

Tigers' coach impressed with Aggies' team speed

Jerry Faulkner felt like a stranger in a land of foreigners. In the midst of G. Rollie White Coliseum's yell leaders, hand signals and unified cheers, he sat in awe of totally unfamiliar surroundings.

But one sight left Faulkner more wide-eyed, amazed and awestruck than the abundance of Texas A&M tradition he witnessed. It wouldn't be accurate to describe Faulkner as being terrified, but a certain group of people in the coliseum definitely drew his attention and respect by the end of the evening.

But Faulkner, an assistant coach for Bill Foster's Clemson Tiger basketball team, didn't really like what he saw on the court as the Athletics in Action defeated Texas A&M 59-57 Saturday night. Even though Texas A&M lost, Faulkner scouted enough of the Aggies to bring back a novulette of information to Foster and his other assistants.

The Tigers have reason to be interested in the Aggies of Coach Shelby Metcalf, because Clemson meets Texas A&M Friday night at 11 p.m. CST in an opening-round game at the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska.

Faulkner spent the first half with several sheets of paper spread around him as he charted the Aggies' various offensive and defensive strategies. In addition, the Clemson coach filled several sheets with comments about each of the Aggie starters and substitutes.

By halftime, with Texas A&M down 38-29, Faulkner had seen enough to make a partial assessment of the Aggies as compared with the Clemson Tigers.

"Seven of our top 11 players are sophomores or freshmen," he said. "We have only one senior on our entire team. But I'll tell you — I'm impressed. A&M's so much more physical than we are. We're just not that physical."

"We usually had the big guys on Clemson teams. Two years ago, we had four guys 6-foot-10 or better, but we don't have that now. It's a completely different type of team than most people are used to seeing at Clemson."

The Tigers, who defeated AIA 69-66 ear-



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lier this month, rely on four returning starters from last season's 14-14 squad that qualified for the National Invitation Tournament. Vincent Hamilton, Mike Eppley, Fred Gilliam and David Shaffer are the Tigers' returning starters. Hamilton averaged 15 points a game in 1981-82.

Foster, the Tigers' head coach for seven years, has a 131-72 record at Clemson and a 328-142 in 17 years as a college head coach.

Faulkner, who's been at Clemson for three years, said the Tigers will have their hands full against the Aggies.

"We're going to have to play very smart and keep mistakes to a minimum," he said. "We're going to run the basketball — we're always been that kind of a team and we're going to stay that way."

"But you know, looking at this (A&M) bunch, I'm not sure that's what we ought to do. A&M is just so quick. That is, without a doubt, Texas A&M's strong point. They are a much quicker team than we are. (Reggie) Roberts is just a great, quick guard, and A&M's other guard (Tyren Naulls) is quick, too."

During the first half, Faulkner saw enough of the Aggies' quickness to write comments like "super quick" and "looks to penetrate" about Roberts.

During the second half, when AIA held the lead throughout, Faulkner found the Aggies' size, strength and speed to be dominating factors. When Claude Riley sank two free throws to pull Texas A&M to within 46-45, Faulkner said:

"If it's tight down to the wire, A&M'll win it."

Moments later, with the score 48-45, the

AIA players passed the ball around, using a disciplined, work-for-a-high-percentage-shot offense. But Faulkner saw a hitch to the situation.

"I'm not sure this is the way to do it," he said as he watched the AIA players in their passing game. "A&M is so quick that they'll get the ball back."

But then Faulkner's prophesy came true: Aggie freshman center Jimmie Gilbert came up with a steal, but Texas A&M couldn't score at the other end.

Faulkner was in total wonder about the Aggies' defensive ability to hinder the AIA players while they were making cuts. The basic offensive strategy of pass-and-cut didn't seem to work well against Texas A&M, he said.

"Gosh, they're so big and strong that they just hold you on your cuts," Faulkner said.

But back to quickness. When Roberts committed a foul with 4:12 left, Bontrager made two more free throws. But while the AIA guard stood at the free-throw line, Faulkner said:

"I'll tell you what — Roberts gets away with a lot, because he's just so quick."

And Faulkner's assessment of those Aggie guards?

"Both guards are looking to take it all the way to the (basket) and they aren't looking to pass," he wrote on his comment sheets about the Texas A&M players.

But more than the Aggie basketball team occupied Faulkner's attention at this game. During a timeout, the Texas A&M yell leaders and fans stood for the Aggie "locomotive" yell, and when they finished, Faulkner clapped his approval.

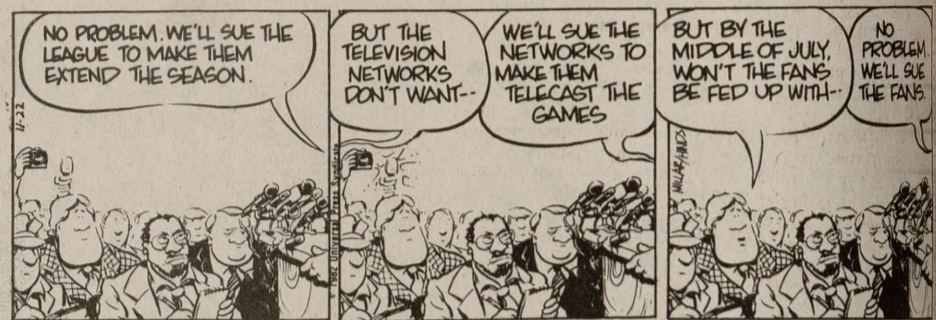
"Hey, I like it — it's wild," he said, still gazing at the motions of the Aggie yell leaders.

Faulkner didn't back down on his opinion of the Aggies' talent after AIA had eked out its two-point victory.

"I think (Aggie forward Claude) Riley's a much better player than he played tonight," Faulkner said. "Overall, A&M is so much more physical than we are — they're so much more mature."

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Tulane defeats A&M 80-73; Ladies at 2-1

by Frank L. Christlieb

Sports Editor

It's only a matter of time, Cindy Gough says, until the Aggie Ladies break loose and start playing the kind of basketball they're capable of playing.

Gough, the Aggies' assistant coach, said the quicker-than-ever Aggie Ladies haven't come up with the final solutions to some early-season problems. But she and Head Coach Cheri Rapp are confident about the future — which starts tonight when 2-1 Texas A&M plays Delta State at 7:30 in Cleveland, Miss.

"We're not playing good enough to win against good teams," Gough said. "But Cheri and I are confident that we'll come around."

The Aggie Ladies, currently on a three-game road trip, opened the season with a 76-59 victory over Southwestern. The team defeated St. Mary's 73-70 Thursday night in San Antonio, but lost to Tulane 80-73 Saturday in New Orleans. Gough said the outcome of the St. Mary's game wasn't decided until the game's final seconds.

"We played a very poor

game," Gough said Saturday by telephone from New Orleans.

"It was St. Mary's season opener and they hadn't lost a home game in 20 games. We had trouble and were behind by as many as 12 or 14 points in the first half.

"In the second half, we put in Kelli Harned and Ann Trinka and switched to a two-post offense and they really turned it around, and we were up 38-34 at halftime."

Jenni Edgar, the Ladies' starting sophomore guard, sank both ends of a one-and-one with 25 seconds left in the game to give Texas A&M the victory. Edgar led the team with 18 points, while Harned had 11 points and six rebounds. Sophomore Janet Duckham had seven rebounds.

"The most positive thing for us was that we didn't play that well but we kept our composure when we needed to," Gough said.

In their 80-73 loss to Tulane, the Aggie Ladies were led by Felice Lewis and Duckham, each with 12 points. Harned and Edgar had 10 points apiece, while Harned had 10 rebounds.

"The thing that really killed us against Tulane was our rebounding," Gough said. "The rebounding was 59-29 (the Ladies had 34 fouls). When you've got kids the size of ours, you just can't have that. Harned has come off the bench the last couple of games and done well for us."

Michell Tatum, the Aggie leading returning scorer this season, has had a slow start, Gough said.

"She had four points and three rebounds against Tulane in only about 15 minutes — we've got to have more out of her than that," she said. "If she can stay in the game and stave off foul trouble, she'll do well because she's physical under the basket."

"Tulane was a real slow, deliberate team, and they worked (the ball) around. We could have run on this team, but we didn't do it well. We had several opportunities to win. We were behind by as many as 15 or 17 points the first half, but we came back to within 47-41 at the half and we tied it 60-60 at one time in the second half."

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Scott Nelson, winner of the 176-200 lb. weight class, displays his weightlifting form.

Extramural Sports Update

TAMU MEN'S SOCCER TEAM SHUTS OUT LONGHORNS
For the first time in four years, the Texas A&M Men's Soccer Team defeated the University of Texas in Austin. On Saturday, November 13, freshmen Andrew Triolo and David Wright scored one goal apiece to help the Ags shut out t.u. 2-0. Way to go AGS!

TAMU ARCHERY CLUB SHOOT WELL IN THE LONGHORN INVITATIONAL
On Saturday, October 30, the TAMU Archery Club traveled to Austin to participate in the Longhorn Invitational Archery Tournament. The tournament was composed of the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M and one individual from S.W. Texas State University. The Tournament offered five competitive divisions: CoRec (composed of the top men and two women), Collegiate Men, Collegiate Women and Collegiate Men's and Women's Teams.

The TAMU Club Results:
1st Place - CoRec - Heather Dunnam, S. Elaine Christensen, Mark French, and Ray Wilgins.
1st Place - Collegiate Women (singles) - S. Elaine Christensen
2nd Place - Collegiate Women (singles) - Heather Dunnam
2nd Place - Collegiate Women's Team - Diane Marek, Vanessa Marek, and Kris Spillet
2nd Place - Collegiate Men's Team - Paul Chan, Mile Beck, and Eddie Floyd.
Congratulations TAMU Archery Club — Good Shooting!!

TAMU RACQUETBALL CLUB MEMBERS IN HOUSTON TOURNAMENT
The TAMU Racquetball Club played in the Budweiser Light Racquetball Tournament at the Racquetball and Handball Clubs of Houston. The final results of that tournament include: Shelly Lindsey, a first place finish in the Women's Novice Division and a third place finish by Lori Mae Dowell in the Women's Division.

TAMU WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB
The TAMU Women's Rugby Club ended their fall season with a first place finish in the Ozarks Rugby Tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Ag's took the championship by pounding Ft. Hill 34-0, New Orleans 30-0 and by winning the championship game against St. Louis 3-0. Other teams in the tournament included: University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas, Louisiana State University, Wichita State University, and the Lady Ozark Rugby Club.
The TAMU Women's Rugby Club finished the season with an overall record of 19-4 and with a second place in the Southern Conference. Highlights of their season would have to include a first place finish in the Waco Mini Tournament, first place finish in the Houston Rugby Tournament, and a second place in the San Antonio Sevens (28 team tournament).

In January, the club will be vying for a national berth in cup play. The club is continuing to accept new members, so if you have an interest in women's rugby contact Lauren St. Pierre at 845-3396.

Congratulations to: Nealette Thomas (coach), Cindy Allen (captain), LeAnn Drozd (treasurer), Kristy Crenshaw (secretary), Lauren S. Pierre (president), Vivian Cradock, Melissa McGrath, Mary Ann Wiley, Jani Harter, June Van Dyke, Tracie Tomazin, Karen Wesson, Lisa Wilkerson, Debbie Wall, Ann Stancavage, Carolina Gomez, J. J. Graham, Denise Seavitt and Roachelle.

Thanks Weightlifters!

THANKS WEIGHTLIFTERS!
The Intramural-Recreational Sports Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the TAMU Weightlifting Club, and especially Andy Rettenmaier, Steve Lumpee, David Georges, Tom Barnett, and others for their assistance with our annual weightlifting contest. Club members gave up several hours of their time to act as judges and spotters for contestants in each of four weight classes, men and women. The club provided use of the club room and equipment.

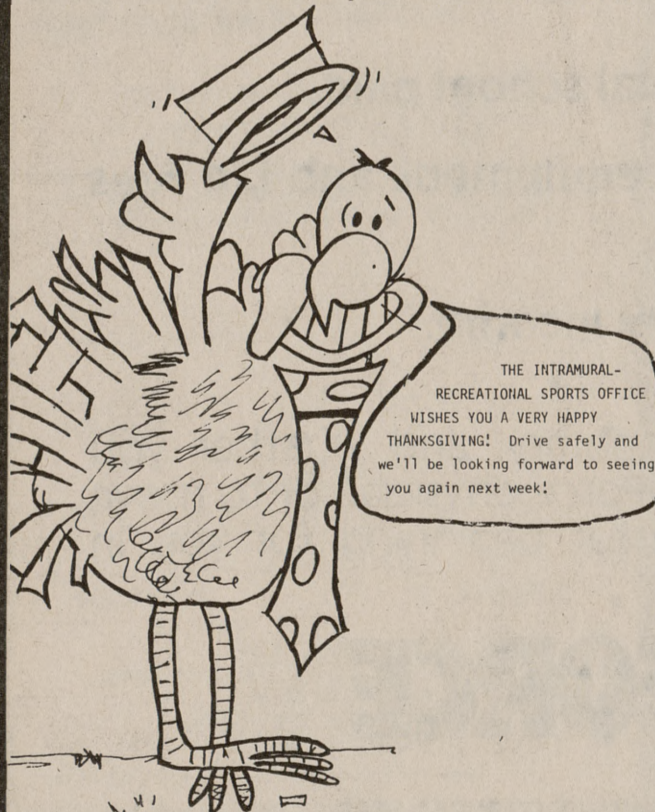
The TAMU Weightlifters are gearing up for a much larger contest in the spring, since Texas A&M has been selected to host the National Powerlifting Championships. We look forward to supporting the club's efforts in April as we appreciate their cooperation this fall. THANKS AGAIN!



TAMU Women's Rugby Club finishes the Fall season 2nd in the Southern Conference!

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