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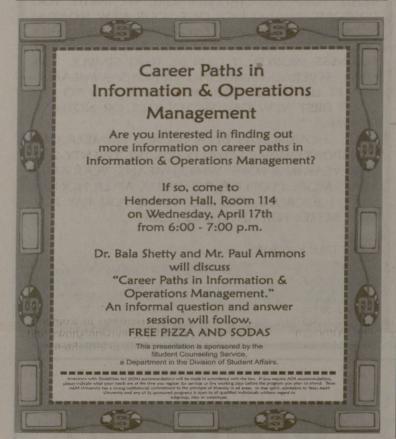


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A&M looking for payback against B

By Micala Proesch THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M softball team is looking for redemption as it hosts Baylor in a single game at the Aggie Softball Complex on Tuesday night.

The Aggies (33-11, 6-6 Big 12) faced Baylor (41-13, 8-5 Big 12) earlier this season, as A&M fell 4-0 to the Lady Bears at Getterman Stadium in Waco. While the No. 24 Aggies are ranked lower than the No. 22 Lady Bears in both the Big 12 and national standings, A&M remains confident that it can take down its conference foe.

"Last time we faced Baylor, they played extremely well and we did not play well at all," said A&M head coach Jo Evans. "We are feeling much better going into this matchup with them, and we really feel like this is a game we can win.

The Aggies are coming off a road trip to Oklahoma State where they split a doubleheader with the Cowgirls, losing the opener 3-2 before taking the second game 2-1.

Sophomore Jessica Slataper (16-7) threw the first game for the Aggies, and though she gave up only two hits, both were homeruns.

The Aggies mounted a comeback attempt after the Cowgirls posted their first two-run home run, but Oklahoma State would not be shut down as it came back and hit a solo shot in the sixth inning to secure the win.

A&M bounced back in the nightcap to even the series with the Cowgirls. Sophomore Lindsay Wilhemson (9-3) threw her 10th complete game of the season and junior catcher Selena Collins hit her 11th home run of the season in the Aggie victory.



Texas A&M first baseman Kelly Ferguson waits in the field during an at bat by Texas' Kristi Robles. A&M will host Baylor tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Aggie Softball Complex

The Aggies now have 30 home runs this Iowa State, rallying to beat the Cyclor season, which breaks the previous singleseason high of 29 set in 1985 and 1996.

"Overall, the team played really well in both games," Evans said. "I was really pleased with the way we handled Oklahoma State. We played well defensively and offensively and we outhit them in both games.' Baylor split its last conference series with

inning to come back and take the gam win by Baylor established a school rec conference wins in a season. The Lady Bears will face Wilhe

after losing the first game, 2-0. The

Bears managed to rally in a five-ru

on the mound at 6:30 p.m. at the Softball Complex.

Battle

Continued from page the Aggies, but that means to A&M, who knocked of Horns last year for the first

since 1986. "The match will be pla with a lot of emotion. A&M head coach Bo Kleinecke. "I feel like we h an excellent shot with coming in here to be able to them. We just have to put selves in position to be able come away with the win.

"We have to make sure we don't fall behind early. Th are a tough team to come from behind and beat, so it will be extremely important to jump

them early. One major concern for Aggies heading into the match the play of sophomore Jess Roland, who has lost her la four matches at No. 1 singles.

"In order for us to be good she has to compete for us evel time," Kleinecke said. "It doesn matter if we play a low team or high team. Everyone has a goo No. 1 player, but I think she going to turn it aroun up for big matches and she will

be up for Texas. Another problem that face A&M is the status of senior Martina Nedorostova, pulled a muscle in her match Thursday against Baylor and injured it against Kansas St Nedorostova was forced default her singles match again K-State because of the inju Her status is questionable agains Texas on Wednesday.

"Martina didn't play yesta day," Kleinecke said. "We don know if she'll be able to play (against Texas) or not."

There is no doubt that the Aggies are ready for this match They have been looking forward to this opportunity since last year when they finished one win short of the conference title.

"This team has been the before," Kleinecke said. beat Texas last year, and it's the same girls back this year. know we can do it, it's a matter of going out there and getting the job done. First serve is set for 6 p.m. a

the Varsity Tennis Center.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Two sign to play A&M basketball

Tamea Scales and Natash Summerville signed National Letters of Intent to play bas-ketball at Texas A&M, head coach Peggie announced on Tuesday.

Scales averaged 15.4 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 3.3 steals per game as a senior at Memphis Ridgeway High School. Summerville, the Player of

the Year as selected by the Fort Worth Star Telegram, averaged 37.5 points, 11.1 rebounds and 4.5 steals.

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