

### Buffalo on unfamiliar turf in Tampa

The Buffalo Bills could have killed Godzilla last Sunday after their 51-3 humiliation of the Los Angeles Raiders, and I still wouldn't have been awed.

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The Bills victory was somewhat impressive considering the fact that the Raiders went into the game boasting a defense that was called the best in team history by some Raiders.

That's a big claim, considering the Raider's proud defensive history. But the game was played at the Buffalo's Rich Stadium. I don't put that much emphasis on home field advantage (it usually accounts for about three points), but Rich Stadium is a different story.

The unique surroundings of the Bill's field, remind me of an old friend from junior high.

I would go over to Nick's house to play basketball in his driveway. I always played fairly well for my team at school, and Nick played just a little below average. But when I went over to Nick's he always beat me at one-on-one.

Then one day I figured out why I played so bad at Nick's and he played so well. It was his house and his driveway.

And it wasn't just any driveway. There were huge cracks on the right side of the driveway near the basket, so if you couldn't shoot from the outside and relied on layups, you were forced to learn to shoot them left-handed.

That's not easy for a seventh-grader. The front of the rim was bent down from Nick's older brothers having slam dunk contests, so if you wanted to shoot a jump shot, the best place to pull up was at the free throw line.

With the altered rim, even a shot that would normally have been ricocheted off the front of the rim and heard audience reverberations like "brick" managed to find their way in the hole.

Finally, a big ugly tree grew behind the fence and its long, leaf-filled branches loomed over Nick's driveway.

Not surprisingly, Nick had learned to shoot a high arching shot that went over the branches, and he always knew to go

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### UH slips by TCU, SMU edges Rice

## Aggies can't keep Hogs from running wild

From Staff and Wire Reports

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Texas A&M jumped out to an early 11-8 lead but Arkansas guard Arlyn Bowers scored nine points in a 14-0 run and the No. 2 Razorbacks went on to defeat the Aggies 113-88 Wednesday night in Southwest Conference action.

The loss leaves A&M with a 5-12 record and an 0-6 SWC mark. The Aggies are now one loss away from matching their worst SWC start in 34 years.

While A&M shot 57 percent from the floor, 12 percent above its season average, the team was outbounded 42-25. Perhaps the most telling number was the Razorbacks decisive edge in bench scoring at 43-4.

Aggie forward Rashone Lewis, who led the team with a career-high 22 points, tried to remain positive after A&M lost for the eighth time in its last nine outings.

"We're not disappointed because we're improving," Lewis said. "We're trying to stay positive. Arkansas is a good team, but anybody is beatable. Right now they're No. 2 in the country behind UNLV, but they may be No. 1."

Lewis was followed by Shedrick Anderson with 19 points, Lynn Suber with 18 and Issac Brown with 17.

Bowers had 12 first-half points, including 2-of-2 from 3-point range. One of the 3-pointers came during the Razorbacks' early run.

The win was the 16th in a row for Arkansas (19-1, 7-0).



Arkansas led by 13 at the half, 49-36, but quickly ran the lead to 20 after the break. The biggest first-half lead was 15.

Six Razorbacks scored in double figures, led by Todd Day's 22. Bowers had 17, Oliver Miller 15, Roosevelt Wallace 14, Lee Mayberry 12 and Ron Huery 10.

Mayberry had 13 assists to break the Razorback record of 12.

Arkansas had 11 3-pointers in the game, matching its high for the season.

Anderson, who drew the unenviable task of guarding Hogs' big man Miller, said he was pleased with his play.

"I was guarding Oliver (Miller), and that's not an easy job," Anderson said. "But I thought that I held my own."

The Aggies' next game will be Saturday when they face Rice on the road at noon. A&M is in the Southwest Conference cellar, one game behind Rice.

An Aggie win in Saturday would force a tie for the eighth spot, which is important because the ninth-place team does not get invited to the SWC tournament.

Elsewhere in the SWC play Wednesday, Derrick Daniels scored 20 points, including a 3-pointer with 38 seconds left in overtime, leading Houston past Texas Christian, 91-88, in Southwest Conference action Wednesday night.

Daniels' shot broke an 87-87 tie. TCU's Mark Moton had knotted the game with his 3-point play with 55 seconds left.

Houston led 79-76 and had the ball with 3 seconds left in regulation, but failed to inbound the ball, and TCU reserve guard Michael Strickland connected on a 3-pointer at the buzzer, sending the game into overtime.

The victory was Houston's 17th straight at home and allowed the Cougars (12-5

overall, 4-2 in SWC play) to pull into a tie for third place in the league with TCU, which fell to 12-4 overall.

In overtime, TCU's Horned Frogs jumped out to an 84-80 lead before the Cougars mounted a 7-0 run. Derrick Smith's 3-point play with 1:25 left put Houston ahead, 87-84.

Moton's 3-pointer enabled TCU to tie again, but Daniels' 3-pointer gave Houston the victory.

In Dallas, Mike Wilson's four-point play with 5:57 remaining gave SMU the lead, and Rodney Hampton followed with a 3-pointer, as the Mustangs held off Rice, 77-73.

SMU, winning its fifth in six games, evened its record at 3-3 in SWC play and 8-9 overall behind 16 points from Wilson and 14 points from Gerald Lewis.

Rice, 1-5 in the SWC, 6-10 in all games, was paced by Marvin Moore's 17 points.

09712902 Wilson's 18-footer with just under six minutes to play gave SMU a 58-57 edge, and Wilson, fouled after his shot, converted both ends of a one-and-one for a 60-57 lead.

After Rice's Chase Maag hit a jumper, Hampton drilled a 3-pointer with 5:18 left for a 63-59 advantage. From that point, Rice was never able to pull closer than two. SMU converted 12 of 16 free throws over the final 1:44.

## Forgotten Ranger Huson doesn't need publicity

By ALAN LEHMANN  
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Jeff Huson doesn't mind if you don't recognize his name. He's just happy to be a major league shortstop.

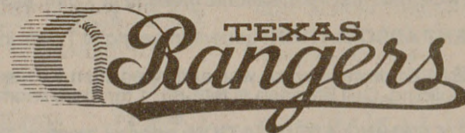
Despite playing in 145 games last year for the Texas Rangers and winning a spot on several rookie all-star teams, Huson doesn't get much publicity playing along side superstars Nolan Ryan, Ruben Sierra, Julio Franco and Rafael Palmeiro.

"I don't mind the lack of media attention," Huson says. "I'm just glad to get a shot to play major-league ball."

Pretty strange talk coming from a man who was named to the Baseball Digest All-Rookie team last season. But that's Huson's humble, yet hustling style.

To truly understand the man, you need to understand the road that he took to the major leagues.

Huson, who was born and raised in Arizona, played his college ball at Wyoming, where he was twice an All-Western Athletic



Conference shortstop. Combining a good glove with a .400 batting average, it seemed that he would be drafted by a major league team, even if in a low round.

But he wasn't — not a single team took him — not even in the 100th round.

Shunned in the draft, Huson signed a

free agent contract with the Montreal Expos in 1986.

"I still don't understand why I wasn't drafted," Huson says, deep in thought. "I kind of expected to be taken in a low round, anyway."

Even with the draft snub, it didn't take the Expos long to see Huson's talent. He hit .286 in 1986 and .289 in 1987, earning a quick trip up the Expos' minor league ladder.

In 1988 he was named to the Southern League all-star team while playing for AA Jacksonville.

The Expos called Huson up from AAA Indianapolis in 1989 when Spike Owen was injured. However, he hit only .162 in 74 at-bats and was traded to the Rangers April 2, 1990 for pitcher Drew Hall.

"I was looking forward to being traded,"

Huson says. "But I was scared of being traded so close to the beginning of the season."

Indeed, arriving in the Rangers' spring training camp only five days before the season, Huson had little time to impress Texas manager Bobby Valentine. But Huson did, and was added to the Rangers' roster just before the season opener.

The rest is history, even if not well-known history.

Huson sparked the Rangers' offense early in the season, when the team was mired in a hitting slump. Not that he hit the long ball, but he brought solid fundamentals to the team, doing the little things right.

For instance, Huson laid down bunts and played solid defense, two often-overlooked things that the Rangers have sorely lacked in the past.

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