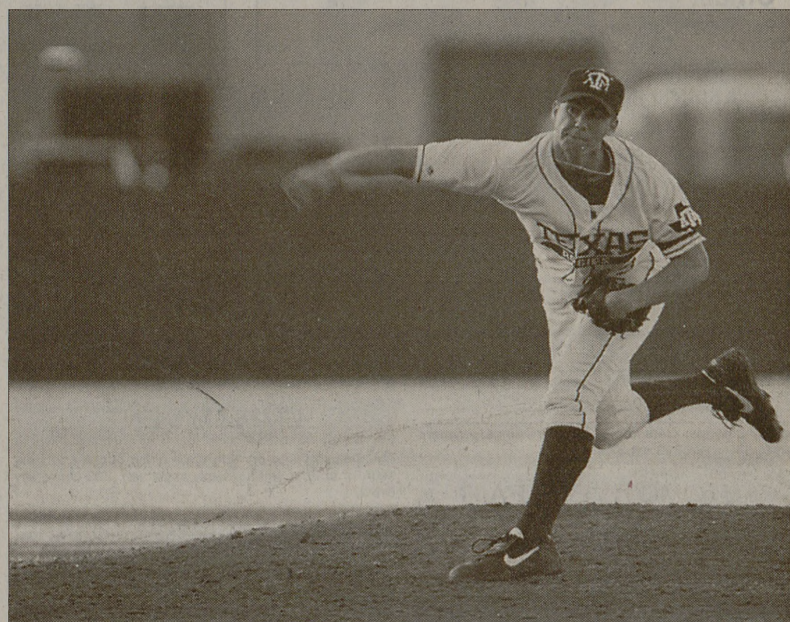
In the second game, Farnum continued his campaign to get a spot in the weekend rotation by striking out 10 Sycamore batters and allowing only four hits.

The game was a pitchers duel for the first three innings as Farnum and Indiana State's Mitch Stetter, who was an All-American last season as a freshman, had control of the game.

The Aggies (7-7) broke through in the top of the fourth when freshman catcher Rusty Meyer drove in sophomore right fielder David Evans to make it a 1-0 game.

Sophomore third baseman Tim Petru provided the big blow the next inning with a bases-clearing double to make it a 4-0 game.

The lead was tested in the bottom of the sixth as the Sycamores (1-2) made a two-out rally. After getting the first two outs, Farnum allowed



CHAD ADAMS/THE BATTALION

A&M sophomore pitcher Todd Deiningner pitched a complete game, two-hitter in the Aggies' 7-2 victory over Penn State on Sunday.

two base hits and a walk to load the bases. He did not buckle however, striking out Sycamore Brad Pierce to get out of the jam.

Farnum, who was making his first start at home, got the Olsen Field crowd on its feet in the last inning, striking out Kyle Wort to end the game.

"The crowd is great," Farnum said. "To have them on their feet there at the end was exciting. There's no better feeling."

In the early game, Deiningner was impressive, allowing only two runs on three hits.

Through the first 15 batters of the game, he was perfect — literally. Deiningner (1-2) did not allow a base runner for the first five innings. The Nittany Lions (3-6) finally got to Deiningner in the sixth, starting the inning with three straight hits and scor-

ing two runs.

But, the Aggies had given Deiningner a big cushion by scoring one run in the first, four in the second and two more in the fourth.

"It feels great to get that first win," Deiningner said. "I didn't want to go 0-3 for sure."

After losing six straight games, the Aggies are now on a four-game winning streak after Sunday's games.

"We're definitely on a roll," Petru said. "We've got so much momentum going right now. Right now, before the game, you can just tell that everyone in the locker room knows we're going to come out and compete and give the team we're playing a run for their money."

The Aggies continue play at the Classic today at 5 p.m. when they play the UNLV Rebels. A&M will then play Penn State once again at 8 p.m.

Aggies crushed by Baylor, 85-59

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WACO — The Texas A&M men's basketball team had a bad week on the road during their opponents' second night.

Wednesday, the Nebraska Cornhuskers demolished the Aggies on Senior Night in Lincoln, Neb., 97-69.

On Saturday, Baylor seniors DeMarcus Minor and Jerry Black put on their own personal Senior Night show as the Bears handed A&M an 85-59 loss.

The loss clinched the 11th seed for the Aggies (10-19, 13 in Big 12) in this weekend's Big 12 Tournament, where A&M will face the sixth-seeded Missouri Tigers Thursday at 8:20 p.m.

The Bears (17-10, 6-10), who clinched the eighth seed, will face the ninth-seeded Colorado Buffaloes, also on Thursday.

Baylor avenged a 73-69 loss to the Aggies in College Station earlier this season in record fashion. It was the Bear's largest margin of victory over a conference opponent since 1988, when the Bears beat Texas Tech 91-49 in the old Southwest Conference.

It was also the largest margin of victory for the Bears over the Aggies since 1967 when they defeated A&M 93-65 in Waco.

"There's no question that every guy on this team came to play tonight," Black said. "When we played them in College Station, we weren't focused on the task at hand. If we would have played harder, we could have won. Tonight, we were running our offense and diving on the floor for every loose ball."

Minor and Black dominated the Aggies the whole game. Minor was the man for Baylor in the first, scoring 12 of his 18 points in the first frame.

Black, who finished the game with 24 points, scored 16 points in the second half. He had four thunderous dunks in the second, including three straight at one point in the half.

"Give Baylor credit because they were very aggressive and got after it on senior night," said Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "But we ran out of gas. We didn't have much left in the tank. We played with no emotion or passion."

A&M sophomore guard Bernard King led the Aggies with 14 points. Junior guard Andy Leatherman scored 11, and freshman forward Nick Anderson had 10.

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Rafting Day Trip	April 28	Now-April 24

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Take Note! Spring Break Fitness Schedule—There will be no Rec Sports fitness classes from noon Friday March-March 17. All of our classes resume on Sunday the 18th.

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