

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Men's Big 12 tournament

Kansas City, Mo.
Thursday's games

- No. 9 Colorado vs. No. 8 Nebraska, noon
- No. 12 Texas A&M vs. No. 5 Texas Tech, 2:20 p.m.
- No. 10 Baylor vs. No. 7 Kansas City, 6 p.m.
- No. 11 Iowa State vs. No. 6 Missouri, 8:35 p.m.

10 Aggies take part in Pro Day

The Texas A&M football team hosted more than 30 NFL personnel, representing every team in the league Wednesday, for its annual Pro Day.

Ten seniors participated in the annual event, including Wes Bautovich, Rocky Bernard, Jay Brooks, Mickey Jones, Seth McKinney, Harold Robertson, Christian Rodriguez and Amon Simon. Walk-on Heath Harper and Twelfth Man Robert Jordan also were on hand.

Aggies finish seventh in S.C.

The Texas A&M men's golf team finished the Coastal Carolina University Invitational in seventh place.

As a team, the Aggies recorded rounds of 290-306-296-892. Washington State won the team crown with a three-day total of 289-292-280-861.

Aggies face Red Raiders in round one

A&M still in search of first Big 12 tournament victory

By True Brown
THE BATTALION

For the Texas A&M men's basketball team, this season has been one to forget. Boosted preseason expectations and a 5-1 start had Aggie fans talking in November about a berth in the NIT tournament or even the NCAAs.

A loss to Miami on Dec. 9 brought A&M back to earth, and it won only one game in the next 40 days while its record plummeted to 6-11.

There is still something the Aggies can take from this season, however, when they play Texas Tech today at 2:20 p.m. in round one of the Big 12 tournament.

A win over the Red Raiders (21-7, 10-6 Big 12) would give A&M its first-ever win in a Big 12 tournament game. The Aggies (9-21, 3-13) have not won a conference tournament game since reaching the championship game of the Southwest Conference Classic in 1994. That mark includes an 0-5 showing in the Big 12 tournament.

"The team that we have on the floor, there are moments we play as good as

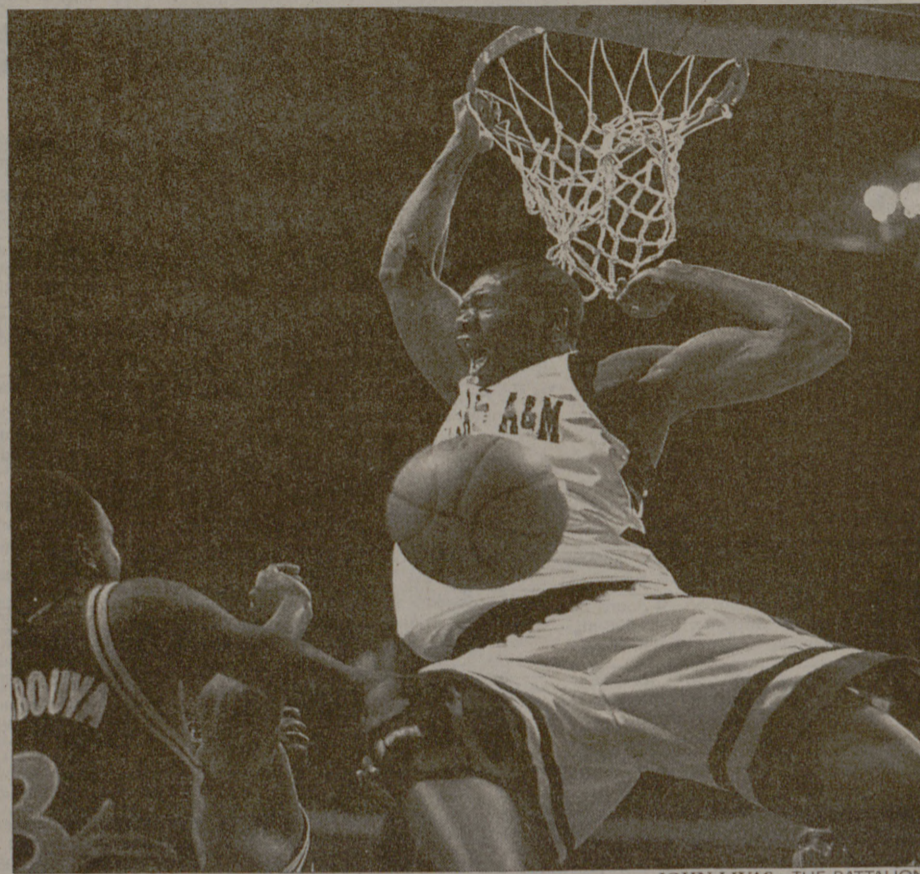
any team in the Big 12," said A&M head coach Melvin Watkins. "We just don't seem to be consistent. Some of it is that fatigue is probably setting in a little bit, and so we've got to try to lift our spirits in the tournament."

The Red Raiders have had A&M's number this season, sweeping A&M by winning in College Station and Lubbock. Tech edged the Aggies by three points Jan. 9 at Reed Arena, a game that was close from tipoff to the final buzzer, complete with 16 lead changes.

"You look at the tapes from that game and see some shortcomings," Watkins said. "I felt like it wasn't so much what Tech did but what we did to ourselves. If we can clean those things up and do the good things again, we can feel like we've got a chance to win this ball game."

Sophomore center Andy Slocum broke his hand on Jan. 9 and missed more than a month of play but has been hot recently. Since returning, Slocum has averaged 8.7 rebounds per game, including a double-double against Nebraska on Feb. 20.

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Texas A&M sophomore forward **Jesse King** finishes a dunk against Colorado on Feb. 26. The Aggies open the Big 12 tournament Tuesday at noon against Texas Tech.

Williams edges Knight for coach of the year award

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A disheartened Roy Williams came home one night and told his wife it was time to start thinking about getting out of college coaching.

He was tired of the recruiting rat race, weary of megalomaniacal high school stars, sick of greedy parents interested not so much in an education for their

kids as getting them to the NBA. "I got home one night and told Wanda maybe it was time to take another look at some of those other job offers," said the popular University of Kansas coach.

But then came salvation in the form of three kids named Drew Gooden, Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison. Suddenly, his job fun again, Williams was

reinvigorated and ready to give all his energy to the challenge.

Those three had reminded him that there really were loving parents and good kids out there, and some of them could even play lights-out basketball.

All three signed with the Jayhawks. Now, three years later, they are the key components of what is probably Williams' best

team in 14 years at Kansas.

The Jayhawks are ranked No. 1 in the nation, coming off the first unbeaten conference season in Big 12 history (16-0) and certain to be a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tourney.

And Williams is The Associated Press Big 12 coach of the year. In balloting by 24 media representatives, he edged

out Bob Knight, the former Indiana coach who in just one season has turned Texas Tech (21-7, 10-6 Big 12) from a loser into a winner.

"I'm extremely flattered," said Williams, whose Jayhawks are 27-2 overall heading into

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