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Aggies win!

Naulls, Roberts lead Texas A&M past Texas

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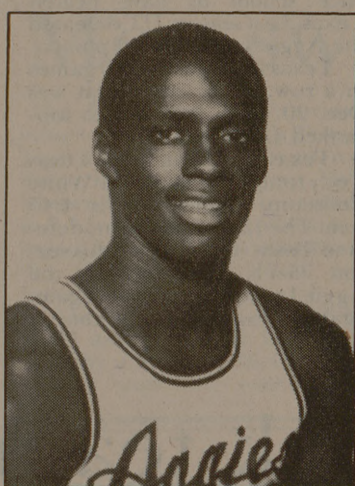
The Texas Longhorns had a cheerleader-guard walk-on, a Bevo-in-a-costume, a whole group of dancing girls, a pep band, bunches of fans, a center with 17 rebounds and 40 whole minutes to try and shut down the Texas Aggies.

No matter. The Aggies had the "home" court advantage.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's crew won again in the friendly confines of UT's Frank C. Erwin Special Events Center, a place where the Aggies have now won four in a row.

Texas A&M's 64-52 victory over Texas was its sixth of the last seven contests between the two schools. Before one gets the impression the Aggies had an easy time with the down-and-out Horns, however, one should realize that it was close enough, late enough to give Texas coach Bob Weltlich visions of Upset City.

Not until the Aggies' back-court duo of Reggie Roberts and



Tyren Naulls had 20 points and seven assists for A&M

Tyren Naulls broke the game open midway through the second half did the Longhorns roll over and play dead like they were expected to do. An extremely patient offense, good

outside shooting and a super performance by 6-4 center Carlton Cooper kept the Horns in a game they were supposed to be destroyed in.

Texas slowed the pace of the game down just enough to make the Aggies work on defense, and the ploy paid off. The Horns got several buckets from close range after passing the ball around for most of the allotted 45 seconds.

Just the sight of the quicker, taller Aggies should have been enough to make the Longhorns turn and run. But they refused to be intimidated, even after the Aggies jumped out to a 7-0 lead.

Texas came back to tie the score at 14-14 with Cooper's 18-foot jump shot at the 9:34 mark of the first half. The Longhorns then took the lead 16-14 on their next possession when Bill Wendlandt scored from 20 feet out.

The Aggies tied the score with 6:57 left in the half on a Claude Riley tip-in, and the score see-sawed back and forth between the two teams for the rest of the half.

But Texas' Mitch Parrish hit an eight-footer from the right side with three seconds left to give the Longhorns a 27-26 half-time lead.

The Aggies and Longhorns were tied three times during the first half and the lead changed hands nine times. Texas A&M's opening lead of seven points was its biggest of the half.

The second half was close until the 13:22 mark, when Texas A&M's quickness at the guard position began to take its toll on the Longhorns. Roberts had a steal, drive and reverse slam dunk that gave the Aggies a four-point lead at 39-35, and later in the half Roberts and Naulls combined on a play that seemed to take the heart out of the Horns.

The play began with a Riley rebound on the left side of the Texas basket. Riley quickly passed the ball downcourt to a charging Roberts, who drove down the right side of the court.

UT's Doug Moe was the lone Longhorn defending, and he

was suckered in by Roberts' apparent move to the hoop. Roberts, however, had other ideas, and when Moe committed himself, Roberts passed the ball behind his back to Naulls, who was coming in from the left side. Naulls made an easy layup to give the Aggies a seven-point lead at 53-46.

There was still five minutes left in the game when Roberts and Naulls teamed up for their basket, but those two points did the Horns in. Texas A&M hit several free throws down the stretch, and at one point led by 14 at 62-48.

Wendlandt later made a layup to cut the lead to 63-52, and Jimmie Gilbert made the first half of a one-and-one free throw opportunity to make the final score 64-52.

Naulls, who finished the game with 20 points (15 in the second half) said his offensive output was an attempt to take some of the pressure off his teammates.

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Walk-on cheers despite Horn loss

by John P. Lopez
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The last time Lance Watson attended a Texas A&M-Texas squabble, he was cheering from the sidelines as a yell leader for the Longhorns when Texas defeated the Aggies 53-16 at the annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

Saturday, while the Aggies were defeating Texas 64-52 in basketball at the Frank C. Erwin Special Events Center in Austin, Watson was once again cheering on the Horns from the sidelines. But this time Watson was on the Longhorn bench — ready to be

called on if needed.

Although he never got into the Aggie-Longhorn clash, his presence was felt — or rather — heard throughout the game. Several times during the Longhorn loss Watson was the lone Texas player standing and cheering for his team.

At times it seemed Watson would have a yell-leader flashback, turning to the crowd and flashing the Hook 'em 'Horns sign in an attempt to liven up the crowd.

But Watson said his antics on the bench came without thought.

"It's (his cheering) natural," he said. "I just want to pitch in any way I can. I get caught up in the game and start cheering. I guess it's an instinct I have."

Besides the fact that Watson traded in his megaphone for sneakers, there's another reason Watson's presence on the Longhorn bench is ironic.

Watson's father graduated from Texas A&M in 1939 and his sister is presently enrolled as a junior at Texas A&M.

"They both have a good time with it (his playing for Texas)," Watson said. "My father really enjoys it. But he just wants me to

do the best I can. I almost went to A&M, but I finally decided Texas was best for me. If I would have gone to A&M I probably would have tried out for yell leader there, too.

"But now I'm on the basketball team and I consider myself to be just like any other player. I tried out for the team and made it just like anybody else."

As a matter of fact, several other Longhorns have tried out and made the basketball team lately.

Texas' misfortunes in trying to keep scholarship players on the roster have caused Weltlich

to turn to walk-ons for help. Texas only has four scholarship players left on its roster, and none of those four players were starters last year.

But after Texas A&M handed Weltlich his 12th loss of the year, Weltlich didn't blame his lack of bench strength for the defeat.

"A&M is just a talented ball club — a very talented ball club," he said. "The game was close for awhile, but we started to force things in the second half and fell behind."

"That made us play catch-up." See WATSON page 13



photo by David Fisher

Lance Watson, a UT cheerleader who tried out for the varsity basketball team and made it as a guard for Coach Bob Weltlich, cheers from the bench in the Horns' 64-52 loss to the Texas Aggies Saturday. For more information on Watson and the game, see accompanying stories. Watson didn't play in the contest, but he helped his teammates out from the sidelines. The Aggies meet Texas Tech tonight at 7:10 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Ladies play at 4:45.

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IT PAYS TO KNOW...

In the past few months utility costs have risen significantly. For off campus students, this means paying a higher bill each month. For college students on a budget, that extra amount could make a big difference - staying home from the Hall of Fame on Wednesday nights, buying fewer button-downs, and eating less of that good 'ole Blue Bell. Don't get discouraged; there is a way to combat this problem. The following tips can help reduce energy consumption and keep those monthly utility bills down.

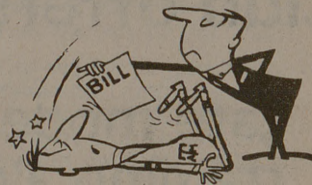
Cold Weather Energy Tips:

- 1) Lower thermostats to 68° during the day and 60° at night. If these settings reduce the temperature an average of 6 degrees, heating costs should run about 15 percent less.
- 2) Clean or replace the filter in force-air heating systems every month.
- 3) Keep draperies and shades open in sunny windows; close them at night.

Warm Weather Energy Savers:

- 1) Set air conditioning thermostats no lower than 78° F. Some experts estimate that the difference between 72° and 78° can save as much as 47 percent on cooling costs.
 - 2) Run air conditioners only on really hot days, and set the fan speed at high. In very humid weather, set the fan at low speed to provide less cooling but more moisture removal.
 - 3) Clean or replace air conditioner filters at least once a month.
 - 4) Keep the lights low or off. Electric lights generate heat and add to the load on the air conditioner equipment.
- Year-Round Tips for Energy Savings:**
- 1) Turn off all lights when not needed. Careful use of lighting can save up to 4% on your monthly bill.
 - 2) Remove one bulb out of three and replace it with a burned-out bulb for safety; replace others with bulbs of the next lower wattage.

- 3) Use fluorescent lights in suitable areas. One 40-watt fluorescent tube, for example, provides more light than three 60-watt incandescent bulbs.
- 4) Close off, unoccupied rooms and turn off the heat or air conditioning.
- 5) Repair all leaky faucets, especially hot water faucets, as quickly as possible.
- 6) Turn off stereo and television set when not in use.
- 7) Wash clothes in warm or cold water, rinse in cold.
- 8) Take more showers than tub baths. Showers use less hot water, hence less energy than tub baths.



As costs continue to soar, conserving energy has become important to everyone. These tips on conserving energy are simple ways to save money throughout the year - money which could be spent on such necessities as the Hall of Fame, button-downs, and Blue Bell, of course.

AN AGGIE TRADITION!

Texas A&M University is well known for its Aggie traditions. We "hump-it," stand at football games, "whoop," and stay up until midnight just to sing "Hullybaloo, Caneck Caneck." These traditions characterize Texas A&M by bringing students closer together in fellowship and friendship. In an effort to accomplish the same goal, J. E. Loupot, Sr., class of '32, began serving Aggies back in 1929.

During his years as a student at Texas A&M, "Army Lou," as his friends call him, began selling clothing to other students and later opened a small cafe. After leaving A&M he moved to Dallas where he stayed for a few years. However, Army Lou was drawn back to College Station where he became involved in the book business. As Loupot's Book Store grew, so did Army Lou's reputation for being a friend to all Aggies.

For the past 22 years he has supplied Texas A&M athletes with textbooks. He has loaned books during finals week to those students whose textbooks were lost or stolen. Army Lou also guarantees satisfaction on all merchandise sold to students and provides a two week return policy.

In addition to serving Aggies through his business, Army Lou has repeatedly gone to the rescue of former and present students. In the 1960's he initiated an exam collecting system similar to the "quiz files" of today. After learning that several students were having trouble with a certain freshman level course, Army Lou personally hired a graduate student to conduct help sessions once a week. Needless to say, the students learned their material, and Army Lou made a score of new friends. As a result, Army Lou became well known throughout the community, around the University, and down at City Hall. He never hesitated to "ball out," sometimes literally, a friend in need.

This column, the "Off Campus Corner," is another example of Army Lou's continued support of Aggies. With his assistance, the Off Campus Center is able to provide this monthly column especially for off campus students.

It is easy to see why Army Lou has become a special Aggie tradition. His friendship is priceless and his dedication unmistakable. Thanks Lou, from all of us!

OFF CAMPUS CALENDAR

OFF CAMPUS AGGIES: General meetings will be held:

- Wednesday, February 2 140 MSC 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 16 510 Rudder 6:30 p.m.

OCA Apartment Council/Officers Meeting:

- Wednesday, February 9 510 Rudder 6:30 p.m.

M*A*S*H PARTY: OCA is sponsoring a "Farewell to M*A*S*H party on Saturday, February 26.

ALL NIGHT FAIR: Will be held Saturday, February 5th in the MSC.

BIG EVENT: Will be held on Sunday, February 20th. To be involved in the OCA service project, go by the OCA cubicle in Room 216 of the MSC.

Loupot's Off Campus Corner is sponsored each month by Loupot's Bookstore at Northgate as a service to Texas A&M students. Stories and artwork are provided by the staff of the Off Campus Center.