

Ladies win consolation in Austin

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Pressure can do strange things to people, if they let it. The Texas A&M women's basketball team was unaffected by the pressure it faced while participating in the Texas Classic in Austin this past weekend.

The Aggies drew North Texas State in the opening round of tournament play Thursday. Texas A&M jumped to an early 22-8 lead in the game before disaster struck the Ladies.

"We went over 10 minutes at the end of the first half without scoring a basket," Aggie Coach Wanda Bender remembered. "All we could hit were three free throws and fell behind 34-25 at the half."

"I was sitting on the bench thinking that somebody out there was going to start scoring for us, but no one did. And it was one of those times that it didn't matter who I put in, no one could score."

The Aggies regrouped at the half, but could never come back from their icy streak.

"It was just a matter of too little too late," Bender explained. "Our shots began to fall, but we could never recover from our first half."

The Aggies dropped the opening game 67-53, putting them in the consolation round of the tournament and pitting them against the University of Texas at Arlington Friday morning.

The Aggies were forced to continue the tournament without the services of their court general, junior guard Von Bunn. Bunn was stricken with an intestinal disease and was sent home for medical attention following Thursday's game.

But the Aggies acted as if they were unaffected by the loss of Bunn as the team bounced back to defeat UTA 71-55.

Before the game the girls were

talking about how tired they were," Bender said. "So I talked to them about the power that they had in their body that they never even used. I told them that they were only mentally tired, that they only let themselves think they were tired."

"And the girls responded. They realized that good athletes can overcome being tired. They realized the importance of the game, that is was a do-or-die situation for us."

"The way we played in the tournament would decide where we would be seeded in the state tournament (Feb. 22-24). We went out and played good basketball and won the game."

The Aggies shot 49 percent from the field against UTA, and with the win advanced to the consolation championship Saturday morning against Texas Tech.

"There was a lot of pressure on the girls for this game," Bender said. "It was another do-or-die situation. The game was the only opportunity we had to play Texas Tech this season. If we lost, the best we could be seeded would be seventh."

The Aggies jumped to a 30-27 lead at the half, and behind the clutch play of Margaret Byrne defeated the Red Raiders 62-46.

"Margaret had an outstanding game for us," Bender said of the senior's play. "I keep a floor performance chart that tracks the girls play. It takes into account their shot selection, their assists, their forced turnovers and steals, among other things. A good rating is a plus-five for a game. Against Tech, Margaret had a plus-20 rating."

"In the box score she only scored eight points, but her play resulted in many more points for us." Lisa Hughs led all Aggie scorers with 14 points while Kelly Sullivan and Peggy Pope added 12 each for the

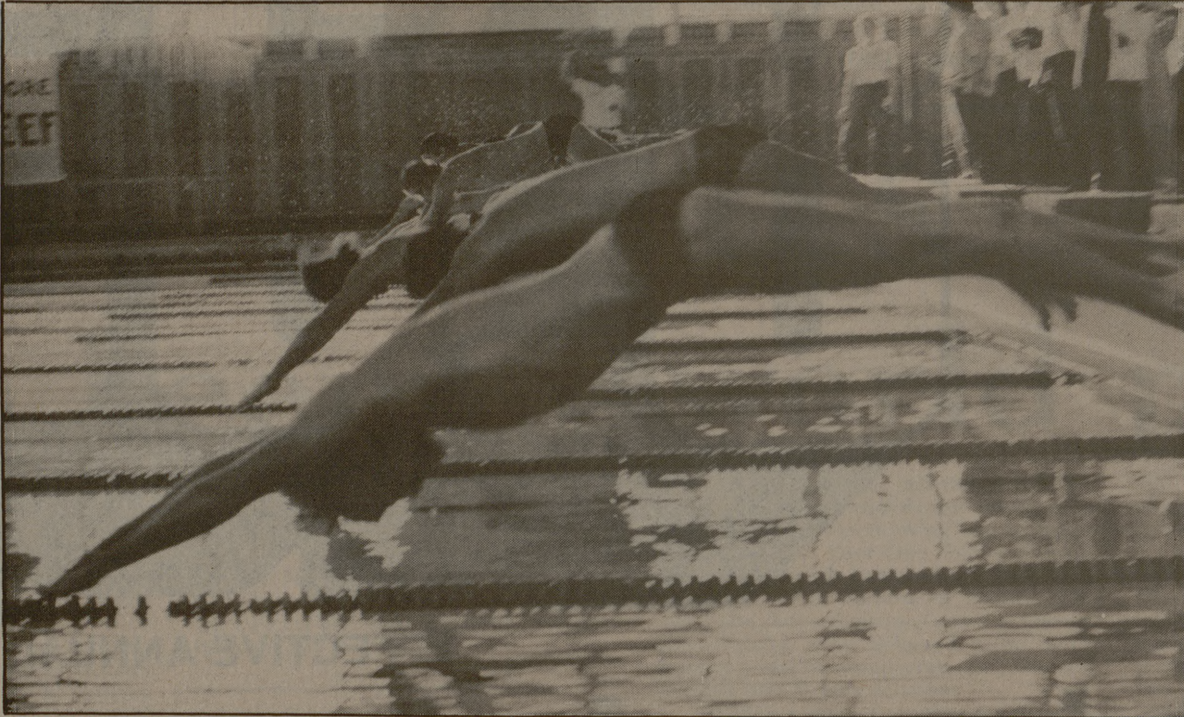
victors. With the two wins and the lone loss in the weekend tournament the Aggies extended their season record to 21-9. They put that mark on the line tonight when they travel to Waco to face the Baylor women's basketball team.

In a game played earlier this season the Aggies defeated Baylor 62-48 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. But Bender doesn't think the early season game will have any bearing on tonight's contest.

"Baylor has been a powerhouse in women's basketball in this state the past three years, even ranked as high as fifth in the nation," Bender said. "But they've been down this season. They haven't been playing the way most people thought they would this year."

"But it will be just like them to have a good game against us on their home court. I know they aren't going to roll over and give the game to us. We can't think about the last time we played them."

"We're under pressure the rest of the year. Every game we play will have a bearing on where we're seeded in the tournament. It's between Houston, NTSU and Lamar and us on who will be seeded fourth. If we hope to advance to the regional tournament, a goal we set at the beginning of the season, we need to go into the state tournament seeded as high as possible."



Taking the plunge

Battalion photo by Larry Parker

This is the beginning of the 1,000-meter freestyle in Saturday's Texas A&M-University of Texas at Arlington swim meet in P.L. Downs Natatorium. Aggie freshman Mike Hoche won the race with a time of 9:41.33, but Texas

A&M lost the meet 60-53. Both the men's and women's teams will travel to Stockton, Calif. Friday for a meet with the University of the Pacific and the University of California-Davis.

All-Stars meet in Pro Bowl

United Press International
LOS ANGELES — The Pittsburgh Steelers' Terry Bradshaw, who almost single-handedly beat the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl XIII last Sunday, will lead the AFC All-Stars against the Dallas' Roger Staubach and the NFC All-Stars in the NFL's Pro Bowl tonight.

A crowd of 50,000 is expected to show up at the 71,414-seat Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the nationally televised (ABC) game.

But after the Steelers' 35-31 victory in the Super Bowl at Miami, the Pro Bowl might be somewhat anticlimactic.

The AFC will be trying to take a 5-4 lead over the NFC in a rivalry that began with a 27-6 triumph by the NFC at Los Angeles in 1971.

"I think," Bradshaw said, "we're definitely the better conference and I think we're definitely more exciting. I think it's a carry over from the old AFL. The coaches in the AFC seem to have more wide open offenses."

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"I-Spy" Participant Of The Week

Mike McDaniels of E-1 is trying to control the soccer ball as Billy Adams from SQ-5 looks over his shoulder. E-1 won last week game 2-1. Bob Richards, who is watching

from the background should come by the I.M. office to pick up his "Be Our Guest" card, redeemable for free food at McDonald's.

IM Emergency Care For You

IM has added a new program. It is Intramural Emergency Care Personnel, a group of trained Emergency Care Attendants (ECA) and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) who will be on duty during team sports activities to give immediate first aid to injuries.

The program now has 24 members who will be taking additional training from Jen Nixon, the women's athletic trainer. The team is well-equipped and will have three basic stations — the metal shed at Duncan Fields, the metal shed at the Penberthy Complex, and on the third floor annex of G. Rollie White.

The persons on duty, usually one at each station, will be wearing white lab coats with name tags. They will be working in conjunction with the sports supervisors. Communications are planned by telephone and walkie-talkie.

If an injury takes place, remain calm. Do not move the injured person! Ask the official or send someone to get the emergency care personnel. Please assist if asked to by the personnel and help fill out the required emergency forms.

The personnel are trained to stabilize the injury, monitor the patient, and transport if necessary. The team is not trained to put an injured player back into the game. If their advice is not to continue playing, it is the patient's decision.

Personnel members are picked by an evaluation committee on the basis of education and experience. All members have come from A&M's training classes. Currently enrolled classes will be observing and helping the Emergency Care Personnel. The program is expected to expand. Interested ECA's or EMT's can contact Jim Jeter or Paul Wood at the IM office in DeWare Fieldhouse. Team members meet at scheduling meetings every other Tuesday night.

A&M is one of the first schools to initiate such a care program. Ag's three most common injuries in IM sports have been abrasions and scrapes, dislocations, and sprains and strains.



Trenton Shaver is on the attack at a recent Fencing Club workout. Anyone who knows how to fence should check into the I.M. tournament, which is now open for registration. NOTE: Cameraman survived attack.



Sports Shorts

Tuesday, January 30

Meeting
Softball Team Captains
5:15 p.m., Rudder Theater,
Thursday, February 1.

Beginning

Handball doubles
Monday, January 29

Free throw
Monday, January 29

DeWare Fieldhouse
7-10 p.m.

Entries Open
Horseshoe Doubles
Monday, January 29
Entries Close
Fencing
Tuesday, January 30
Table Tennis Singles
Tuesday, January 30
Slow Pitch Softball

The Extra Act

The Team Handball Club is sponsoring a team handball clinic in DeWare Fieldhouse on February 3rd and 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to come participate and/or spectate.

The clinic will feature Mike Cavanaugh, the U.S. Olympic Coach for the 1980 team, and Dan Foster, the 1976 Saudi Arabian Olympic Coach. An exhibition game against Baylor University will be played on Sunday, February 4th, at 2:00 p.m. in DeWare Fieldhouse. There is no charge. Come join us for a weekend of fun and handball; it will be a courtfull of fun.

When Almost Counts

Today, Monday, January 29, is the opening date for entries in Horseshoe Doubles. Entries close next Tuesday, February 6.

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Divisions will be men's and women's dorm and independents, Fish, Corps, and Co-rec in classes A, B, and C. Class A is for highly skilled persons who want high competition. Class B is for moderately skilled with moderate competition. Class C is for casual, just-for-fun play.

The horseshoe pits are open all day for practice. They are located by the campus police station near Jersey Street. Equipment for practice may be checked out at DeWare Fieldhouse.

Sports Photographer Needed

The Intramural Office is seeking a student sports photographer for the remainder of the spring semester and the 1979-1980 school year. Applicants must have their own camera equipment and evenings free. The starting pay is \$2.65 per hour requiring approximately 15 hours of work per week and some special assignments. Interested men and women should contact Pat Fierro in the Intramural Office, DeWare Fieldhouse, 845-7826.

Ref's Corner

Basketball Official's Meeting
7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. Room 267 C.R. White, February 1, Thursday.
Slow Pitch Softball Official's Clinic: First meeting, Monday, January 29 5:30-7:00 p.m., Room 267 C.R. White.
Softball and 3-man volleyball officials are still needed for Intramurals. See James Welford in DeWare Fieldhouse. Base pay for officials is \$2.50 per game.