

Arkansas outlasts Aggies in double overtime

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FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Aggies went to the hills, Saturday, and met up with an avalanche. An avalanche of shots, that is from a hot-shooting Arkansas team who squeezed by the Ags 95-89 after two overtimes.

The Ags well for they had little trouble with the normally devastating Aggie press. According to Arkansas Coach Eddie Sutton, "This was the best game we've ever played all year." It was not for the Aggies as they were outbounded 41-26.

Hogs jumped to a 4-0 advantage before the Ags found the backboards. They led by four until 8-4 when the Ags began a run that would put them up by as much as seven points at 20-13 midway through the first half. Arkansas then called timeout and began to beat their way back to the lead. The game seasawed for several minutes. Arkansas took a

three point lead when Ricky Medlock hit an 18-footer and widened that lead to five points which they held at halftime 37-32. A&M never led after that. The Hogs took the wheel again after the half and quickly jumped out to a nine point lead, the biggest of the afternoon.

The lead ranged from 4 to 9 for the next 12 minutes as the Ags tried to fight back. The Ags hit on 13 of 15 free throws to the Razorbacks four of six during the regular second period. But the difference was in the field goals as the Hogs hit on 10 of 12 during the 12 minute period for an 83% reading to the Ags 32 per cent reading for the same period. The Razorbacks finished the regular second half hitting 70 per cent.

The overtimes hurt. Barry Davis first tied the game in the second half when Barry Davis stole the ball and went in for a layup. The final tie of the regular game period came with 40 seconds left when Ray Roberts connected on an eight-foot jump shot. Arkansas called time out. The Hogs worked for the last shot. Robert Birden missed from 14 feet with seven seconds left. A&M rebounded and Thornton missed a long shot at the buzzer. It looked like all Arkansas to start the first overtime, as the Porkers jumped out to a four point lead and held on until 36 seconds left when Ray Roberts layed one in. On the inbounds pass, Charles Terry overthrew Medlock and the Ags regained the ball. Mike Floyd with a driving layup showed form of two years ago before he was injured. That sent the game into a second overtime. Birden again missed the winner as his pressure shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Arkansas owned the second overtime outright as Kent Allison hit off the tip to put the Hogs up 83-81. From there on all the Razorbacks did was go to the free throw line. The Hogs hit 12 for 12 in the final period to the Ags two free throws and three field goals to give the final six point margin.



Barry Davis (12) and Jerry Mercer go for the tip-in against Arkansas. photo by Jack Holm

The Ags outbounded the Hogs 36-34 but Arkansas took it's toll at the line hitting 27 charity tosses to the Ags 17.

Leading scorers for the Ags were Roberts with 20, Floyd with 18, Sonny Parker with 17, and Davis with 15. Leading rebounders were

Thornton with 5 and Davis with 4. For Arkansas Birden had 22, Allison 21, and Medlock and Schulte with 18 each. Top rebounders were Terry and Daryl Saulsbry with 9 each.

The Ags dropped to 5-1 and a share of the conference lead with Arkansas also 5-1 in conference

play. For the season the Ags dropped to 13-5 and The Hogs raised their record to 11-7.

The Ags will host Baylor Tuesday evening followed by a rematch with Arkansas here on Saturday.

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Sport's programs ruining America

By ROBERT CESSNA
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For Tim Gray, James Daniels, John McCrumby, Ricky Seeker, Randy Haddox, and Warren Trahan the dream is finally about to be realized.

They have a good chance to become graduates of the game known as the American sports system. Every male plays it and their chance of winning is 1 in 50,000. If the probability is so low why do so many play?



If you're born a male in the United States you are cursed to play the game. When you're born your father sees in you everything that didn't happen to him. He goes out and buys you a football, baseball bat and basketball. He pictures you as an All-American candidate, star of high school, then college and finally the big apple — the pros. It's unfortunate the American system must prevail.

Your first taste at competition is pee-wee leagues or little league. To be a hero at this level is not hard and

you have been indoctrinated into something that will probably end bad. The damage is hard to estimate. It's all psychological and not many talk about it.

People never ask you in little league, "Did you have a nice game Johnny and enjoy yourself?" But the questions go like this: "Did you win? You didn't! It must have been your fault. Did you get any hits? What, you made two errors to let the other team win? I told your mother that you would never be able to play ball!"

Fortunately many males drop out at this stage and luckily so. It gets worse, if you go on, not better. But for the ones that show enough promise they plunge on. The next stop is high school. If you're a star here it's great. All the girls in the school know you, the teachers give you a break now and then and a smart girl can do your homework.

But your coach is a tyrant. He hopes to go on and coach at the college level, he has to win. The community wants to win, they say, "Johnny blew that game for us. That might cost us state. I knew Coach Smith shouldn't have started John." Your parents can't afford to send you to college and you know an athletic scholarship is the only way.

Most of us flunk out at the high school level. If we're lucky we find a place in this great society for the ones that relied on high school sports to make it and cannot go to college, well it can be sad.

Then comes college. It separates the men from the boys. If you make it here the pros is the next step on the spiral staircase. At fame and fortune. If you can't make it here you may be able to adjust, at least you have that paper saying you're educated.

If you fit one of the categories above, which flunked out, don't be bad, you'll always have: March night football, summer softball leagues, bowling, golf and a host of other sports where we can give one last flunk.

The class of 1975 is about to graduate . . . Tim, James, John, Bob, Randy and Warren have a chance to make it big . . . the 299,994 of us who started out with them with them luck.

While I write this I can't help but remember George. George was Mister Everything in high school. But when he went the college he was just an average player. George flunked out his first year. Three months later he was killed in Vietnam . . . damn the system.

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Saturday — Arkansas 95, Texas A&M 89, (2 OT) Texas 63, Baylor 62, Texas Tech 80, Rice 66, SMU 88, TCU 67, Cincinnati 103, Houston 83.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE
Monday — Houston at Biscayne.
Tuesday — Arkansas at TCU, Baylor at Texas A&M, Rice at Texas, SMU at Texas Tech.
Saturday — Arkansas at Texas A&M, Baylor at Texas, Southern Mississippi at Houston, Rice at Texas Tech, SMU at TCU 2 p.m. (TV).

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