

BASEBALL

GOLF

A&M sweeps Kentucky in weekend marred by rain

By Andre Perrard

After two days of heavy rain in Lexington, Ky., the Aggies finally took the field on Saturday afternoon against the Kentucky Wildcats. Because of the weather, the three-game series was made into a double header with two seven-inning games. A&M claimed them both to earn its 30th win of the season and assert itself as the top team in the nation.

Kentucky (18-13, 4-7 SEC) came in upset-minded after winning the series at former No. 1 LSU last weekend. On Saturday, however, the Aggies put those ideas to bed.

In game one, the Aggies (30-2, 9-2 SEC) trailed early after Kentucky scored a run in the first. However, A&M responded in the fourth with RBIs from J.B. Moss and Ronnie Gideon to take a 2-1 advantage.

In the fifth, the A&M offense produced three runs thanks to back-to-back home runs from Blake Allemand and Mitchell Nau, giving the Aggies a 5-1 lead after five frames. Kentucky made it interesting in the seventh inning, but could not capitalize, handing the Aggies a 5-2 victory.

Grayson Long earned the win on the mound for the Aggies to move to 6-0 on the year. Long went 4 1/3 innings, surrendering only one run on six hits while striking out six Wildcats on the afternoon. Andrew Vinson came in behind him to earn his first save of the season in 2 2/3 innings of work.

A&M started fast in game two. In the first inning, Nick Banks hit his third home run of the season to give the Aggies a 2-0 lead after one. Kentucky responded, hitting a solo home run the next inning to cut the Aggie advantage. Mitchell Nau hit his second home run of the day in the third inning to give A&M a 3-1 lead. Kentucky came back in the fourth with two runs to tie the game at 3-3 after five.

The sixth inning was the turning



FILE

Sophomore outfielder **Nick Banks**, shown in an earlier home game, hit his third home run of the season on the road Saturday.

point for the Aggies. Logan Taylor came through with a RBI double to give A&M a 4-3 lead. After getting a runner on, J.B. Moss added on to his big day with a two run shot to extend the Aggie lead to 6-3 after six frames.

On the mound, Ryan Hendrix earned the win in relief of the starter Matt Kent. After Kent exited the game, Hendrix went 2 1/3 innings, giving up no runs on two hits. Mark Ecker came in behind him to earn his fourth save of the year.

With the sweep, the Aggies are the first team to win 30 games in collegiate baseball this season. Last year, Texas A&M did not win its 30th game until May 4 against LSU.

A&M will begin a nine-game homestand Tuesday night when it takes on the No. 15 Rice Owls.

Aggies slip on last day of competition

By Cole Stenholm

Heading into the final round of the Aggie Invitational, the Texas A&M men's golf team appeared poised to cap off its home event at the Traditions golf club, with both individual and team victories.

But then Sunday happened. Junior Ben Crancer had recorded seven birdies in his second round Saturday to card a -6 (66), -3 overall for the tournament, and established a one-stroke lead over California's freshman K.K. Limbhasut.

However, Crancer struggled to save par coming out of the gate Sunday, carding three double bogeys, three bogeys and no birdies or eagles to post +9 (45) at the turn. Crancer did some damage control on the back nine, though, sprinkling in four birdies and five pars to bring his 18-hole score back to a respectable +5 (77), +2 for the tournament, but it wasn't enough to fend off Limbhasut.

Limbhasut fired a solid final round of even par (72), but he encountered adversity of his own as he played through the Jack Nicklaus designed course

Limbhasut recorded four bogeys and one double bogey, but made six birdies, three on each side of the turn.

Limbhasut's final round settled him at -2 for the tournament and helped him secure the invitational outright by two strokes over Arkansas's junior Kolton Crawford and by four strokes over A&M's Crancer, who ended up dropping two spots on the leaderboard into a tie for third with Texas Tech's freshman Wes Artac.

Crancer's fellow teammate, sophomore Jake Goodman, was the only other Aggie to finish in the top 10 after he carded a -1 (71) Sunday to finish at +6 and surge 16 spots upward on the leaderboard into a tie for 10th place.

As a team, A&M also faltered on Sunday, backing up its second-round -1 (287), a tournament low, with a +16 (304) on Sunday, +30 overall, to fall 10 strokes behind eventual champion No. 16 Oklahoma.

The Aggies, Sooners and the New Mexico State Aggies, had all been tied for first entering the final round of play.

However, Oklahoma's



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Mickey Werenski chips the ball during the Aggie Invitational on Saturday.

Sunday round of +6 (294), placed them at +20 for the tournament and safely positioned them in first place by three strokes over second place Texas Tech, who shot even par (288) to claim second at +23.

The Aggies return to the links Sunday for the Reveille Challenge before heading to St. Simons Island, Georgia, for the SEC Championships on April 17.

SOFTBALL

A&M SPLITS DOUBLE HEADER

Freshman shortstop Kristen Cuyos takes off for first after a hit in a game against Georgia Tech Saturday. Texas A&M softball defeated Georgia 11-0 in the second game of the double header Saturday after falling 5-4 earlier at the Aggie Softball Complex.



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14 Adore
15 Fill with joy
17 Fairy-tale meanie
18 Tremendously
19 Church platform
20 Military reservists
23 Resort with hot springs
24 Young boy
25 Venomous snake
28 "That's a shame"
31 Prepare, as pizza cheese
35 Corrosive chemical
37 Double-helix genetic material
38 Musical drama
40 They crowd stores in December
44 Cocktop range
45 Solar-system center
46 Takes to court
47 ___ off (avert)
49 Local swimming center, for short
51 Summer hours in California. Abbr.
52 Ancient
54 Poem of praise
56 People you meet while you're away
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66 "Guided" vacation
67 Ready, willing and

DOWN
1 Pack away cargo
7 Flat-topped hill
71 Similar (to)
72 Medicinal amount
73 Sunflower stalk
2 Suggest strongly
3 Insignificant
4 Searches for
5 Lead actor of "M*A*S*H"
6 Offered at retail
7 Slate firmly
8 Piece of a blossom
9 It's shed when weeping
10 "That's ___ need to know"
11 Western alliance. Abbr.
12 Top-billed performer
16 Ambulance destinations, for short
21 Air-quality agcy.
22 Cleaning cloth
25 Oohs and ___
26 Glasgow natives
27 Cockpit boss
29 ___ minute now (very soon)
30 Smart-mouthed
32 Smartphone downloads
33 Start a golf game
34 Made a mistake
36 Hard-to-please actress
39 Office helper. Abbr.
41 Deep dedication
42 How to play the kazoo
43 Proceeding as expected
48 Yale student
50 Calculate a total
53 Showered affection (on)
55 Dutch cheeses
56 Bigwig, for short
57 Region
58 Wine barrel
59 Prefix meaning "against"
60 Prohibited thing
61 Blossoms yet to open
62 "A likely story!"
63 "If all ___ fails ..."
64 Stitched clothing line

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