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By Mark Patterson

Power versus finesse in finale

I don't think there's a more exciting day in collegiate sports than the day of the semi-final games in the NCAA basketball tournament.

And I wasn't let down this weekend when, in St. Louis, the Duke Blue Devils ran away from the Irish of Notre Dame and the No. 1 ranked Kentucky Wildcats bounced the Arkansas Razorbacks.

In no other sport can a team be down by 14 points with seven minutes left in the game and still have the outcome decided on the final play.

Duke, a finesse team matched against a powerful Notre Dame club, ran out to a 43-29 lead at halftime and looked like they had the game well in hand.

But somebody forgot to tell coach Digger Phelps and his Notre Dame squad as the Fighting Irish lived up to their name by clawing back to within two points with 20 seconds left in the contest.

But the Irish blew their chance of advancing into the finals tonight. Duke turned the ball over to Notre Dame with 11 seconds left but holding a 58-56 lead. Notre Dame went to its captain and the only senior on

the floor, Don "Duck" Williams, for the final shot. It fell short and so did the Irish's bid for second national championship to go along with their football crown, a feat that has yet to be accomplished in the same year.

So the finesse team from Duke advances into tonight's final. The amazing aspect of the Blue Devils playing in the championship game is the youth on the team.

Out of the starting five players Duke puts on the floor, two are freshmen, two are sophomores and one is a junior. But the inexperience of Duke wasn't apparent in Saturday's game. On numerous occasions the Blue Devils went to the free-throw line under pressure situations and hit their shots with amazing accuracy. Duke hit 32 of 35 free-throws and defeated the Irish to advance into the championship game.

But in the second contest, power came away with a victory over finesse as the Kentucky Wildcats bounced the Arkansas Razorbacks 64-59.

But it was a game that the Southwest Conference, and more importantly the Arkansas fans, can point to without any feeling of shame or em-

barrassment. The Hogs played as well as they were expected to play. But their effort fell five points short.

Coach Eddie Sutton can look back at the game and point at a variety of reasons why his team didn't come away with a victory. But the most obvious reason was the play of the officials.

The referees called an unusual amount of fouls on both teams and the Hogs appeared to suffer the worst from the quick whistles. With only seven minutes gone in the game Arkansas' starting forward Steve Schall picked up his fourth foul of the game. And nine minutes later Arkansas' center Jim Counce was tag-

ged with his fourth personal in the first half.

Sutton was forced to go to his smaller lineup. But the Hogs hung with Kentucky and trailed 32-30 at the half.

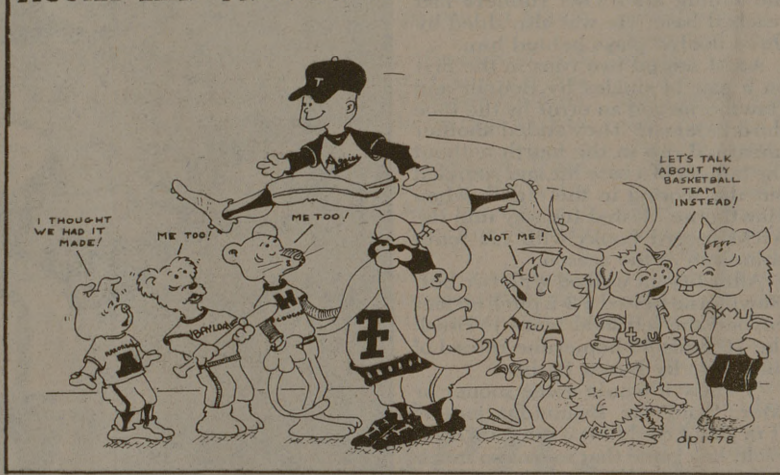
The powerful Wildcats began to stretch their lead in the second half and with five minutes gone they held a 49-40 lead.

But the "three basketeers" from Arkansas, Ron Brewer Marvin Delph and Sidney Moncrief weren't through yet, as they started hitting their bombs from the outside. They whittled the Kentucky lead to two points, 61-59, with 1:25 left in the game.

But Kentucky was not to be denied as the Wildcats ran out the clock and advanced into tonight's championship against Duke.

So it will be another battle between a finesse club in Duke and a power club in Kentucky. And in that kind of game anything can happen.

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April Constellations

April is the month for stars — superstars that is. Entries for superstars open today, March 27, and close April 4. Competition will take place between April 10 and April 24. There will be a men's and a women's division, and entries must be made on a special superstars entry form.

Schedules will be given out at a mandatory meeting for all participants on Thursday, April 6, at 5:00 p.m. in room 232, in G. Rollie White Coliseum. All entrants must be sponsored. A t-shirt must be worn during all phases of the competition with the sponsor's name on the front and the participant's name on the back. Only one entrant may be sponsored per dorm, unit, or housing unit.

Each entrant may participate in a maximum of seven out of eight events. Events will include the 100 yard dash, the 100 yard swim, weightlifting, tennis, bowling, softball throw, free throw, and obstacle course. If more than 30 persons enter, prelims will be held consisting of the 100 yard dash, 50

yard swim, and a free throw contest.

Points for the prelims will be the time of the 100 yard dash times six added to the time of the 50 yard swim divided by two plus the number of free throws made times four.

For the regular competition, two points will be awarded for each event entered and places in each event will be awarded points — 10 points for first place, 7 for second, 5 for third, 3 for fourth, and 1 point for fifth place.

The tennis competition will be a double elimination tournament. USTA rules will apply. Matches consist of two out of three sets. Games will be to four points with no deuce. Scores will be reported to the supervisor and flight sheets will be posted in the IM Office. If you cannot play at the scheduled time, play the match beforehand and report the score before your scheduled match time to the supervisor.

In the bowling competition, each participant will bowl a three

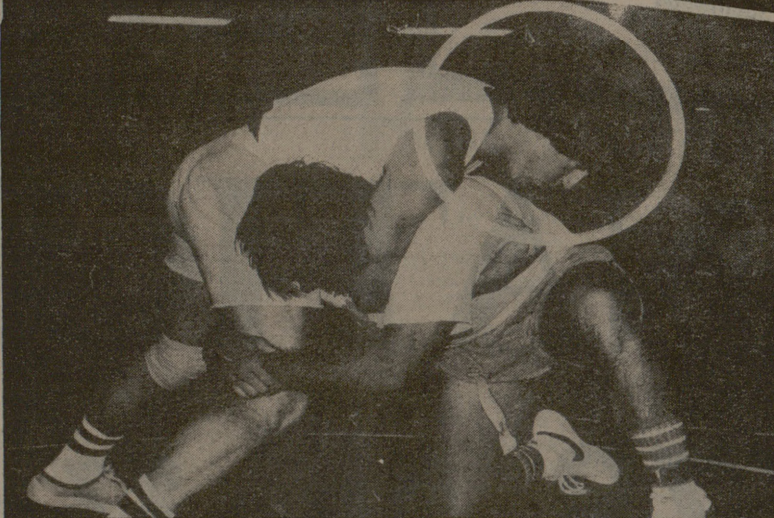
game series. Times will be posted in the IM Office. Bowling will take place in the MSC lanes.

For the free throw event, each entrant will be allowed two warm-up shots and 20 throws to count. The contest will be held on the main floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Weightlifting will take place in the weight room, second floor of G. Rollie White. The weight recorded will be the last weight cleanly lifted and once a weight has been attempted, lesser weights cannot be tried. Winners will be determined by the percentage of body weight lifted.

The 100 yard swim will be held in Downs pool and will consist of four lengths of the pool. The 100 yard dash and the softball throw will be in Kyle Field. For the softball throw, five attempts will be allowed, with the longest one counting for distance. Two attempts will also be allowed for the obstacle course.

So, thank your lucky stars and come be one. Who knows, you might become one of those novos — an Aggie Superstar.



"I Spy's Participant Of The Week"

Ditz Rabel from Dunn Hall and Richard Frey of Puryear proceeded to tie each other in knots during a Class A wrestling match last week. Whether the two were even unraveled or not is unknown, but it is known that Ditz Rabel should come by the Intramural Office and pick up his free "B.O.G. card-redeemable for food at McDonald's.

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Entries Opening:
Superstars Mar. 27-Apr. 4
Arm Wrestling Mar. 27-Apr. 4

Entries Closing:
Golf Doubles Mar. 28
Three-Man Volleyball Mar. 28
Slam Dunk Contest Mar. 29
Co-Rec Track Relays Mar. 31
Master's Mile Mar. 31

Special Events:
IM Combination Night (Wrestling and Basketball All-University Playoffs) Main Floor of G. Rollie White, March 30.
Slam Dunk Contest Main Floor of G. Rollie White, March 30.
Frisbee Tournament at Ski Slope on April 1.

The Willie Foreman Specialty

Think you're good with a basketball? Come prove it. IM is featuring a slam dunk contest. A slam dunk is a stuff shot where the player jumps up over the basket and stuffs the ball into the rim. Entries close March 29 and the prelims will be held that same Wednesday night (March 29) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in DeWare Field-house.

Willie Foreman, Mr. Slam Dunk of the Aggie Basketball Team, will judge the finals competition during half-time of the men's class A basketball championship game on Thursday, March 30. That game is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on the main floor of G. Rollie White.

The contestants will each have five dunk attempts. Two points will be scored for each dunk successfully made. Each dunk will also be scored on a scale of 0 to 5 for originality and style. The champ will be awarded an IM t-shirt.

This contest is open to all A&M student, faculty, and staff with the exception of the TAMU varsity basketball team. Junior varsity players may enter.

Unique and New

Do you like uniqueness? Looking for something new to do next week? Try IM arm wrestling. Entries open today and close April 4. Competition will be April 5 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in men's and women's divisions.

Women's weight divisions will be 124 pounds and under, 125 - 149 lbs., and 150 lbs. and up. Men's weight divisions are 150 lbs. and under, 151 - 175 lbs., 176 - 200 lbs. and unlimited. Special entry forms will be required, which will include a place for your weight. The night of competition will include a weigh-in. You must meet your designated weight or forfeit. So, wear whatever you wish to compete in for weighing. (PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE WAS PRINTED INCORRECTLY IN THE IMPACT NEWSLETTER).

A really big show

It's the greatest, most fantastic, most action-packed night of the semester. It's IM combination night, March 30, on the main floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. See all-star wrestling, all-university championship basketball, Willie Foreman, and the finals of the Slam Dunk Contest.

That's right, Ags, March 30 is a date to mark on your calendar. At 5:30 p.m. the big evening will start off with the wrestling all-university playoff matches. By 8:00 the champ will have won his title.

At 8:10, the men's class A basketball playoffs for all-university champs will begin. At half-time Willie Foreman, of the TAMU varsity basketball team, will give a slam dunk demonstration. Willie will also judge the slam dunk contest finals during half-time.

At 9:10 the women's teams will play their all-university championship game and at 10:10 men's class B will compete for their championship title.

To all tracksters

Track and Field event preliminaries will take place next week on April 3 and April 4. Men's and women's dorm and independent entries along with the co-rec entries will do their thing(s) on Monday, April 3. Corps and Fish will compete on Tuesday, April 4. Field events on both days will begin at 5:00 p.m. and running events at 7:00 p.m. All competition will take place on Kyle Field.

If you want to enter any of the co-rec relays, entries will remain open until Friday, March 31. The divisional meets will be April 6 at 6:00 p.m. and the All-University meets will be on April 10 at 7:00 p.m.



Water Polo got its start last week with the games being played in the natatorium. Shown here is class A Co-Rec competition between Nameless Team and Puss & Boots.

IM SPORT SHORTS

FROM THE DIAMOND

Softball players, read this carefully! Playoff schedules will be posted at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3. Playoffs will begin Tuesday, April 4.

IFO'S (IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS)

Guess what's going on this Saturday? Did you forget? It's the IM frisbee tournament which will feature a demonstration of a new frisbee game — 3-man guts — by the TAMU Disc Association. Bring your lunch and frisbee to the ski slope on April 1 and have an April Fun's Day. Competition begins at 5:00 a.m.

THE MASTER'S MILE

Entries for the Master's Mile will be open until March 31. To qualify, one must be 35 years old or older. Men and women are encouraged to enter. The Master's Mile will be run during the annual IM track events.