

the sports

Overtime

Aggies defeat Razorbacks 74-69

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With 59 seconds left in the overtime period of Wednesday night's Texas A&M-Arkansas basketball game, Tyrone Ladson found himself behind one of his least favorite spots on the court — the free throw line. In his seven previous trips to the foul stripe the Aggie guard had scored only once. He missed four free shots in the last minute of the game, contributing to the Mustangs' 78-76 win over the Aggies last Saturday. Against the Razorbacks Ladson missed a free throw that could have given Texas A&M the victory in regulation time. Now, in the last minute of overtime, the New York junior was at the free throw line once again, courtesy of Arkansas' Alan Zahn. With the Aggies leading by only two points, Ladson knew the pressure was on him once again. He was no stranger to this situation. "But this time Ladson hit two clean free throws — nothing but net — and gave Texas A&M a 70-66 lead. The Aggies went on to win the southwest Conference contest over the Hogs 74-69. "It felt good, believe me," Ladson said after the game. "I really needed those. Before, I hadn't been concentrating on my free throws but tonight I was really concentrating." Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf was pleased with Ladson's performance under pressure. "Ladson was put in the pressure

cooker again tonight and this time he came through," the Aggie coach said, obviously pleased with the play of his entire team. "Wasn't that a classic performance? If we can put that kind of product on the floor, you think basketball won't get big down here in a hurry? There was a lot of energy spent out there tonight."

There was, indeed, a lot of energy spent on the hardwood of G. Rollie White. Arkansas, down by as much as ten points at one time, fought off a tough full court press and tied the score with a 27-foot shot at the buzzer by Tony Brown, sending the game into overtime. "Brown went to Sonny Parker's old high school," Metcalf commented. "He has no business doing that to Texas A&M. He has no respect."

"The press probably won the ball game for us. They went ahead of us and we got it right back with the press (midway through the second half)."

The press certainly played a big role in the Aggies' victory, but the fact that Arkansas' Sidney Moncrief had a terrible night was also a factor. The Hogs' leading scorer for the season managed only 10 points against the Aggies.

"We were playing him like he was just a regular ball player," Aggie forward Rynn Wright said of Moncrief.

"We concentrated on Moncrief pretty hard," said Metcalf. "But

how about (Arkansas starter Scott) Hastings! He's just a freshman and he comes into G. Rollie White. Somebody should have told him he is supposed to be nervous." Hastings had a barren first half but scored 20 points in the last 25 minutes of the game to lead the Hogs. "He was a real surprise," Aggie forward Joey Robinson said of Hastings. "For a freshman he was really impressive. I know he got past me a couple of times." Robinson, who had played only eight minutes in conference competition before Wednesday night, was substituted into the game early in the first half and played a total of 16 minutes.

"It feels great to get that much game time," the senior said. "I know that later in the season my experience will pay off. What ever I can do to help the team is fine with me."

Aggie freshman Rudy Woods helped his team with 20 points and 14 rebounds, despite playing most of the second half with four fouls. Did Woods expect to be playing at his present level, averaging 14 points and eight rebounds per game, with the nation's 15th (AP) and 17th (UPI) ranked team?

"No, I really didn't because high school ball is much different than college ball," he answered. "I expected to be starting but I didn't expect to be scoring this much."

The Dallas Duo, Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright, got back on track against the Hogs after lackluster

performances against SMU. The pair scored 18 points a piece, each playing over 40 minutes against Arkansas. As a team, Texas A&M shot 49.3 percent from the floor and 53.3 percent from the free throw line. Arkansas hit 49.1 percent of its field goals and 73.9 percent of its free throws.

Texas A&M is now 3-1 in SWC play and 14-3 for the season. The Razorbacks dropped to 2-2 in the conference with a season record of 10-3.

BOX SCORE

ARKANSAS (69)
Zahn 0-0-0, Hastings 8-4-20, Schall 6-3-15, Moncrief 3-4-10, Reed 2-6-8-10, Peterson 1-0-2, Brown 4-0-8, Crockett 2-0-2-4, Young 0-0-0, Eriess 0-0-0. Totals 26 17-23 69.
TEXAS A&M (74)
Smith 9-0-18, Wright 9-0-2-18, Woods 9-2-20, Britton 4-0-3-8, Goff 1-0-0-2, Culton 0-0-0, Pederson 0-0-0, Sylestine 0-0-0, Ladson 1-3-5, Robinson 0-3-3-3. Totals 33 8-15 74.
Halftime — Texas A&M 30, Arkansas 22.
Fouled Out — none. Total Fouls — Arkansas 14, Texas A&M 16. Technical Foul — Coach Sutton, A — 7, 667.

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Ladies breeze by TSU 82-64

Many Texas A&M students witnessed a rare treat Wednesday night in the C. Rollie White Coliseum when the Aggie Ladies defeated Texas Southern University 82-64. The fact that the Aggies won, and by such a large margin, is not so uncommon. But some students, forced to come to the coliseum early to get good seats for the men's game that followed, saw the Ladies play for the first time this season. The large

crowd had an effect on the Aggies, according to Texas A&M coach Wanda Bender.

"The team knew they were going to play in front of a large crowd tonight," the coach said. "This was their chance to show the students on this campus what the Aggie Ladies can do."

What the Aggies did was completely dominate a physically strong TSU team.

Leading scorer for the Aggies was Lisa Hughes, hitting 7 of 10 field goals and two of two free throws for 16 points.

"Cathy Fuller did a super job for us tonight," Bender said of the sophomore who scored 12 points against TSU. "This was only her third ball game as a starter."

The Aggie Ladies host Lamar University on Jan. 20 beginning at 5:15 p.m.

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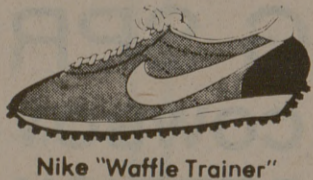
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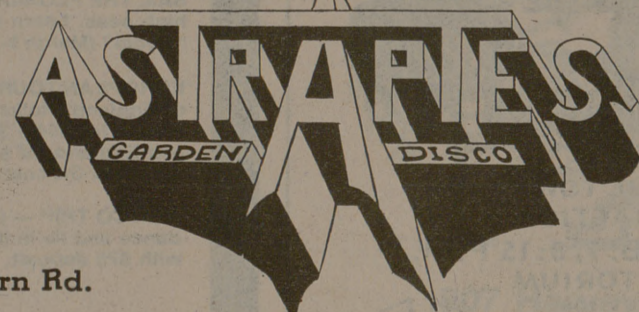


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