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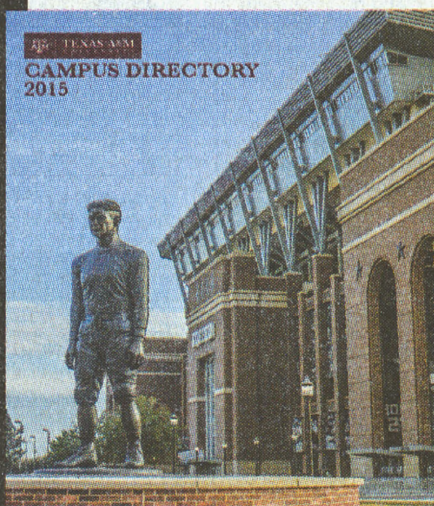
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The women's basketball team was clipped in overtime Sunday at Mississippi State.

W. BASKETBALL

Blair falls to former assistant as MSU rallies past A&M in OT

By Andre Perrard

In a top-20 showdown, the women's basketball team came up short in Starkville to the No. 17 Mississippi State Bulldogs 63-61 in overtime.

A&M was led by Courtney Walker, who scored 25 points with eight rebounds. The loss snaps a two-game winning streak for A&M.

The game saw another streak end as well. After winning his first 12 games against former assistants, A&M head coach Gary Blair fell Sunday against Bulldogs coach Vic Schaefer, who was a Blair assistant from 1997 — when both coached at Arkansas —

until taking the MSU job in 2011.

Khaalia Hillsman blocked two shots and pulled down 13 rebounds, while Courtney Williams added 14 points and eight rebounds.

A couple of short runs late in the first half helped A&M build a 32-28 halftime lead.

There were four lead changes in a minute and a half span late in the game, when A&M called timeout down 50-49. Out of the timeout, Jada Terry hit a layup from a Williams assist to give the Aggies a 51-50 lead.

A&M gained a 53-51 lead, but the Bulldogs came back to tie it at 53 with under one minute to play.

Williams had a chance to win at the buzzer, but the shot came off the rim, and the game went into overtime.

In overtime, Mississippi State came back from a four point deficit and Victoria Vivians hit a huge 3-pointer to give the Bulldogs a 62-61 lead with 52 seconds left in the game.

With 21 seconds left, Walker missed a jumper, and after making one of two free throws, the Aggies final shot came up short.

A&M falls to 18-6 on the year, and 6-4 in SEC play.

The Aggies return to Reed Arena at 8 p.m. Thursday night against Arkansas.

SOFTBALL

Purdue blanks Aggies to close out season-opening tourney

By Milkyas Gashaw

The No. 24 Texas A&M softball team concluded its five-game appearance at the SoCal Collegiate Classic with a 1-0 Sunday shutout of Purdue. The Aggies finished the classic with a record of 3-2 with a victory over No. 6 UCLA.

The Aggies opened the season on Friday by getting a 5-1 win against the Utah Utes. This win was a little sweeter considering head coach Jo Evans played and coached for from Utah.

The Aggies faced the UCLA Bruins for the second game of the doubleheader, and the game quickly got out of hand as A&M fell 13-0 in five innings.

Saturday was a very different outcome for the Aggies, as they won the first game of the doubleheader against San Diego State 9-5 and avenged their loss from the day before



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Junior Katie Marks pitches in relief duty Sunday.

with a 6-4 victory over the Bruins.

"I'm so proud of our kids and the way we responded," Evans said. "They have a lot of confidence coming into this game, they started swinging their bats and feeling better about themselves. The most important thing to come out of this, besides a

win, which was huge, but for us to have what happened last night and not let it phase us."

The Aggies come home this weekend to host the Aggie Classic at the Aggie Softball Complex. First pitch is at 3 p.m. Friday against Penn State.

TRACK & FIELD

Senior class shines as A&M wins meet

By Seth Stroupe

The Aggie track class of 2015 was out in full force at this weekend's Aggie Invitational.

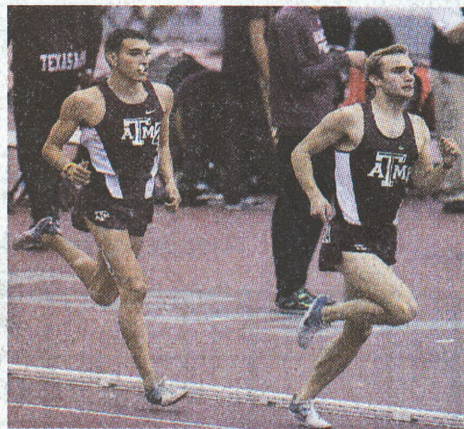
On Senior Day, Texas A&M's seniors took first place in 11 individual competitions to go with two second-places and two third-places. Their efforts allowed the Aggies to generate large margins of victory on both sides, the women winning by 73.5 points and the men finishing more than 100 points ahead of second place.

"We've got 26 seniors," said head track coach Pat Henry. "It's a good group of seniors and they showed that today. We had some people do just a tremendous job today in certain areas."

A crowd of 2,129 was on hand to honor one of the most decorated classes A&M has ever had in any sport. The Aggie track and field class of 2015 has two NCAA team championships, two SEC Outdoor Championships, three Big 12 titles and one more season to potentially add to that list. Seventeen of the seniors competed at last year's NCAA Championships, where three won individual championships in their events. Six were members of national champion relay teams. Twelve are returning All-Americans.

After Saturday, two of them are now school record holders.

Seniors Hillary Montgomery and Isaac Spencer both etched their names in the annals of Aggie sports lore on Saturday with historic mile performances on consecutive races. Montgomery ran a time of 4:43.98 seconds to break the



Vanessa Pena — THE BATTALION

Isaac Spencer (left) tied the school record in the mile run Saturday.

old mark of 4:45.98 set by Natosha Rogers in 2012. Minutes later, Spencer claimed a share of the school record in the men's mile with a time of 4:00.41.

"The mile Montgomery ran, if you had told me she was going to run that three years ago, I would have said, 'No way,'" Henry said. "That young lady has worked so hard. That was just a tremendous run for her. On the men's side, for Spencer to tie Henry Lelei's mile time, that was a huge run. The guy has just continued to get better. I'm really proud of Spencer."