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Gals get come-from-behind win

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Three weeks ago, the Texas A&M women's basketball team routed the Baylor Bears 81-52 in the Aggie Lady Classic. When they met again last night one might have suspected that the Aggies would take the Bears lightly. It was these same Baylor Bears, after all, that had a season record of 2-16.

The Bears, though, played their best game of the year and almost pulled off their biggest win of the year. Almost.

The Aggies finally woke up, came from behind, and posted a 71-67 victory last night in Waco.

"It was hard for the girls to get motivated since we beat them so easily at A&M," said head coach Cheri Rapp. "I think we came out expecting not to have to play very hard, and Baylor came out ready to play."

And play they did. The Aggies were in trouble from the start, falling behind 14-2 before the game was four minutes old. After a couple of substitutions the Aggies were able to battle back. Cathy Fuller's driving layup gave the women their first lead of the night at 18-17.

Neither team held more than a six point lead the rest of the game.

Baylor took a 37-32 lead to the locker room at the half.

The Aggies were lucky to be trailing by only five, since the Bears hit a sizzling 58 percent compared to A&M's 32 percent the first half.

The second half was nip-and-tuck all the way. The Aggies managed to take the lead twice in the first 15 minutes of the final period — at 47-45 and 49-47 — but the Bears, behind the play of Adele Kennedy, came back and led 63-57 with 8:43 to go.

Down by six, Rapp called a timeout. "We needed to get our composure," said Rapp. "We had to have time to think about what we do. We played a real intelligent last eight

minutes," she said.

In fact, it could almost have been called perfect. The Aggies played defense with intensity, and key, long-range baskets by Lisa Key and Cathy Fuller were able to keep A&M in striking distance when the inside scoring game disappeared.

The Aggies pulled even at 63-all when Peggy Pope followed her own shot with 5:38 to go. Pope, who scored 22 for the night, finished on a tear, getting eight of the Aggies last 10 points.

It was Pope's turnaround jumper with 3:18 left that gave the Aggies the lead for good. Lori Foreman, who footer to put the Aggies up by four,

67-63. The teams then traded baskets until the buzzer.

The Bears, led by Kennedy, also got strong performance from Carol Reeves, 16 points on rebounds, and Gave Pack with 12 points.

Pope, who turned in her straight stellar performance, led the Aggies in rebounding, with 11, as well as in scoring. Lori Foreman, second high rebounder with 14, most on outside jumpers.

The Aggies, winners of their last eight games, improved their season record to 13-5. They meet Texas Tech Monday night at 4:30 p.m.

Schutz, runners highlight week in Ag spring sports

TENNIS

Texas A&M's Trey Schutz, playing outstanding ball, won four matches and lost three before being eliminated in the NCAA Indoor Singles Tennis Tournament last weekend in Houston. Schutz will be playing No. 1 Saturday when the Aggies host Hardin-Simmons at 1:30 p.m.

In order, playing behind Schutz, will be Reid Freeman, Alberto Jimenez, Max King, Brian Joelson, and Boyd Bryan. In doubles, the

pairs will be Freeman and Jimenez, Schutz and Jim Grubert, and Ron Kowal and Tom Judson.

The A&M women's team will host Tyler Junior College on Friday and then will play Texas in Austin on Saturday. Maylyn Hooten will play No. 1 singles for the Aggies followed by Terri Neutze, Judy Willard, Lilianna Fernandez, Kathleen Sisson, and Elise Richardson. In doubles, Neutze and Hooten will team together as will Willard and Ferol Hinkle, and Fernandez and Sisson.

TRACK

In addition to the five first place Aggies brought home from the last weekend were several outstanding awards. Kevin Munis finished second in the short put of 54 feet, 10 and a half inches. John Blyel took second in the pole vault finishing in 4:19. Robert Monery was third in the pole vault by Aggie Randy Hall. Monery jumped 16-0; Hall had a leap of 15-6. Mike Mullins was fifth in the with a jump of 15-6.

Charles Rainey was fourth in the 60 yard dash in 6.25 seconds. Wilson was sixth in the long going 23-4. Bart Daniel was seventh in the 440 in 50.98 and Don was fifth in the high jump at 6-0.

GYMNASTICS

Coach Jan Fambro's women's gymnastics team, challengers to LSU and Alabama in the last two weeks, will be aiming for the winner's throne this week as it competes in the Southwest Invitational Saturday in San Marcos. Alabama edged A&M, 130-130.50 in a triangular meet in Tusloosa last Saturday. Western Kentucky was third at 118.25.

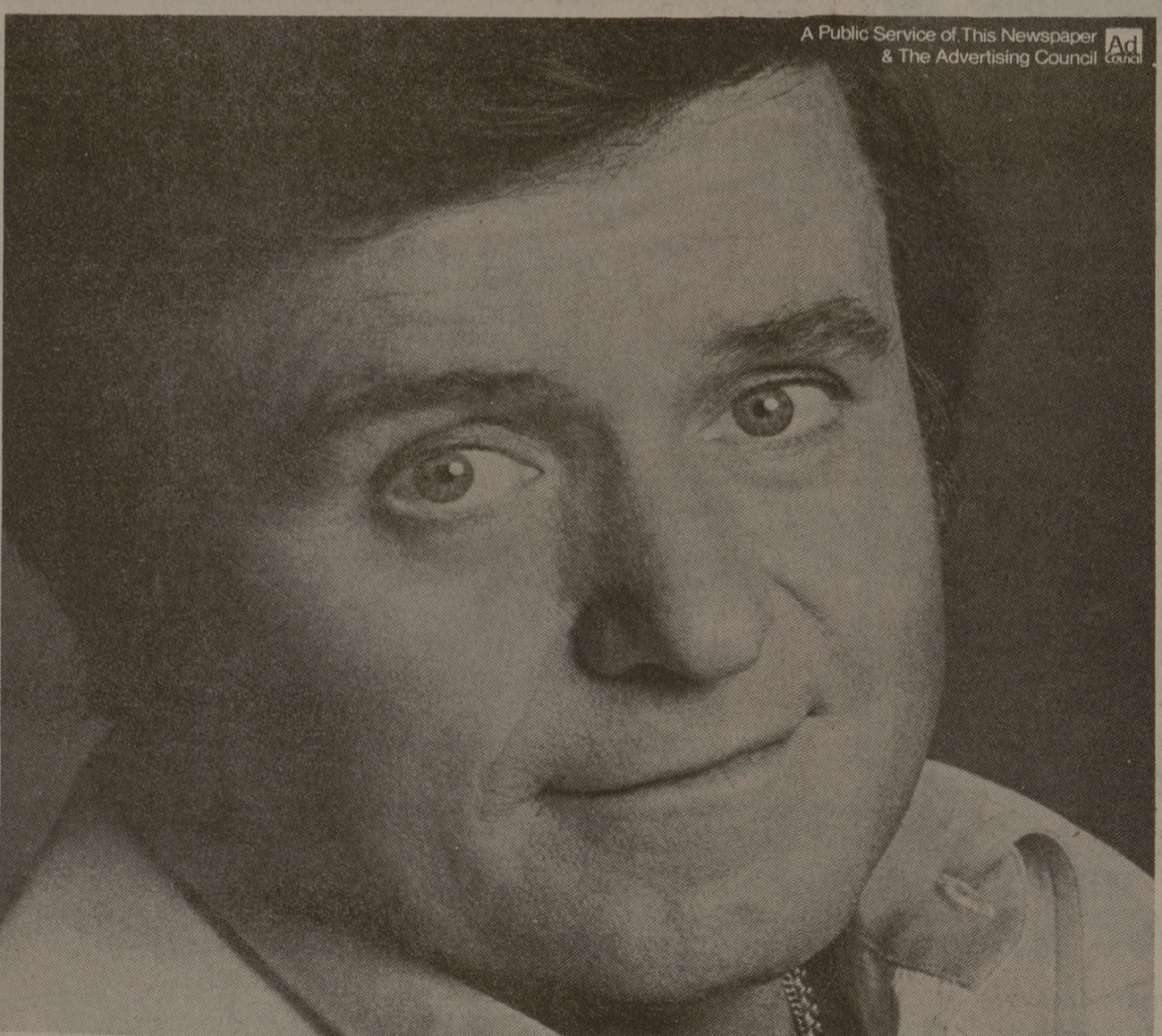
In the vault, Linda Phillips second and Tracy Shearin third. Kay Mann was sixth. In floor exercises, Linda Phillips was second. Cindy Mahle was third. Around, Linda Phillips was second. Cindy Mahle fifth and Tracy Shearin sixth.

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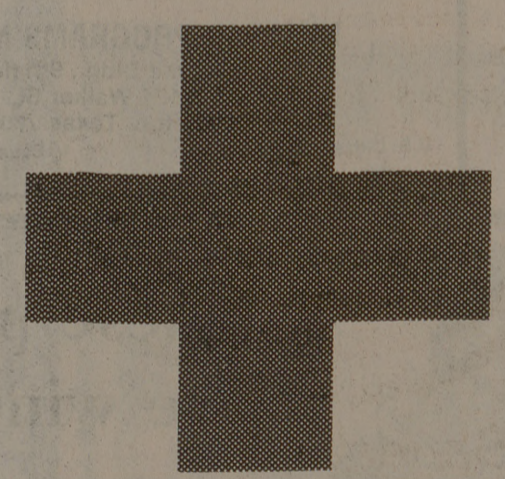
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