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## Van Horn blames loss on injuries

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injury was really unfortunate, and I think it could have been avoided. It chaps me the way it happened."

Strong was injured after a ground out. The Texas A&M first baseman caught the ball and appeared to lean into Strong as he ran past.

Van Horn said he is unsure whether Strong will be able to play in

the pivotal Texas series on May 5-7 or the Fresno State series May 12-14.

Cole might be able to play against left-handed pitching vs. Texas.

Van Horn is hopeful that both will be able to play in the Big 12 Championship Tournament on May 17-21.

"If we're going to make a run like we did last year, it would be a lot eas-

ier with those guys in the lineup," he said.

Cole said the injuries aren't only trying for the team. He said it's been difficult not being able to play.

"It's pretty hard to sit back and watch," he said. "I just try to stay in the game mentally and look for patterns.

"But it's hard not being able to contribute."

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