

Aggies head to Nebraska

By Micala Proesch
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The Texas A&M softball team will have to be wide awake this weekend as it heads to Nebraska to take on the No. 4 Cornhuskers in a two game series.

No. 24 Texas A&M (33-12, 6-7 Big 12) fell asleep Wednesday night, as allowing the No. 23 Baylor Lady Bears to take advantage of three Aggie errors to shutout A&M, 3-0.

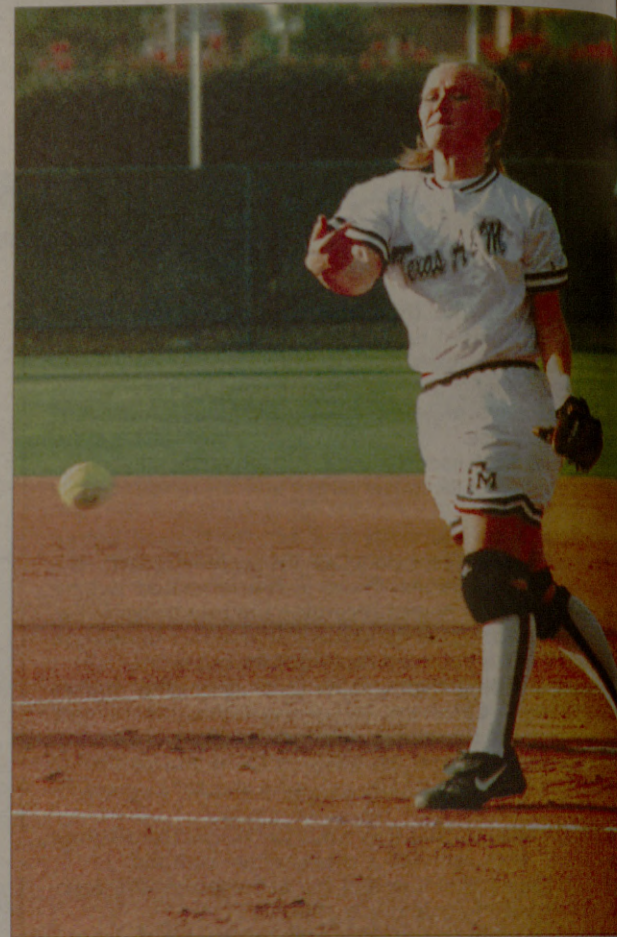
The series against Nebraska is the beginning of a road trip that will also take the Aggies to Austin to face the No. 16 Longhorns. A&M has not beaten a ranked Big 12 team in conference play.

The recent Baylor game increased the Aggies' frustration with their performance in Big 12 play.

"That was really a game that I thought we could win," said A&M head coach Jo Evans. "We have the talent to beat anyone in our conference. I think we are just really frustrated with ourselves with all our missed opportunities."

Nebraska (38-8, 8-3 Big 12) was stunned last weekend by Missouri, who upset the Cornhuskers, 4-2. Missouri was in last place in the Big 12 conference prior to the victory.

Nebraska bounced back on Wednesday to crush Iowa State, 8-3. Junior center fielder Kim Ogee lead the offensive onslaught, going 2-for-3 in the game, with a double and a home run. Ogee leads the Cornhuskers with a .385 batting average this season, while the team is hitting .281.



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Texas A&M pitcher Lindsay Wilhelmson and the Aggies battle the Nebraska Cornhuskers in a two-game series in Lincoln, Neb., this week.

The Aggies are approaching the weekend confidently, hoping to capitalize on any weaknesses Nebraska exhibits in the series, and to stay mentally focused throughout the games.

"Nebraska is a very good team, but they have lost some games lately," Evans said. "I think this is a good time for us

to go in there and come out with a win."

The Aggies lead the all-time series against Nebraska 13-11, with Nebraska winning the most recent meeting last April in Nebraska.

First pitch on Saturday will be for 1 p.m. and game two will be played Sunday at 1 p.m.

A&M, Kansas to battle for No. 2 seed in Big 12 tournament

By Dallas Shipp
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Two days after their toughest loss of the season, the Aggies have regrouped and are ready for their match Friday against the Kansas Jayhawks. The No. 33 Jayhawks are heading to the Lone Star State unbeaten in Big 12 play and are looking for their first Big 12 championship.

With wins over A&M and Texas this weekend, the Jayhawks will claim the league title. However, the Aggies would like to have some say in the matter. "I remember Kansas State coming down here undefeated a couple of years ago," said A&M head coach Bobby Kleinecke. "They left Texas with two losses, one from A&M and one from UT."

That is exactly what the Aggies are looking for this year. With a win over the Jayhawks on Friday, A&M will look for Texas to win on Sunday to set up a possible rematch in the title contest of the Big 12 tournament between the No. 1 seed, Texas, and No. 2 A&M.

"We know it's important where we are in the draw," said A&M sophomore Jessica Roland.

"We really want to get another chance to be Texas and I think that is the best possible position to be the No. 2 seed in the tournament."

Senior Majorie Terburgh said that even though it was their toughest loss of the season on Wednesday, the Aggies will be ready for Kansas.

"Anytime you lose a match you have to be about it and move on to the next match," Terburgh said. "We want to get the No. 2 seed, so we have to go out and get the win."

Although the Aggies' hopes of a Big 12 championship were dashed by the Longhorns on Wednesday, A&M is not ready to give up on the season. Not only are the Aggies looking to win the No. 2 seed in the Big 12 tournament, they are looking forward to the NCAA's.

"We are playing for No. 2 which isn't as exciting as playing for the championship, but it's a better than No. 3 [in the draw]," Kleinecke said. "What we are playing for now is the NCAA's."

The Aggies lead the all-time series against Kansas, 5-3, winning each of their last two meetings.

First serve is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Varsity Tennis Center.

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good starting pitching and excellent relief pitching. Statistics wise, they would beat us on the stats, but we still have to play. I hope we can get up for them."

The Aggies have taken care of business in the last week, winning a series against Kansas State last weekend and winning both non-conference games on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A&M used its bats to down Sam Houston State, 9-2, on Tuesday, going 8-for-15 on

nine RBIs with runners in scoring position.

On Wednesday, the Aggies used superb pitching and a bit of 'Olsen magic' to take care of the Southwest Texas State Bobcats, 2-1.

Steven Ponder struck out 11 Bobcats as he, Zach Dixon and Matt Farnum held Southwest Texas to just two hits.

The Aggies came through in the ninth, scoring two runs on RBI singles from David Evans and Jordy Mitchell.

Baylor comes into the series on a bit of a down note as the Bobcats defeated the Bears, 6-3,

on Tuesday in San Marcos. It was the Bears' only loss in their six-game run of non-conference games.

Before its foray into non-conference play, Baylor had struggled a bit in Big 12 play.

After opening up the season with series wins against Texas and Nebraska, the Bears dropped the series to Missouri and Oklahoma on the road before splitting a rain-shortened series with Oklahoma State at home.

The game starts at 7 p.m. at Olsen Field, while Saturday and Sunday's games will be played in Waco at Baylor Ballpark.

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