

Aggie Ladies lose to Horns

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The Lady Longhorns strengthened their hold on the No. 4 spot in the country as they played near-perfect basketball Saturday, romping Texas A&M 88-51 in Austin.

The Aggie Ladies tried every trick in the book in trying to keep up with Texas, but the front line of Texas was too strong, too talented and too big for Texas A&M.

Texas' trio of Esoleta Whaley, Terri Mackey and Annette Smith scored a total of 50 points from the inside game. Smith was the main cog in the Lady Longhorn machine as she netted 20 points on 10 of 15 shooting, hauled in seven rebounds, gave out three assists, had three steals and blocked three shots.

Time after time the Aggie Ladies were forced to shoot from the outside—and that was the main reason Texas A&M only shot 39 percent from the floor.

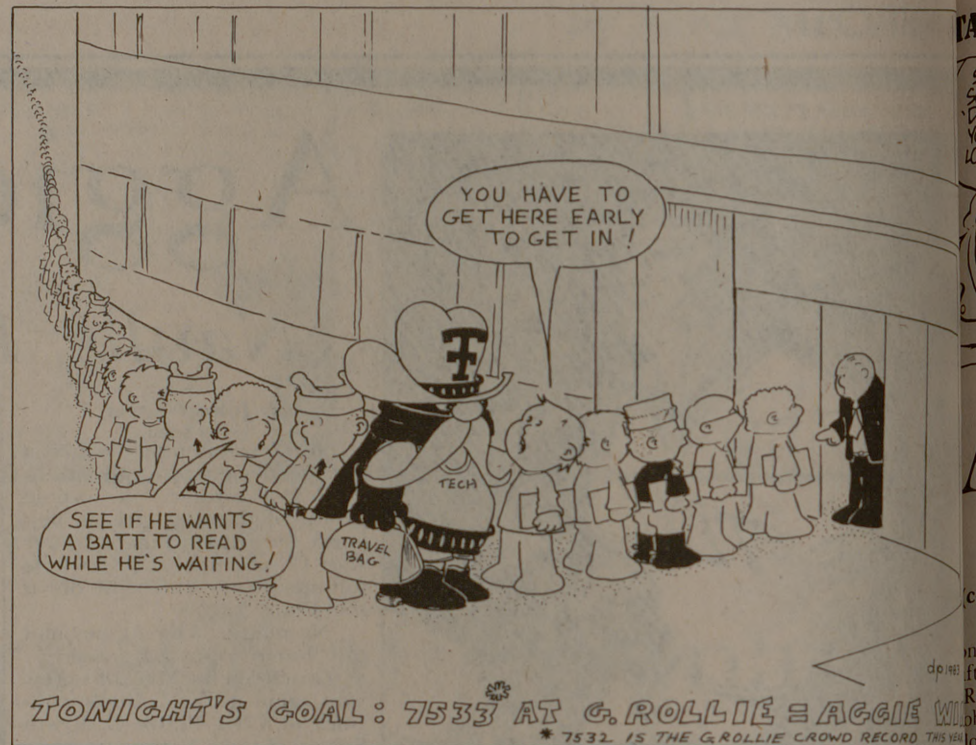
Leading the Aggies were Kelli Harned with 11 points and eight rebounds, Janet Duckham with eight points and Kelly Krauskopf with six.

The Aggie Ladies' record fell to 1-3 in conference and 9-10 on the year with the loss. Texas, on the other hand, raised its record to 4-0 in conference and 15-2 on the year.

The Lady Longhorns have now beaten Texas A&M eight straight times, with the last Aggie win coming five years ago. Texas A&M is the last conference school to have beaten Texas. Last season, UT defeated the Aggie Ladies by 40 points.

Texas has now won 10 games in a row. Their last defeat was Dec. 20 when they lost to top-ranked Louisiana Tech.

Texas A&M will meet Texas Tech tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Game time is 4:45 p.m. The Lady Longhorns defeated Texas Tech earlier this season 75-71. On Saturday, the Aggie Ladies are at home again, against Houston. Game time is 5:15.



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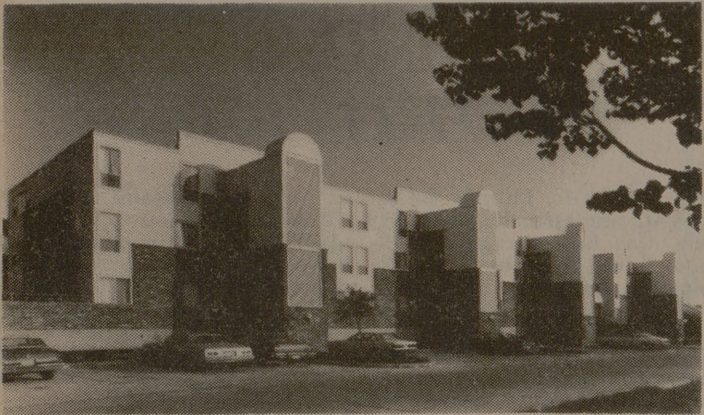
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Men's track team wins LSU Invitational meet

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And the men's track team is right at that mark after winning their second straight meet championship at the 16th annual LSU Invitational Sunday in Baton Rouge, La.

The Aggies scored 117 points to claim the title, defeating Southwest Conference foe University of Texas. The Longhorns finished second with 102 points.

The University of Houston was third with 67, Alabama was fourth with 58, LSU fifth with 48, and Florida State sixth with 41.

Last Saturday the Aggies captured the team championship in the Sooner Relays on the University of Oklahoma campus. It

was their first meet of the season.

Texas A&M used a well-balanced attack to place first in the LSU Invitational. The Aggies had at least one score in every event, and in the 60-yard hurdles, 600-yard run, pole vault, and high jump, they claimed three of the top six places.

Texas A&M won four event championships, including Tony Grier in the 440-yard dash with a time of 48.34, Tony Tolson in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:10.54, Jimmy Howard in the high jump with a mark of 7-2 3/4, and the mile relay team of Cliff Chatham, Tony Grier, Bill Shelton and Tony Tolson with a time of 3:15.14.

Nine marks were the season's

best, and Howard qualified for the NCAA indoor meet with his jump. Mike Glaspie also met the NCAA indoor qualifying times in the 60-yard hurdles with a time of 7.26. He finished second in that race.

Aggie coach Charlie Thomas said he was surprised with his team's success, especially since it is so early in the season.

"We had another outstanding team effort this week," Thomas said. "This is the second week in a row the team has performed extremely well and if we continue to improve we'll be a legitimate SWC contender."

The women's squad finished sixth in the meet with 15 points. The team winner was Houston with 105 points, followed by Alabama with 83, Texas El Paso with 72, LSU with 66, and Rice with 27.

The women placed in 4 events, and all four marks were season bests. In the 60-yard hurdles Chandai Phillips was sixth with a time of 8.44, and in the 1,000-yard run, Debbie Noel was fourth 2:43.25.

The mile relay team of Suzanne Sheffield, Jana Graves, Deanie Palmer and Novaita Samuels was fourth with a time of 3:58.06.

Sheffield also finished third in 880-yard run with a time of 2:12.51, which qualified her for the NCAA indoor meet.

The men's team will be in Dallas on Saturday to take place in the Dallas Times Herald Invitational.

Hogs beat Demos on T V, 68-65

United Press International GREENSBORO, N.C. — Only the lure of television exposure drew coach Eddie Sutton and the Arkansas Razorbacks to Greensboro, N.C., Sunday and as it turned out, it was a trip they were glad they made.

In a quality basketball game filled with tight defense, questionable calls, 13 ties and 17 lead changes, the Razorbacks brought a little prestige back with them from North Carolina in addition to a 68-65 victory over the Wake Forest Deacons.

It was a win big enough to satisfy the folks in Fayetteville for a while, at least until the Houston Cougars come calling on March 3.

"I'd never play a nonconference game at this point in the season unless it was a nationally televised game," said Sutton before his team left Arkansas. "The game is important because so many people will be watching us play."

But the game wasn't exactly nationally televised. Some folks saw UCLA beat Notre Dame as a tune-up for Super Bowl XVII and others saw Arkansas and Wake Forest battle hard for 40 full minutes.

Not until Ricky Norton hit a nervous free throw with two seconds left did Arkansas finally wrap up a game in which it was a three-point underdog.

It was the 17th victory against a single loss for 11th-ranked Arkansas, which had been criticized in some quarters this year for building up its record with a soft inter-sectional schedule.

The Razorbacks can now rest until Wednesday night when they return to league action at home against the Rice Owls. That night will also mark the return of the Houston Cougars to SWC play, having been idle since running away from the Owls last Wednesday evening.

Houston will entertain Baylor Wednesday night

and then take on Texas A&M in College Station Saturday in a regionally televised matchup.

Tonight's lone conference game has Texas hosting Texas Tech in a set winner over Baylor Saturday night and Tuesday night SMU travel to Texas.

Some of Arkansas' memorable moments in last few years have come against Wake Forest. In 1977 the Razorbacks had a 26-1 record and had an able halftime lead over the Deacons in the NCAA playoffs only to falter under full-court press and eventually lose, 86-80.

Last year the Deacons again rallied to beat Arkansas in Little Rock, 49-48.

But on Sunday the Razorbacks hung in against a talented team in a hostile environment.

Wake Forest jumped to a quick 7-2 lead after Arkansas had missed three late shots. But with center Joe Kiser working free inside and helping control the boards, the Hogs struggled back to tie the game at 36-36.

The Deacons went front at 54-53 with six minutes to play after Sutton had picked up a technical foul, but Darrell Walker's basket with just over five minutes left to push the Hogs back in front.

The game was tied at 60 when Walker made the first of two free throw opportunities with 1:11 remaining. He missed the second, but Alvin Robertson tipped in the missed shot to give Arkansas a three-point lead.

Norton took over in final moments, hitting free shots with 23 seconds left, two more with seconds to go and another with two seconds remaining.

Robertson equaled a season high with 23 points while Kleine scored 20—most ever in an Arkansas uniform.

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