

Ag men lose

SMU stomps

By DAVE SCOTT

DALLAS — SMU crushed Texas A&M's mens basketball team 83-56 Wednesday night, but the Aggie women fared much better winning 78-69 behind the combined 56-point production of Michelle Tatum and Lisa Langston.

The woman's team improved their SWC record to 1-2. Center Tatum lead the Aggie woman with 28 points and 17 rebounds despite fouling out. Langston, the team's leading scorer, also added 28.

On the men's side of the floor, the game was never in doubt. Mustangs' Center Jon Koncak made sure of that.

Koncak finished the night with 20 points, 20 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Even though Koncak dominated, he was kind to the Aggies after the game.

"The ball just bounced our way," the 7-foot center said. "It wasn't like playing a bunch of 6-2 white guys. They have a really good team. Whenever you beat A&M it's a great win."

Texas A&M head coach Shelby Metcalf was more blunt and more realistic about the contest.

He gave full credit to the Mustangs, but also blamed his team. "We just had a horrible night," he said. The intensity that A&M displayed against Houston was nowhere in sight.

"It looked to me like SMU wanted it more than we did," he said.

"We just weren't ready to play. And everybody has to be going hard, for us to have any success."

SMU lead from start to finish building their lead up to 30 points.

A&M shot a poor 35.6 percent from the field, with most of their shots being forced from the far outside.

And when the Aggies missed, Koncak was there to gobble up every rebound. He started the game hot, grabbing almost a rebound each minute for the first ten minutes of the game. Metcalf said that was the key.

"A lack of rebounding to start the ballgame really killed us," Metcalf said.

"And rebounding has been our forte."

Leading scorer for the Aggies was Al Pulliam with 14 points, ten of those coming in the first half. Doug Lee added 13.

The men who are now 9-7 on the year and 2-3 in SWC play take on TCU back at the friendly confines of G. Rollie White Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The women who are now 8-5 on the year will also play at Saturday at home. They tip-off against Arkansas at 7:30 p.m.

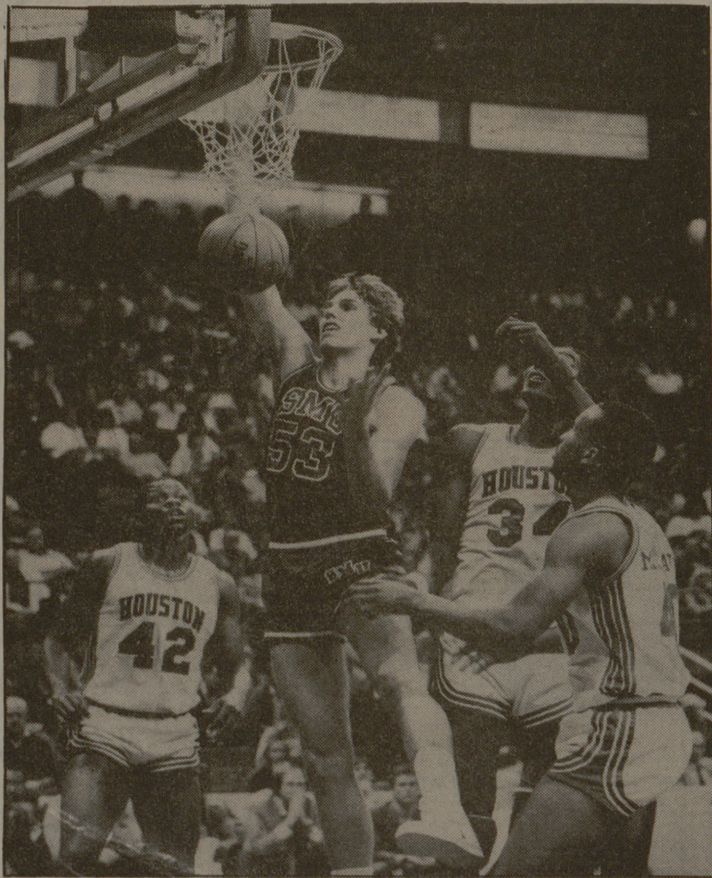


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SMU Center, Jon Koncak, shown here in action last season dominated the Aggies Wednesday night. Koncak scored 20 points, 20 rebounds and seven blocked shots.

Hawks' Rivers happy to start

United Press International

ATLANTA (UPI) — Atlanta Hawks rookie Glenn "Doc" Rivers polished his game against NBA stars in the Chicago summer leagues so he wasn't too awed on his first trip around the league.

But Rivers, a 6-foot-4 guard who gave up his senior season at Marquette to turn pro, was left speechless when Philadelphia 76ers star Julius Erving made his first visit to Atlanta this season.

"I had always been in awe of The Doctor" because they call me Doc," said Rivers. "I went to chapel services before the game and suddenly 'Doc' walked in with about seven Philadelphia players."

"He came up to me and said, 'How are you doing, Doc?' That just shocked me. He's about the only player I hadn't met. I didn't know he knew I existed."

When the game began, Rivers couldn't wait to show Erving how he picked up his nickname. "The first time I got the ball I wanted to drive and try to dunk so bad," he recalled. "I got one later in the game over Moses (Malone)."

The 22-year-old Rivers was the 31st player taken in last year's draft but he's quickly made a name for himself around the league, averaging

9.2 points and nearly four assists a game. He recently moved into the Hawks' starting lineup, teaming with veteran Johnny Davis in the backcourt and with Eddie Johnson now coming off the bench.

"He's doing extremely well right now," said rookie Atlanta Coach Mike Fratello. "He's got a long way to go but he'll get better as he plays more games and gets more minutes."

Rivers runs the Atlanta offense and his strength is taking the ball to the basket. He's also very quick and Fratello says he "could be an outstanding defender by the time he's done."

Rivers skipped his senior season at Marquette because basketball was no longer fun. "Basically, I wasn't happy with the system at Marquette," he said.

"I think a lot of people misinterpreted what I said and thought I wasn't happy with Coach (Hank) Raymonds. It's just I am more of a transition-type player and Marquette was walking the ball up the court. We were playing zone defense and I love playing man-to-man and going after people."

Rivers, nephew of former NBA player Jim Brewer and cousin of Baltimore Orioles' star Ken Singleton, was disappointed he did not get picked until early in the second round

of the NBA draft, but that only heightened his resolve to make the Hawks.

"I just came in here and said 'I'm going to make this team,'" he recalled.

Seven veteran guards reported to the Hawks' preseason camp along with first-round pick Randy Wittman and Rivers. But Rivers who did not have a guaranteed contract quickly earned a job and he's played a lot of because of the early season injuries to the Hawks' guards.

The Hawks have hovered around the .500 mark all season but Rivers says they are due for a

streak. "The chemistry just isn't there yet but it's coming," he said.

"Somewhere down the road, we're going to win five in a row or 10 out of 12 and once we do that, we're going to put a lot of space between a lot of teams."

Rivers thinks he could score more "but right now they are not looking to me to score. My job is an assist man and score when I have to. We have so many great scorers on this team I bet I don't average five shots a game, but I'm hitting over 50 percent."

Cowboys sale still up in air; Rozelle to screen applicants

United Press International

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm insisted Wednesday that the sale of the franchise was "not close," and said the names of several prospective buyers would be forwarded to the National Football League for scrutiny.

The leading contenders in the Cowboys' sweepstakes appear to be local businessmen Vance Miller and W.O. Bankston, whose names have been submitted to NFL Commission-

er Pete Rozelle for preliminary inquiries.

"I wouldn't consider this (the submission of names) a major step because a number of names will be submitted to the league."

"The names that are coming up in the newspaper are there because it is the choice of the people concerned. There are other people involved who haven't chosen to have their names in the newspaper."

"I certainly wouldn't expect anything (to be finalized) before the Pro Bowl."

Schramm, who was recently

hospitalized with stomach problems, did say he felt better about having to sell the team than he did when the decision was first made by current owner Clint Murchison and the Murchison family.

Murchison has never interfered with the running of the team and Schramm, along with other members of the organization, admitted it would be difficult to find another such person who still was willing to spend in the neighborhood of \$60 million on the team.

Raiders talking pass against Skins

United Press International

TAMPA, Fla. — For all that talk about how physical Sunday's Super Bowl matchup between the Los Angeles Raiders and Washington Redskins probably will be, Malcolm Barnwell sees it as more of "a cat and mouse game."

"We are two physical teams, no question about that," the Raiders' wide receiver said Wednesday. "But if you look back to our first game against the Redskins (in October), you'll find we both got most of our yardage by throwing the football."

"We run good routes, they do too," Barnwell said. "Our whole offense is designed toward finding the open receiver. We're going to attack them and they know they are going to be attacked."

Raiders' coach Tom Flores appeared to agree with his young receiver.

"We play a tough brand of football," said Flores. "But, when I talk about attack football, I'm talking about throwing the ball deep."

Flores tried to make a joke Wednesday of the fact he had fined seven of his players \$1,000 each on Tuesday for showing up late for an early-morning meeting.

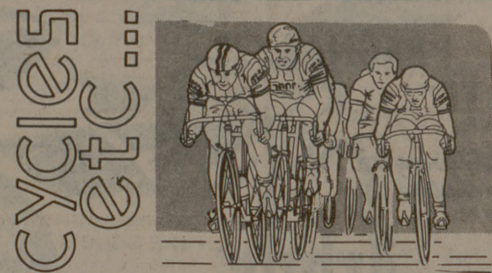
"Someone check," Flores said kiddingly, "and let's see how many members of the media showed up on time for this gathering."

Flores continued to refuse to name the seven players who were fined, but other sources listed them as quarterback Jim Plunkett, cornerbacks Ted Watts and James Davis, safety Kenny Hill, defensive ends Johnny Robinson and Greg Townsend, and offensive guard Curt Marsh.

Of those, only Plunkett expects to start in Sunday's game.

Raiders senior linebacker Ted Hendricks is still suffering from "a strained abdominal muscle," but Flores said he's counting on him to start against the Redskins.

"That injury has bothered him for some weeks now," said Flores. "We'll be taking him out on certain plays, but he's still a pretty dominating player."



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