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# Britton-led Ags beat Arkansas, advance to Denton for NCAA's

By SEAN PETTY  
Special to the Battalion

"The big difference in the game? We had David Britton and Arkansas didn't."

— Shelby Metcalf

One year ago you wouldn't have heard Texas A&M head basketball coach Shelby Metcalf heap that kind of praise on David Britton. But then, Britton didn't lead the Aggies to the Southwest Conference basketball championship last year.

Britton, who was named the SWC tournament's Most Valuable Player, went on a 10-point scoring streak that started at 11:31 in the second half and lasted until 6:36. All 10 points came off the Aggies' four-corner offense which is centered around Britton who is one of the best one-on-one players in the conference.

Britton finished the game with 23

points and three assists as the Aggies defeated the Hogs 52-50.

"David takes advantage of the situation," Metcalf said. "His one-on-one ability makes him hard to cover in that situation and the good thing is, he doesn't just score, he gets a lot of assists off the four-corners."

"We never ran a four-corner offense until David came to A&M. Heck, when he was in junior college, they sometimes would start the game in the four-corners but we haven't gone that far. We usually go into it when we start losing momentum."

While Britton's spinning drives and free-throw shooting kept the Hogs at bay on the offensive end, the monstrous Aggie defense led by Rynn Wright held Arkansas' usually high-percentage shooting team under 50 percent for the game. The Razorbacks shot a poor 42.9 percent from the field for the game yet that was better than the Ags' 41.0 per-

cent. The Aggies won the game at the free-throw line sinking 20 of 28 while the Hogs hit eight of nine.

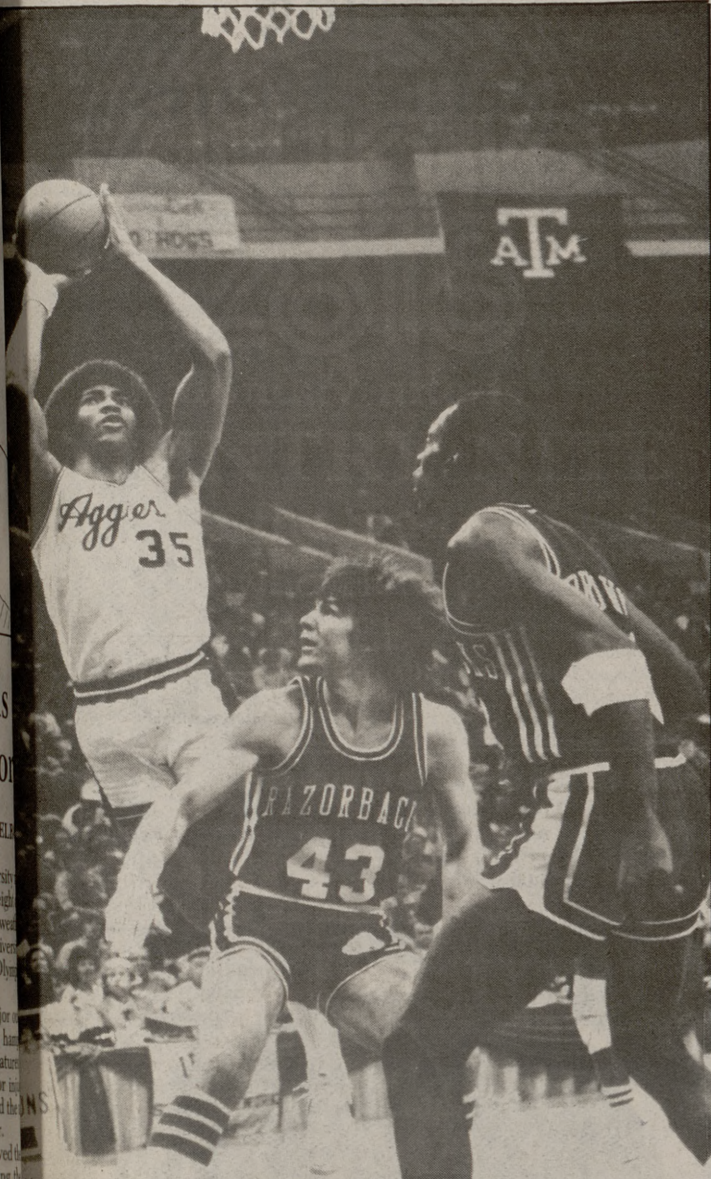
The Aggies switched from zone defense to zone defense and kept Arkansas confused as the Razorbacks forced shot after shot.

"We just outplayed 'em," Britton said. "We out-talented them also. Once we get ahead and go into the four-corners, we know we can win. This is the way it's supposed to be because all the teams finished the same they were seeded in the tournament."

"We came in No. 1 and finished No. 1."

A great part of the Aggies' tournament success was due to Wright who played consistently well in both the Texas Tech and Arkansas victories.

The Aggies, 24-7 for the year, now head to Denton where they will play Missouri Valley Conference winner, Bradley University. The winner of that game will play Louisville.



Texas A&M University's Rynn Wright attempts a shot as Arkansas' players look on in Saturday's game in San Antonio. A&M won the post-season southwest conference championship with a 52-50 victory over the Razorbacks. Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

## Ag women place fifth

By RHONDA WATTERS  
Focus Editor

The Texas A&M University women's tennis team placed fifth out of 11 schools in the Florida State University Invitational in Tallahassee last weekend.

The invitational, won by Florida State, was a "flight tournament," in which there is a separate tournament division for each team ladder position.

For example, all of the number one players were in one division, all the number two players were in another division, up to six divisions for singles and three for doubles.

There was also a consolation tournament in each division for players defeated in the first round.

Teri Neutze was the only tournament winner for Texas A&M.

Neutze took first place in the number four singles consolation tournament, winning her final match by default against Linda Pavlouich from Florida Southern. Pavlouich had to leave before playing her final match.

Texas A&M's top doubles team, Maylyn Hooten and Neutze, and the number three doubles team, Kathleen Sissom and Lillian Fernandez, both made it to semifinals in their divisions.

Hooten-Neutze were defeated by the number one seed from Florida State 6-4, 6-3. Sissom-Fernandez lost to a doubles team from Northeast Louisiana University 6-3, 6-4.

The team's next match will be a dual match against Southwest Texas State University. The two teams will play Thursday at 1:30 p.m. on the Texas A&M varsity courts.

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