

# SPORTS

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## Baylor downs Aggies in Waco

### Strong second half propels Bears over A&M, 77-69

By Brad Bennett  
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WACO — All of the momentum going into Saturday's rivalry game against Texas was crushed in the second half of the Aggie versus Baylor game in Waco Tuesday, as the Bears scored 50 second-half points to defeat the Aggies, 77-69.

The lead changed hands five times in the second half, the first after the game's high-scoring, Baylor's sophomore John Lucas, stole a pass by freshman guard Antoine Wright to senior Bernard King and finished off with a breakaway layup.

King, the Aggies' leading scorer, is now six points short of the all-time Big 12 scoring record after being the top Aggie scorer with 17 total points including two three-pointers split over the game.

Reed Rowdy and freshman business major Ian Rudebush was one of nearly 100 A&M students who made the trip to Waco for the game.

"We came because the team is doing so well," Rudebush said. "I'd rather have him break (the record) at home against Texas."

Baylor Head Coach Dave Bliss said that during the second half he told his team to take fewer outside shots and try to feed the ball to sophomore forward Lawrence Roberts, who was the second-half point leader with 18.

Roberts dominated Aggie senior Keith Bean, aggravating his left knee injury, en route to becoming the second highest scorer of the game with 23 points, including two dunks on back-to-back Baylor possessions.

"(Roberts) is always here saying, 'Look for me in the post,' and when the big man talks you listen," Lucas said.

A&M Head Coach Melvin Watkins said Bean aggravating his knee and having to sit out much of the second half, leaving smaller forwards Tomas Ress and Antoine Wright to cover Roberts, was a disadvantage but the Aggies lost because they simply got outscored.

All but two Aggies scored in the game.

Watkins also said that many of the substi-

tutions and combinations of players he put in were unproven and didn't work against Baylor's zone defense that held star freshman Antoine Wright to only 11 points.

"Being a freshman (Wright) came real aggressive and didn't move the ball away from the basket and didn't have the patience to look to see what else was available," Watkins said.

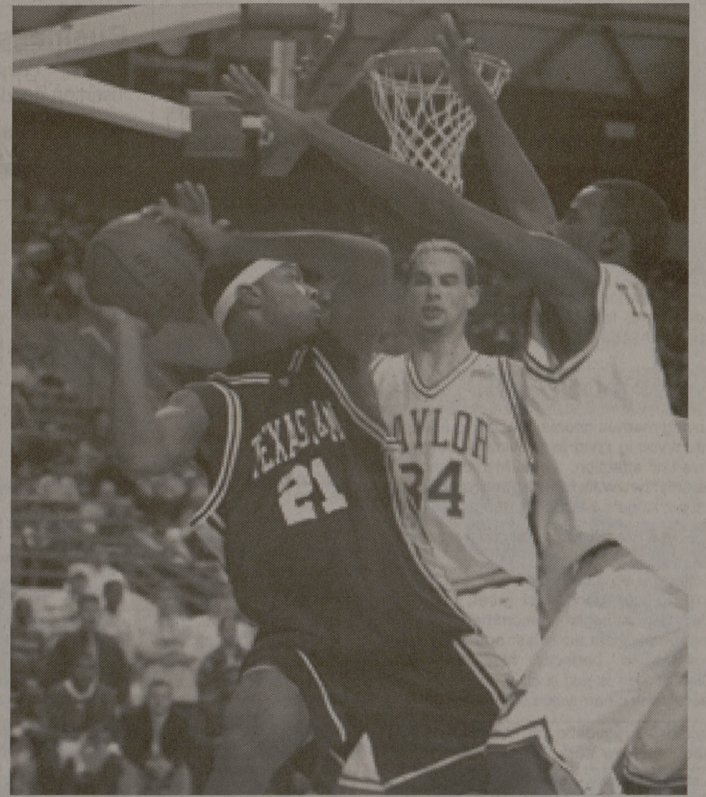
Bliss called Baylor's zone defense a junk defense because if drawn on a board it wouldn't make any sense, and that the biggest defensive challenge was stopping King.

"Bernard is so good at playing everywhere," Bliss said.

Roberts said the win was especially meaningful because of how much Baylor has been struggling in the past few weeks.

Lucas said having his entire family present made the game special and helped inspire him and he was even able to hear his father's voice above the crowd yelling at him to keep his elbows in during shots.

The Aggies will play Texas Saturday at Reed Arena at 7 p.m.



ALISSA HOLLIMON • THE BATTALION

A&M guard Antoine Wright is trapped on the baseline by the Baylor defense Tuesday in Waco. The Aggies fell to the Bears, 77-69.

## Softball team sweeps doubleheader

By Jeff Allen  
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The No. 24 Texas A&M softball team took its first two baby steps into the season Tuesday at the Aggie Softball Complex. The Aggies used pitching and timely hitting to open the season by sweeping Stephen F. Austin State University in an opening day doubleheader, taking the first game 1-0 and stealing the second game in extra innings, 4-3.

The two wins didn't come easy for the Aggies (2-0). It took a no-hitter in the first game from junior Jessica Slataper to carry the Aggies through their slow start at the plate.

"We set the tone for the game," Slataper said.

"We're not going to be able to score a lot of runs every game, but (the team) did the job and put a run on the board and I did my job."

With Slataper giving up nothing to the Ladyjacks (2-2), the Aggies were facing a challenge of their own. SFA pitcher junior Crissy Autry was mirroring Slataper's performance. Through the first three innings, Autry had sent six of the nine Aggie batters back to the bench with strikeouts.

Autry's first mistake of the evening came one out into the fourth inning to sophomore Adrian Gregory. Autry left a pitch high in the zone, and Gregory turned it around with a loft shot that sailed just to the right of the scoreboard in left field.

"I got a good count in my favor and I just hit it," Gregory said.

The solo home run turned out to be the only

hit in the game. Slataper was able to protect the lead for the final three innings, preventing any Ladyjack attempts at a comeback.

The second game of the double-dip settled in to look much like the first. Aggie starter junior Lindsay Wilhelmson and SFA starter senior Devin Cobb hooked up to send down both sides for the first three and a half innings.

The change came as the sun dipped below the third base grand stands, and the temperature started to fall.

The combination of warming Aggie bats and cooling Ladyjack gloves added up to a three-run outburst for the Aggies, led by a one-out double by first-game heroine Gregory.

Gregory was followed by two hits, one error

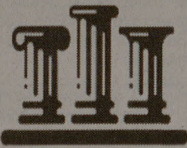
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A&M sophomore second baseman Adrian Gregory hits a solo home run Tuesday against Stephen F. Austin State University.

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