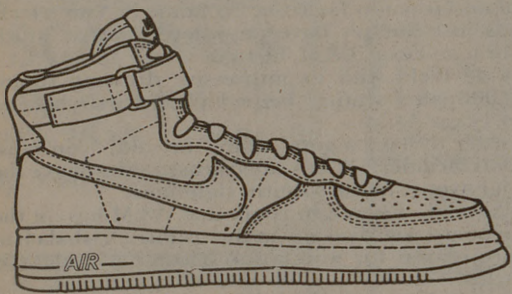


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Last shot doesn't fall as Hogs drop Aggies

By **BILL ROBINSON**
Assistant sports editor

Texas A&M went one-for-two on shots at the buzzer last night. Unfortunately for the Aggies, the one miss came at the end of the game giving Arkansas a 59-58 victory.

It was the Aggies' fourth consecutive setback in Southwest Conference action and the second straight one-point decision. But this game could easily have gone the other way.

A Doug Lee layup rolled across the rim and into the hands of Arkansas center Joe Kleine as time ran out ending a remarkable comeback attempt.

Coach Shelby Metcalf was pleased with the team's performance.

"Our guys played real tough all night," Metcalf said. "It was a great comeback. We just missed a couple of shots that could have won the game for us."

But the Aggies did make a few shots toward the end that brought the 3,329 fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum to their feet.

"I sure thought Doug's (shot) was going to go."

It didn't, though, and A&M's record dropped to 11-11, 4-7 in SWC play. The Razorbacks are 17-4, 8-1, and are still hanging hot on the heels of league-leading Houston.

Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton commented on the victory.

"We're happy we won the game," said Arkansas coach Eddie Sutton. "We were fortunate we won. We made a lot of mistakes and our inability to hit free throws gave them a chance to win."

But the season is far from over and Metcalf says the team will improve with time.

"It takes time — it just doesn't happen (right away)," Metcalf said, snapping his fingers for emphasis.

"We're young and we're trying," he said. "You can't buy experience."

And you can't buy a healthy roster either. The Aggies have been decimated by the flu over the past few weeks, so staying within one point of the Razorbacks in the first game with everyone back may have been a shock.

The flu epidemic hit the team so hard that Metcalf was forced to miss a team practice for the first time in his career.

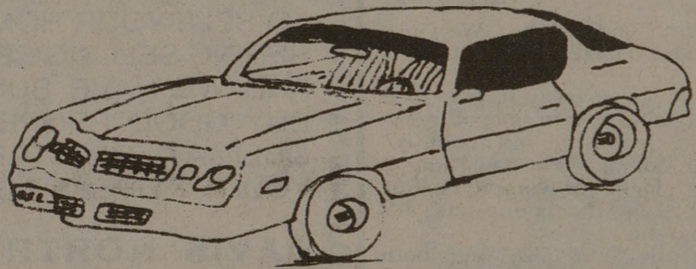
Williams scored 12 points to join Holloway and Brown as the third Aggie in double figures. Winston Crite had eight points, including two dunks; Jimmie Gilbert had two points, and Pulliam came off the bench to score six points.

For the Razorbacks, Alvin Robertson scored 18 before fouling out, Kleine added 14 and Leroy Sutton had 10.

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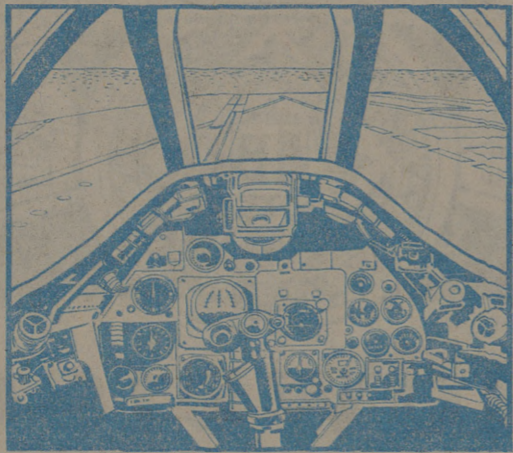
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4. Sammy O'Brient, dl, 6-4, 240, Alief Elsik
5. L.B. Moon, ol, 6-6, 205, Jenks, Okla.
6. Mark Modley, qb, 6-3, 205, Ore City
7. Terrence Brooks, db, 6-1, 180, Dallas
8. O'Neil Gilbert, dl, 6-3, 221, Monroe, La.
9. Trace McGuire, ol, 6-5, 225, Nederland
10. Tony Thompson, wr, 6-2, 180, Houston Lamar
11. Junior Fontenot, ol, 6-3, 230, Lafayette, La.
12. Chris Hanks, dl, 6-5, 250, Lafayette, La.
13. John Roper, lb, 6-2, 205, Houston Yates
14. Tim Landrum, db, 6-1, 185, Plano
15. Melvin Collins, rb, 6-0, 208, Temple
16. Jimmy Shelby, fb, 6-1, 210, Italy
17. Brent Smith, rb, 6-2, 205, LaPorte
18. Junior Bowie, rb, 6-1, 195, Borger
19. Alex Morris, rb, 6-2, 180, Arlington Houston
20. Chris Ford, db, 6-3, 185, Angleton
21. Troy Neel, lb, 6-3, 210, Brazoswood
22. Tim Brown, db, 6-1, 180, LaPorte
23. Layne Polockcheck, lb, 6-3, 215, Houston St. Thomas
24. Matt Gurley, lb, 6-0, 190, Arlington Lamar
25. Guy Broom, ol, 6-6, 255, Galveston O'Connell
26. Damon McDaniel, ol, 6-5, 255, Corpus Christi
27. Dana Batiste, lb, 6-2, 210, Spring
28. Scott Maham, 6-4, 240, Austin

Olympic skaters as close as lovers

United Press International

SARAJEVO, Yugoslavia — They are Britain's little sweethearts on ice, second only to Prince Charles and Princess Diana in popularity, with an image so sanitized of passion that seeing Torvill and Dean skate at the Olympics is a shock.

When Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean tie up their ice skates, even a hackneyed piece of skate music like Ravel's "Bolero" becomes a revelation, a darn steamy one for two people in their mid-20s who claim they've never had an affair — with each other, or anybody else for that matter.

Yet Torvill and Dean move in such unison on ice that they appear to flow from one spirit, like finely tuned lovers.

That is, of course, why they are three-time winners of the World Ice Dancing Championship and are on target for a gold medal, if not a string of almost-unheard-of perfect 6 scores, when the Olympic ice dancing competition finishes — appropriately enough — on Valentine's Day.

"We spend more time together than a normal married man and wife," the 25-year-old Dean observed Tuesday. "Our day together is probably eight to 10 hours long. We find we have to get on well. After all, we

only have each other for company.

"We have adapted to other's ways. On the ice, it's if Jayne's eyelid is in the wrong place, I can just feel it."

The ex-policeman and 26-year-old partner, both from Nottingham, England, had been together eight years slowly transforming their on-ice personalities into a dating twosome, never coming close to leaving ice dancing behind alone.

For instance, even one minute before they perform their minute free dance routine Bolero for an Olympic medal they are still making changes to the lifts and flourishes — all — supposedly removing "weak spots" identified at European championships Budapest three weeks ago when they received a record 11 score of 6 from the judges.

The twosome adamantly claim they will not change their dance because of a proposal by Moscow's Soviet Ice Queen, Tatyana Tarasova, the trainer of Torvill and Dean's Soviet competitor Natalya Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin.

She claimed some of the and D moves were illegal, including one in which Dean hand goes above the shoulder line — a move banned in ice dancing. The experts believe Torvill and Dean.

Technically "Bolero" is the most demanding program ever conceived. It's a piece of music that has never been done before by two have ever done. They are close together, with their arms and legs intertwining as they race down the ice, that coordination must be absolute perfection. On the ice, it is an art and wonderful partnership.

"Non-skaters can never understand it, but in skating, we're heavily involved in the relationship that's more than brother and sister but certainly not husband and wife," says couple's coach, Betty Callaway. "Chris and Jayne are very comfortable in that they knew any relationship could sour into a skating relationship."

"A lot is written about them that they are a nice couple, whiter than white. The fact is, it's all true. There not really any skeletons in the closet. They really are a couple."

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