

# The Battalion Sports

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## Swim team grabs Penn relay meet

from staff and wire reports

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The men's swim team bested an 11-team field to win the 15th annual Penn State Relays Friday and Saturday.

In the women's division, A&M finished third with 143 points, behind Penn State's 168 and North Carolina's 146.

The men accumulated 340 points to edge defending champion North Carolina by 8. Host Penn State was third with 302.

The Aggies won three of the six events held each day, and set meet records in the 400-yard individual medley, the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays and the 400-yard butterfly relay.

Sophomore Chris O'Neil met the first NCAA qualifying standard of the season in the 100-yard butterfly split of the 400-yard medley relay. O'Neil is an NCAA all-American in that event.

**Golf team wins**  
WEST COLUMBIA — British Amateur champion Philip Parkin and British Youth champion Paul Mayo, both of Texas A&M, combined for a final round 7-under-par 65 to win the Bluebonnet Bowl Invitational Golf Classic by 2 shots Sunday.

Parkin and Mayo were 16-under for the tournament with a three-day total of 200. That was two shots better than Baylor's team of Neal Barfield and Robert Meyers, who combined for a 70 Sunday.



Dean Saito, Battalion staff

Texas A&M's Mike Clifford (25) battles LSU's Theron Cujoe for a rebound during the Tigers' 75-65 victory Saturday. A&M hosts Southwestern tonight at 7:30 p.m.

## Ags host Pirates tonight

# Second-half surge gives Tigers win over Aggies

by John Wagner

Battalion Staff

HOUSTON — The Texas Aggies, who are destined to spend the remainder of the season with the tag "youthful" pre-facing their name, stuck right with the No. 12-ranked LSU Tigers for 30 minutes of Saturday's contest in the Summit.

It was the other 10 that sealed their fate.

Down by just five points at halftime, the Aggies roared back onto the court to start Round Two and promptly found themselves at the mercy of a Tiger half-court trap that turned the game around and gave LSU a 75-65 victory before 4,285.

The Tigers hit three straight baskets off the trap to open the second half, and A&M didn't score until the 16:51 mark when guard Kenny Brown hit a 20-foot jump shot. But LSU reeled off 11 unanswered points to ice the game, jumping to a 23-point lead before a late Aggie comeback against LSU reserves cut the Tiger margin of victory to 10.

"The half-court trap was the difference," LSU coach Dale Brown said. "That turned the game around."

For the Aggies, however, cold shooting hands and an inability to break the Tiger zone defense hurt just as much as LSU's quick trap.

A&M hit only 42 percent of its field goal attempts and shot a horrible 59 percent from the free throw line, making 13 of 22

attempts. In comparison, the Tigers shot 53 percent from the floor and made 21 of 30 free throw attempts.

"They shot like a nationally-ranked team," A&M coach Shelby Metcalf lamented.

But that wasn't all. The Tigers gave A&M's offense fits in the second half, disrupting the Aggies' patient game plan and forcing shots from the outside. A&M center Jimmie Gilbert, who finished the first half with 4 points, was never a factor in the second half when the Aggies couldn't work the ball inside.

"They created a lot of problems for us inside," Gilbert said.

One of those problems was 6-8 Tiger center Steffond Johnson. Gilbert and Johnson battled it out for most of the game, but Johnson had a little help in the hefty frames of forwards Jerry Reynolds (6-8) and Leonard Mitchell (6-7).

In an effort to beef up A&M's inside game, Metcalf pulled starter Winston Crite ("Crite may have been a little awed by Leonard Mitchell," Metcalf explained), and replaced him with Mike Clifford. The freshman from Round Rock answered the call, scoring 10 points and pulling down 12 rebounds — a performance that surprised even Metcalf.

"I've never seen him play like that — either in a game or in practice," Metcalf said.

Tiger sophomore Derrick Taylor led all scorers with 19 points, and Mitchell added 15 to help LSU raise its record to 4-0.

Brown led the Aggies — now 2-1 — with 16, followed by guard Todd Holloway's 12.

A&M kept the game close throughout the first half, after LSU hit three straight baskets to start the game. The Tigers pushed their lead to 17-10 when Mitchell and Reynolds hit lay-ups off the fast break, and A&M called timeout with 12:40 left in the half.

"They were beating us down the court," Holloway said. "They beat us in the transition game, and we had to start forcing our shots."

The Tigers went ahead by 11, 23-12 on jump shots by Taylor and John Tudor, but the Aggies took advantage of an LSU cold streak to climb to a five-point deficit when the half ended.

The Aggies, who host Southwestern tonight at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum, continue to experiment with line-up combinations and starting positions. Metcalf says that — at least

for now — the experimenting won't change.

"As the season goes along and we know more about our people, we'll have more of the right people playing," Metcalf said. "I'm not down about this team. Like I've said all along, they're young, but they're steadily improving."

"I feel better about the team than I did before the game."

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## Dorsett, Cowboys romp, 35-10

**United Press International**  
SEATTLE — Tony Dorsett rushed for 117 yards and two touchdowns and Danny White threw a pair of second-half TD passes to carry the Dallas Cowboys to a 35-10 victory over the mistake-prone Seattle Seahawks Sunday.

Dallas, 12-2, scored in every period as the Cowboys remained tied with Washington for first place in the NFC Eastern Division. The Cowboys and Redskins collide in Texas Stadium next Sunday.

Seattle rookie Curt Warner, the AFC's leading rusher, was limited to just 22 yards on 12 carries for his lowest output of the season. The Seahawks, 7-7, didn't score a touchdown until late in the fourth quarter when Warner went around right end from 2 yards out.

Dorsett opened the scoring with an 8-yard run with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter to cap a 97-yard drive.

He scored again in the second quarter on a spinning 7-yard run up the middle to give Dallas a 14-0 lead with 3:57 remaining before halftime.

White, who had 10 straight completions at one point, fired touchdown passes of 35 yards to Doug Donley and 16 yards to Butch Johnson in the second half to stretch the Cowboys' lead to 28-3 in the fourth quarter.

After Warner's score, backup Cowboy quarterback Gary Hogeboom took Dallas on one final scoring drive and capped it with a 15-yard pass to Timmy Newsome with just over a minute to play.

Seattle quarterback Dave Krieg was pressured all after-

noon by the Dallas rush and was sacked seven times, the high mark for the Cowboys' defense this season. But the Seahawks also hurt themselves with costly turnovers and penalties on four separate occasions deep in Dallas territory.

Seattle's next big mistake came on their next possession right after Dallas had marched 97 yards for a 7-0 lead. This time, Warner broke loose for an apparent 24-yard gain to the Dallas 7 but the play was wiped out by a holding penalty. After another penalty and a quarterback sack by the Cowboys, Seattle was forced to punt on the final play of the first quarter.

The Seahawks threatened again late in the second quarter and appeared to have scored on a 28-yard pass from Krieg to Byron Walker. But another holding penalty nullified the score and the Seahawks were forced to settle for a 54-yard field goal by Norm Johnson — his career best — with nine seconds left in the half to cut Dallas' lead to 14-3.

Seattle started the second half the same way it opened the game — by wasting an opportunity set up by a Cowboy mistake.

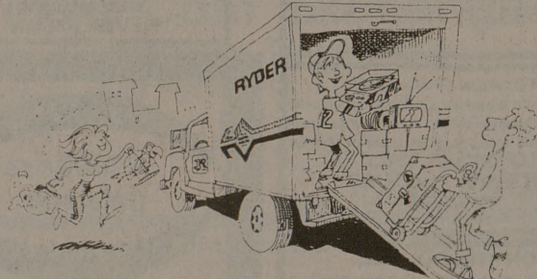
Seattle received the opening kickoff and was forced to punt after three plays. But the Seahawks got the ball right back when Jeff West's punt hit a Dallas player and Seattle recovered. The Seahawks moved quickly to the Cowboys' 13, where another bad handoff between Krieg and Warner gave the ball back to Dallas.

Later that quarter, the Cow-

boys put the game out of reach when White connected on the 35-yard touchdown pass to Donley for his 10th straight pass completion. White finished with 19 completions in 26 attempts for 233 yards and the two touchdowns. Hogeboom was 4-for-4 for 60 yards and a TD in his brief relief appearance.

Seattle's scoring output was its lowest of the season and came on the heels of a five-game stretch in which the Seahawks had averaged 39 points a contest. Dallas held a 418-216 edge in total offense.

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Dal—Dorsett 7 run (Septien kick), 11:03  
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- Third  
Dal—Donley 35 pass from White (Septien kick), 4:15
- Fourth  
Dal—Johnson 11 pass from White (Septien kick), 6:41  
Sea—Warner 2 run (Johnson kick), 10:51  
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