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SPORTS

THE BATTALION

Aggies complete shutout of Sam Houston

Staff & Wire THE BATTALION

HUNTSVILLE, Texas - Matt Alexander ored two runs and had two RBIs to lead Texas A&M to an 8-0 shutout victory over Sam Houston State Tuesday afternoon.

The Aggies visited Sam Houston's Holleman Field after posting a 3-1 record last week, ncluding a trip to the Minute Maid Park College Classic in Houston. The Aggies' only loss during he week came at the hands of nationally ranked Rice University.

The Bearkats entered the game with a 4-3 word under new Head Coach Chris Rupp. Rupp a former A&M baseball player and was an ssistant coach at Rice before assuming his curent role with Sam Houston.

A&M first took the lead in the game in the Beerer extended their hitting streaks to five third inning. The Aggies scored three runs in the inning, including two runs off a double into right field from junior infielder Matt Alexander. Alexander later scored on a sacrifice from junior outfielder Cory Patton.

The run surge continued in the fourth inning thanks to a two-out single from A&M freshman infielder Cliff Pennington. Each of the Aggies' first four runs came off Bearkats' pitcher Caleb Rogers (0-1). Rogers struck out three in the los-

Sam Houston reliever Dustin Craig surrendered four runs in the bottom of the ninth after the game was out of hand. The Aggies' final four runs were partly due to a Sam Houston error and two walks given up by Craig.

Both Patton and junior outfielder Scott

games with ninth-inning singles.

A&M junior pitcher Brian Finch (1-1) picked up the win for the Aggies. He struck out four batters and allowed only four hits during his stead. Freshman relief pitcher Dan Donaldson pitched the last three innings and had three strike outs.

The win upped the Aggies' record to 4-1.

while Sam Houston fell to 4-4 for the season. Tuesday's game marked the first time Sam Houston had been blanked by the Aggies since the 1993 season.

Following the game, A&M sophomore pitcher Logan Kensing joined Kansas sophomore third baseman Travis Metcalf in receiving Big 12 Honors for the week. Kensing was named Phillips 66 Big 12 Pitcher of the Week, while Metcalf was named conference Player of the

Kensing was victorious on two occasions last week. He first fought off Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in the ninth inning of the Aggies' season opener. Kensing allowed zero runs on only one hit in a relief role, before a late two-run rally gave the Aggies the win.

Kensing's second victory came in the College Classic against the nationally ranked Houston Cougars. The pitcher gave up seven hits and only two runs in eight innings of work. The game versus Houston was the first start of Kensings' career at A&M.

Texas A&M will return home on Friday to face University of California-Los Angeles. at the Domino's Pizza Aggie baseball Classic at Olsen Field. The opening pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Fans should attend A&M, ISU matchup

Dallas Shipp

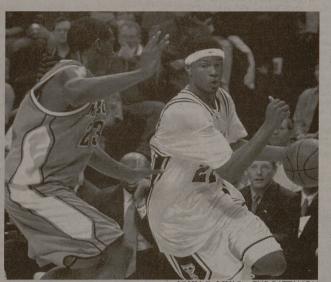
Tape tonight's episode of he Bachelorette," Charlie is oing to win anyway. There is much bigger attraction with a t more action at 7 p.m. at

ed Arena. No, it's not the No. 6 onghorns or Texas Tech and its mperamental Head Coach obby Knight, it's the Texas ggie men's basketball team. While the Longhorns and Red Raiders generated two consecutive sellouts, attendance for last Wednesday's ame against Missouri was just 348 — less than half of the 100-plus that crammed into Reed for each sellout.

Those who missed the game missed the Aggies' 73-71 win over No. 21 Missouri and a chance to storm the court with the Reed Rowdies and their cult-like following of Aggie basketball.

The win also created instant attention for the Aggies (12-9, 4-6 Big 12) who have done well against top teams this season. The Aggies have kept things close but were unable to close out games on the road against Oklahoma and at home against Texas, two teams that make the NCAA tournament will be in the hunt for the Final Four this year.

However, following their against Iowa State. win over Missouri, the Aggies have begun to appear on ESPN.com's list of "bubble but in Big 12 Conference teams" heading into the end of play Iowa State has struggled the season, meaning they are to a 2-8 record. one of the teams that could



A&M guard Antoine Wright drives past a Missouri defender.

with a couple of big wins. The first of those must come

The Cyclones are 12-9 overall, same as the Aggies,

"Every game we are play-

ing for something," said A&M Head Coach Melvin Watkins. "In the past we haven't been. I hope our students understand we need their support."

Senior guard Bernard King said that he hopes the students

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Ags plan to visit Iowa

By Michael Crow THE BATTALION

When the Texas A&M women's basketball team visits Iowa State University Wednesday, two lagging programs will struggle with equal vigor for some semblance of relief. The Aggies (10-12, 3-8 Big 12) and Cyclones (9-13, 4-7 Big 12) will share more in common than a venue, as each team has had to deal with incredible adversity while trying hard to stay afloat in Big 12 Conference play.

Many of A&M's problems this season have stemmed from untimely injuries to key players. Junior forward Alaina Johnson retired early in the preseason due to a back problem. At present, juniors Toccara Williams and Lynn Classen and sophomore Sabrina Mitchell will all need medical attention for various injuries at season's end.

'With all the adversity we've

gone through, our kids are still playing," said A&M Head Coach Peggie Gillom. "And they're trying to go on. They're doing everything they can, and we're just playing with what we have."

Even while hindered by an ankle injury, Williams has been a constant for Gillom in conference play at the guard position. In the Aggies' last outing, Williams posted a double-double, contributing 10 points and 10 rebounds in a home win against Nebraska. In doing so, Williams became only the second women's player in Big 12 history to tally 800 points, 500 assists and 300 steals in a career. While leading A&M in points, Williams' national lead in steals among active players has drawn the most attention.

"(Defense) is my main focus," Williams said. "I'm all about

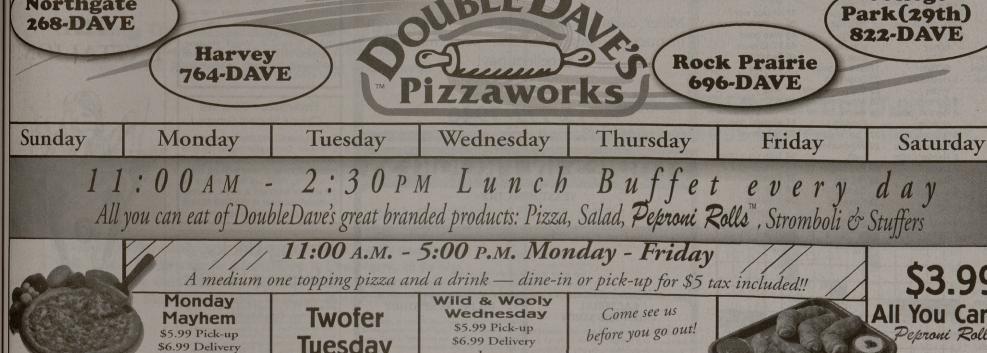
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