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Aggies win two of three against No. 6 Baylor



Right fielder Cory Patton celebrates with teammates after hitting his game-winning basehit Sunday afternoon against No. 6 Baylor.

By Dallas Shipp
THE BATTALION

After splitting the first two games of the series, the No. 23 Texas A&M baseball team overcame a rough start Sunday to beat No. 6 Baylor 4-3, giving the Aggies the series over the Bears two games to one.

Junior right fielder Cory Patton hit a two out RBI single into center field that scored freshman catcher Kevin Whelan from third for the game winner.

A&M junior right hander Matt Farnum had a rough first inning where he allowed two runs early but settled down until he was lifted in the top of the sixth by junior reliever Scott Beerer.

Beerier walked the first batter he faced, loading the bases but came back strong to retire the next ten. Beerier allowed no runs, no hits and struck out three to earn the win for the Aggies.

Baylor Head Coach Steve

Smith said that Beerier's performance was the key for the Aggies.

"Beerier retired ten in a row after walking the first guy, that's where the credit belongs in the game, he did a heck of a job," Smith said. "Beerier outperformed our bullpen and (A&M) outperformed us defensively throughout the game."

Beerier said he told A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson that he was ready to pitch as long as Johnson needed him.

"I was ready to go and I knew I had my stuff today," Beerier said. "I was ready to rock. I went in there and got the job done."

The Aggies dug themselves a hole in the top of the first. Baylor center fielder Chris Durbin led off the game with a single into left field. Durbin stole second base and advanced to third on a wild pitch by Farnum.

Right fielder David Murphy followed with an RBI triple and later scored on an RBI by Bears' first baseman Ross Bennett, giv-

ing the Bears an early 2-0 lead.

The Aggies would get the two runs back in the fourth thanks in large part to back-to-back errors by Baylor third baseman Paul Witt, who finished the game with five defensive errors.

"When you play a great team like A&M, especially down here (at Olsen Field), you can't make five crucial errors," Bennett said.

Baylor settled down in the top of the fifth thanks to a lead off solo home run by second baseman Mark Saccomanno, giving the Bears a 3-2 lead.

A&M scored a run in the bottom of the eighth to tie the game at three, setting the stage for Patton's ninth inning heroics.

Whelan led off the ninth for the Aggies with a single to right field and advanced to second on a bunt by junior second baseman Erik Schindewolf. Whelan then advanced to third on a groundout by junior shortstop Matt Alexander. Baylor reliever Zane Carlson walked freshman infield-

er Cliff Pennington to put runners on the corners for Patton with two outs.

"From the first pitch Cliff was up there I wanted them to walk him," Patton said. "I would have been completely happy if Cliff would have gotten the hit but it's a great opportunity to get the winning hit for your team."

Patton delivered the game winner with a shot into center field.

Bennett said he thought the crowd was a big factor in Sunday's comeback win.

"They feed off the great crowd down here," Bennett said. "This is the premier college baseball environment. It's the toughest place we'll play all year."

Johnson said that he was impressed with his team's performance and the way it battled back to win.

"It was a well pitched ball game. I was disappointed we didn't hit the ball better but it turned out to be a great finish for us," he said.

Women's tennis team overcomes Wake Forest

By Blake Kimzey
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It could have been a few degrees warmer, but the weather did not deter the Texas A&M women's tennis team from handing the visiting Wake Forest University Demon Deacons their 16th loss of the season. With the 4-3 win, the No. 29 Aggies improve to 11-7 on the season and have a week to prepare for a Friday doubleheader with Sam Houston State University and Texas Tech University at the A&M Tennis Center.

A&M Head Coach Bobby

Kleinecke said the elements played a factor in how his team performed on Saturday.

"It was extremely windy today," Kleinecke said. "The wind did not allow you to play your normal game. We didn't play great tennis, but we did what we needed to do to win."

The Aggies firmly took care of business at all three doubles spots, led again by the No. 38 doubles pairing of juniors Jessica Roland and Roberta Spencer. It has been an impressive stretch for Roland and Spencer, as they manufactured their 11th consecutive victory at No. 1 doubles. Freshmen Seva Iwinski

and Nicki Mechem then picked up their own doubles win, giving A&M a 1-0 cushion going into singles play.

Ashley Hedberg, the Aggies' lone senior, said her team had been cautioned before the match to take Wake Forest seriously. The Demon Deacons had failed to register more than one win before coming to College Station, which was a point of caution for the Aggies.

"We were probably more focused today," Hedberg said. "They are a difficult team. Coach Kleinecke had warned us about taking this team lightly and he wanted

us to come out ready to play."

Roland was ready to play. She was able to capture the momentum from her doubles play to set the tone for the Aggies in singles play. Roland made quick work of the Demon Deacon's best player, sophomore Karin Coetzee at No. 1 singles.

Roland has won 12 of her last 14 matches, and is in the midst of a five match-winning streak. WFU Head Coach Brian Fleishman said he could tell that the Aggies looked focused, ignited by strong doubles

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

A&M defeated in 10th inning

The Texas A&M softball team fell to the Missouri Tigers, 6-5, in the 10th inning on Sunday. A rare throwing error from senior Aggie catcher Selena Collins allowed Missouri's Melanie Fisher to score the winning run.

The No. 20 Aggies fell to 26-12 on the season and 4-2 in Big 12 play, while Missouri upped its record to 19-13 overall and 4-2 in conference.

Chudy, Ags win national titles

Texas A&M archer Dawn Chudy and the A&M archery team each won indoor national titles during the weekend. Chudy's individual victory was accompanied by respective second and fourth place finishes from junior Lorinda Cohen and freshman Kristi Nelson.

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