



Tis the season to be in Jolly Rollie

The young 1979 Texas A&M basketball team has been packing crowds into G. Rollie White Coliseum this season. After losing to Texas Monday night in Austin, the Aggies dropped out of first place in the SWC, but that should not cause lines to dwindle at the ticket window for Wednesday's game with TCU in the

Coliseum. In action from G. Rollie White, senior Joey Robinson takes a shot in the Arkansas game (left), Rudy Woods (23) and Vernon Smith play for a tip in against Texas Tech (center) and David Britton battles for a rebound (right).

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Hometown fans greet Cowboys

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DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys returned home from Super Bowl XIII Monday to find twice as many fans waiting to greet them as there were on hand to send them off to Miami a week ago.

Almost 2,000 people jammed along a chain link fence at an out of the way corner of Love Field airport to cheer their heroes, losers to the Pittsburgh Steelers, 35-31.

Ten of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, wearing civilian clothes, showed up in bright, chilly, blustery weather and they even led a cheer. The cheer they chose was the inevitable, but in this case inappropriate, "We're No. 1."

And while the crowd was almost as enthusiastic as it might have been if the Cowboys had won, it did little to cheer up the members of the team.

Most of the players were subdued as they stepped off the airplane, waving quickly to the throng and then walking quickly to awaiting transportation.

"We're a little down right now," admitted club president and general manager Tex Schramm. "But it's wonderful, after a game which was so disappointing to all of us, to find a crowd like this waiting to see us home. We have real fans."

The biggest cheers went up when quarterback Roger Staubach, linebacker Thomas

Henderson and tight end Jackie Smith stepped off the plane.

"It's nice to know the people are still behind us," said Staubach. "It's a nice feeling."

Henderson, whose self-made publicity campaign ended in disappointment Sunday, managed a smile as he stepped off the aircraft and raised a clinched fist to the enjoyment of the crowd.

"I'm sorry we lost," strong safety Charlie Waters told the crowd via a loud speaker system. "but we will make up for it next year."

Smith, who dropped what appeared to be a clutch touchdown pass in the third quarter that would have tied the game at that point, was the subject of one of the many signs brought by the fans. It read:

"Pittsburgh's tacky. We love Jackie."

Coach Tom Landry was one of the last ones off the plane and he thanked the crowd for coming.

"The guys put forth a great effort," Landry said. "The breaks had to go one way or the other and this time they went the other."

Assistant coach Danny Reeves, subject of rumors concerning the job opening with the New York Giants, said the fact so many people came out to see the Cowboys home was a tribute to the players.

"The team fought very hard," said Reeves. "I'm glad the fans are proud of the guys because we are proud of them."

Ladies lose to Longhorns

AUSTIN — The Texas A&M women's basketball team fared no better than its male counterpart Monday night as the Aggie Ladies were blown off the court by fifth-ranked Texas 75-41.

"Texas is plenty tough," said Aggie coach Wanda Bender after her team failed to find anything that would work against the Longhorns. "They are ranked right where they should be. They did a super job on defense. Their man-to-man defense was just tenacious. It caused us a lot of problems early in the ball game. They had us mismatched in just about every way."

The Longhorns out-rebounded the Aggies 32-25. Texas had 22 turnovers and 27 steals while the Aggies had 36 turnovers and 10 steals. The Horns shot 56 percent from the floor while the Ladies made only 44 percent of their field goals. In

short, Texas out-played Texas A&M in just about every way.

"We're just going to have to regroup," Bender said, "and figure out what our strengths are and capitalize on them and figure out what our weaknesses are and strengthen them. We're going to have a super job of getting ourselves back up both emotionally and physically. They wore us down a great deal tonight."

Susan Kimbro was the leading scorer for the Aggies with 11 points while Von Bunn led the Ladies with six rebounds.

This was the second straight loss for Texas A&M, which now has a season record of 18-8. Thursday the Aggies return to Austin to participate in the Texas Classic, a tournament that will feature Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Southwest Texas State, North Texas State, University

of Texas at Arlington, Houston and Texas Tech. The Aggies will face NTSU in the opening round Thursday at noon.

"I feel like we have a good chance to win third place," Bender said, noting that SFA and Texas are favorites to play in the championship bracket.

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