

# Aggies halt Frogs' losing streak 66-59

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Texas A&M men's basketball team made it four in a row last night as the bumbling TCU Horned Frogs snapped a 23-game conference losing streak by defeating the Aggies 66-59.

But as A&M went down to defeat three questions came to mind. What happened to the team that took Texas into overtime Monday night? What has happened to the team that was one of the pre-season favorites to

win the conference? What has become of Karl Godine?

From the opening throw-in it was an uphill fight for the Aggies. TCU jumped off to a 12-0 lead and held a 35-22 lead at the half.

"That was the worst first half of basketball that an A&M team has played in a long, long time," said coach Shelby Metcalf about the Aggies first half of play. "We didn't get off to a good start and we had to play catch-up basketball. And the way

TCU was playing we just couldn't.

"When TCU brought the ball down on offense they ran a lot of time off the clock setting up their shots. It's hard to catch up when you're in a hurry."

And the Aggies never did catch TCU. A&M pulled to within six points with 1:35 left in the game. TCU freshman guard Wendell Bates hit both ends of a one and one to put the Frogs up by eight, giving TCU its first conference victory in more than

a year.

Texas coach Abe Lemmons said after the game Monday night that a team cannot play an entire season with the intensity that A&M had against Texas. If there was any question to his thought, the Aggies proved Lemmons right last night. The intensity that the Aggies had shown against Texas was missing against TCU.

"We played with a little intensity in the second half but we didn't have

a thing in the first half," said Metcalf.

"But a good team can play with intensity through an entire season."

"But we're just not a good basketball team. We just seem to play well enough to lose. All we can do is keep practicing and not quit."

Guard Dave Goff seemed to have the same feelings about the team's play.

"We're good and we're talented as individuals but we're just not a good team. And I think one of our main problems is that we don't know how to win.

"But we can't just say that we're going to turn the season around. We have to go out and do it out on the court."

One member of the team that sat out last night's game is Karl Godine. Since seeing 15 minutes of action against Texas Tech Saturday, Godine hasn't set foot on the court except in warm-ups. And the junior guard doesn't know how to improve his situation.

"I don't know what it takes to get into a ball game," said Godine after watching the Aggies lose to TCU. "I

just have to accept my situation. They (coaches) dish it out and to accept it."

Coach Metcalf had little to say about Godine's situation.

"I'm putting the best players I have on the court. And I will continue to play my best players until they are better."

Standing 1-6 and last in the conference, the Aggies will try to regroup for their Saturday game against Rice here at the White Coliseum. Game time is 8 p.m.

# Joe Namath retires

United Press International

NEW YORK — It was sudden, but not unexpected.

"Broadway" Joe Namath, the flamboyant quarterback who sparked the upstart 1969 New York Jets to victory in Super Bowl III, Wednesday announced his retirement after spending a season sitting on the bench with the Los Angeles Rams.

Namath, who signed with the Rams as a free agent after spending 12 years with the Jets, started a few games early in the season but lost the job to Pat Haden in the first month.

"It was no fun being a second-string quarterback," said Namath. "Sometimes it was a bit melancholy, looking around and knowing I wouldn't be playing football any more. But other than that it was no big deal. All I can say is, 'thank you, football fans."

"I have no regrets, I'm not bitter about anything," he added. "I played 13 seasons. I remember after my first knee operation, right after I signed with the Jets, my doctor told me I'd be lucky to play four seasons with my legs. But I played 13."

Namath has not indicated what his plans are, but they are not expected to include coaching. The 34-year-old star, who signed with the Jets in 1965 for a then-unheard-of \$400,000 bonus, has earned more than \$3 million in his football career and says he is "solid" financially. In addition to his athletic earnings, Namath has played in three movies and has numerous contracts to promote men's cologne and women's pantyhose, among other things.

"I don't know for sure what I'm going to be doing," he said. "But I'm not concerned."

David A. "Sonny" Werblin, the

man who signed Namath 13 years ago, says he thinks a movie career might be "the thing" for his ex-star.

"He's been taking dramatic lessons. He's a real student," said Werblin. "He's got many careers ahead of him."

Alabama Coach Bear Bryant, whose 1964 team Namath led to a national championship, says he hopes Namath will move back to Alabama, where he runs a restaurant in Tuscaloosa.

"I'm just happy he's in a position to retire when he wants to," said Bryant.

Weeb Ewbank, who coached the Jets when Namath starred, said he was somewhat surprised by Namath's retirement announcement.

because at the start of this past season he figured Namath still was healthy enough to lead the Los Angeles Rams to a championship.

"I saw Joe in training camp in 1976 and I knew he wasn't done then because he could still really throw," said Ewbank. "And when he went out to Los Angeles this season I thought he would lead them to a championship."

"I'm not questioning his decision to retire, though, because it would be unfair for me to make a judgment when I only saw a little of him this season. But I know he is the type of person who can't stand to sit around the sidelines. It would kill him if he was on a team, but couldn't play."

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# Women defeated by Lamar 66-59

By DAVID BOGGAN  
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Last night was not a good one for Aggie basketball; both A&M teams lost by identical 66-59 scores. While the men's team was defeated by the TCU Horned Frogs, the Aggie Ladies were defeated by Lamar University in Beaumont.

The women's game was a nip-and-tuck contest until late in the second half. With a 34-31 deficit at halftime, the Aggies came out and played a tight second half, exchanging the lead with Lamar several times. Lamar took total command with three minutes to go in the game and left the Aggies seven points behind at the final buzzer.

Foul trouble plagued the Aggies early in the game. Von Bunn, the Aggies' most effective court commander, had four personal fouls with 14 minutes still left in the first half. This tended to render Bunn, who has been the Aggies' leading scorer in six games, almost totally

ineffective in A&M's efforts to defeat Lamar.

Sheree Christian took high scoring honors for the Aggies with 14 points. Pat Werner added 12 points to the Aggies' cause as the Ladies shot 45 percent from the floor and 72 percent from the charity stripe.

Susan Kimbro proved true to form as she and Christian each pulled down nine rebounds for the Aggies. Kimbro, who averages over seven rebounds per game, missed the Southwest Texas and the Texas Tech games with an ankle injury but came back against Texas and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds.

Leading scorers for Lamar were Connie Swearingen with 23 points and Sandra Thomas with 18 points.

The Aggie Ladies will get a second shot at Lamar when they come to College Station on Feb. 7. Friday night, Jan. 27, the Aggies face McLennan Community College in C. Rollie White Coliseum. Tip-off is at 7:30.

# 'Dodger' daughter has no cooties

By DEBBI PIGG

Stephanie Staubach is the only girl in her third grade class who does not have cooties.

Why?

Stephanie, eight, is Dallas Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach's daughter. Her classmates at Prairie Creek Elementary School in Richardson think she is special.

A third-grade boy told Stephanie that she was the only girl in the class who did not have cooties, Stephanie said.

Cooties are imaginary germs that are transmitted from girls to boys by touch, she explained.

"I don't know if that's because of my daddy or because I'm lucky and just don't have cooties. I don't really believe in them, anyway," Stephanie said.

"Boys always ask me questions about the Cowboys but the girls in my class don't. They're my friends and we don't talk about football or the Dallas Cowboys."

"My best friend Laura doesn't watch football because she doesn't understand it. She didn't know who Daddy was, even after I told her," Stephanie said.

"I like to watch Daddy on TV but sometimes it gets boring. It's fun when the Cowboys win, though. Everybody in my family jumps around," she said.

"My mom likes to watch Daddy on TV. She doesn't scream or yell. She just holds on to the sofa and worries," the blond third-grader said.

What does the Superbowl mean to Stephanie?

"It means Grandmother comes and stays with us while Mom and Daddy are gone. Tanya and I get to stay up late every night and make popcorn," she said.

Tanya Staubach, 11, is Stephanie's sister.

According to Stephanie, neighbors hang spirit signs in the Staubach's front yard before Dallas Cowboy football games. Occasionally, they come to the door and ask her father, Roger Staubach, for his autograph.

"Sometimes at recess, the boys want me to play football with them. I

just run around with the ball. Football is for boys," Stephanie said.

"A lot of boys in my class ask me to their birthday parties and sometimes I'm the only girl there. But I don't mind," Stephanie said.

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