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Reuther, three players leave A&M

# Aggs head for land of opportunity

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When people talk about next year's Texas A&M basketball team they talk about a possible Southwest Conference championship. A bit premature maybe but look what the Aggies have going, or coming back that is, in their favor.

There will be five starters returning from a team which set a school record with 24 wins and advanced to the third round of the National Invitational Tournament. They also finished the season third place in the SWC with an 11-5 record and set 10 school records.

And if you take a cruise around the rest of the SWC, you see that last year's powers, Texas and Arkansas, will be more or less powerless. The Hogs will be Sidney Moncrieff and the Horns lost four of five starters from their NCAA playoff team.

But why talk about basketball at so early? Well, the main reason anyone might be talking about the Aggie basketball team at this time of the year would be the recent personnel changes and how they will affect the team. Someone may ask, why did three A&M players transfer to other schools just recently? Or why did one of the assistant coaches decide

to leave A&M for San Antonio? Well, sorry Watergate fans, there is no big scandal or mass exodus occurring in the Texas A&M basketball program. And believe it or not, no one is leaving with hard feelings.

The recent personnel changes can be summed up in one word: opportunity. For the three players, 6-10 center Doug Pederson, 6-6 forward Albert Culton and 6-5 forward Tyrone Emerson, the opportunity to play more basketball at another school than they played at A&M presented itself so they are transferring to Lone Star Conference schools.

Aggie assistant coach Norm Reuther is leaving the hardwood floors of A&M's G. Rollie White Coliseum for the carpeted floors of a Cadillac showroom in San Antonio. It was an offer he couldn't refuse.

Metcalfe said the three players were "relocated" which means Metcalfe and his staff helped them find other schools by contacting other coaches who may be interested.

"Everyone is happy," said Aggie head basketball coach Shelby Metcalfe. "Pederson, Emerson and Culton wanted to play more and they knew they wouldn't get the chance to play as much as they wanted to here next year."

"I guess I was most surprised with Doug wanting to go somewhere else

because he was so close to getting a degree here. I didn't realize basketball meant that much to him.

"But overall, it was a friendly situation."

Emerson, who was redshirted last year and has never played for A&M, will go to Sam Houston State along with Culton who played only 133 minutes for the Aggies last year.

Pederson may get to play against Culton and Emerson as he plans to go to Southwest Texas State. Pederson played a total of 143 minutes last season.

Metcalfe said that the three players will have to sit out 18 weeks but will be able to play most of next season at their respective schools.

"I know both coaches (at Sam Houston and Southwest Texas) are very happy to have these guys play for them," Metcalfe said. "Albert is happy because it was his choice and Doug is very excited about getting the chance to play a lot next year."

Another man who is excited about his future duties is Reuther who is planning to start selling cars in San Antonio next February.

"I'm not leaving A&M because of any hard feelings," Reuther said, "it's just that I can't pass up a great opportunity like this. I know it's going to be different from coaching but I look at it as an interesting change. There is the potential for

me to make a lot of money there and I'm looking forward to the challenge.

"I'll miss A&M because everything is terrific here but it's just something I have to do."

Reuther's leaving was no surprise to Metcalfe.

"He's been talking to the man he will work for on and off for a while," Metcalfe said. "He (the dealer) even contacted me and asked if it was O.K. for Norm to leave. The whole deal was handled very well."

So with three players relocated and an assistant coach Central Texas bound, how does the A&M basketball program stand?

"This is the best shape we've been in since 1976 when we won the SWC," Metcalfe said. "We will have a lot of good senior leadership that we were lacking last year."

No one knows what the future holds for the Aggie basketball team but for now, Metcalfe and his men wish the departing Aggies good luck.

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Chambers, 18, a left-handed batter and thrower, graduates today from Harrisburg High School. He is 5-foot-4 and weighs 210 pounds.

Hal Keller, director of player development for the Mariners, said, "Chambers has the best bat I've seen in the history of a high school player since I drafted Jeff Burroughs, who was the nation's number one pick in 1969. He has a very short, quick stroke and tremendous power."

Chambers, nicknamed "Choo Choo" batted .484 in 22 games as a junior, with seven doubles, four triples, four homers and 28 RBIs.

The New York Mets, selecting pitcher Tom Seaver, chose right-handed pitcher Jim Leary, from UCLA. Leary, a 19-year-old junior from Santa Monica, Calif., ran up a 12-3 mark for the Bruins, tying a school record for most victories in a season. In 22 games, he threw 145 innings to set a school record, with 10 complete games and an ERA of 2.72. Leary had 111 strikeouts, one less than the UCLA record, walked 60 and gave up 124 hits.

Toronto picked Jay Brian Schroder, a high school catcher from Pacific Palisades, Calif. The right-handed hitter stands 6-3 and weighs 195 pounds.

Atlanta, choosing fourth, picked Brad Komminsk, an 18-year-old high school first baseman-outfielder from Lima, Ohio. Komminsk, who graduated from Shawnee High School this month, is 6-3 and 187 pounds.

Oakland had fifth pick and went with Juan Bustabad, a 17-year-old high school infielder from Hialeah, Fla. The switch-hitter is 5-9 and weighs 145 pounds.

The St. Louis Cardinals selected Andrew Van Slyke, an 18-year-old

outfielder from New Hartford, N.Y. Van Slyke, who bats left-handed and throws right-handed, will graduate from New Hartford High later this month. He is 6-2 and 190.

Cleveland went for John Bohnet, an 18-year-old left-handed pitcher from Hogan High School in Vallejo, Calif. Bohnet, a senior, is 6-0 tall and weighs 180. Houston drafted John Mizerock, an 18-year-old high school catcher from Punxsutawney, Pa., who is 6-0 and 180.

The Chicago White Sox selected Steve Buechele, a 17-year-old shortstop from Fullerton, Calif. who bats right-handed and Montreal followed by picking the second college player, first baseman Timothy Walsh, a senior from Cal State-Fullerton. The 21-year-old right-hander is 6-3 and 195.

Minnesota selected high school outfielder Kevin Brandt from

Nekolsa, Wis. The 17-year-old is a right-handed hitter.

The Chicago Cubs went for Jonathan Perlman, a right-handed senior pitcher from Baylor University. Perlman, from Carthage, Texas, is 6-3 and 180.

The 13th pick went to Detroit and the Tigers took Rick Leach, a hard-hitting outfielder who quarterbacked the Michigan football team and led the Wolverines to two straight Rose Bowls. The junior left-hander, who also was drafted by the National Football League Denver Broncos last month, is 6-1 and 180.

San Diego selected 18-year-old first baseman Joe Lansford, the brother of California Angels third baseman Carney Lansford. Lansford, a high school senior from San Jose, Calif., is 6-5 and 220 and bats and throws right.

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