



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Too tough to stop

Texas runningback Earl Campbell scoots past Aggie safety Kenneth Taylor for his second touchdown of the afternoon.

Campbell gained 222 yards and had four touchdowns leading the Longhorns past the Aggies 57-28.

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Aggie women hold off Texas Southern 68-67

By MARK PATTERSON
Battalion Staff

The Texas A&M women's basketball team kept its season record unblemished with a 68-67 victory over Texas Southern University last night.

The victory extended A&M's season record to 5-0, but last night's victory didn't come easy.

The Aggies carried a 42-22 lead into halftime and appeared to have the game in hand. Yet someone forgot to tell TSU at the half that the Aggies had the game won.

Employing a full-court press and aggressive rebounding, TSU fought back and took a one point lead with only a minute to play.

But the Aggie defense held TSU scoreless the rest of the game and Sheree Christian hit two clutch free throws with 10 seconds left on the clock to give the Aggies the victory.

Head coach Wanda Bender, in her first year at A&M, was happy

with the victory yet unsatisfied with the play of the team.

"We came out for the second half and were just lackadaisical," said Bender after the game. "We just stood around and let our lead slip away."

"Plus TSU came out shooting red hot in the second half. We came out ice cold."

In the game A&M out-shot TSU from the field 41 percent to 38 percent. Yet the first half looked like a run away.

"We took advantage of their early turnovers and turned them into quick scores," said Bender. "But the second half they played up to their potential. I knew all along that they played good basketball."

Texas Southern entered the game with the same 4-0 record that A&M had. Yet coach Bender used this game to experiment with her offense.

"We started the game with our

1-4 offense. That has been our most productive set all year. With players lined up on the foul line then breaking off, we've gotten the best percentage shots. And it allows us the base line to our advantage."

"But we abandoned the 1-4 offense in the second half. Not because it wasn't working but because our attack. We went to our zone offense and if we could have had shots it would have worked."

Bender used 10 of her 15 players in last night's game. The depth of the bench is one of her strong points.

"We committed 26 fouls in a game," said Bender, "but because our depth we were never in serious trouble. I have ten players on the bench that I wouldn't hesitate to put into the game at any time."

The Texas Aggie women's basketball team returns to action Thursday night against Prairie View A&M at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Game time is 5:15 p.m.

Soccer: the world's football

By RENEE PEVOTO

Soccer is a growing sport in America, despite the competition from the classic sports of football, baseball and basketball.

This speed-endurance sport is drawing the attention of elementary, high school and college athletes. Many cities are developing soccer programs. Fans of the sport say that Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio have perhaps the best established leagues in Texas.

Part of the credit for soccer's rise in popularity is due to the recently retired Edson Arantes do Nascimento of Brazil, better known to us as Pele. Pele has been an in-

spiration to the youth's growing interest in soccer. The World Soccer League brought Pele from Brazil in an attempt to popularize soccer.

Allan E. Pevoto, a coach in the Quail Valley Soccer Club in Missouri City said, "We get a lot of kids who are turning away from youth football. We're seeing more and more kids each year playing soccer. We've probably got 100 more this year than last."

The soccer program at Texas A&M University is growing too.

"It is quite evident soccer is coming along," said Anne LaMaistre, president of the women's soccer team. She said that more and more

students are coming into A&M with some prior experience in school or league soccer.

Dan Byerley, president of the men's team, said that he is trying to convince the athletic department to allow soccer to become a varsity sport at A&M. He said, "Soccer is definitely upon us. It's not fading away. There is a real youth soccer program in College Station."

This year in College Station 300 children tried out for soccer while 200 did so for youth football. Area soccer fans are promoting sport even to the extent of playing bumper stickers that say "Soccer... it's a kick in the pants."

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