

Baseball today

Aggies vs. California
doubleheader at Olsen Field

Ags saw Varsity's horns off

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AUSTIN — After the game he was called the "The Thief of Baghdad" by teammate Winston Crite and the thief stole everything in sight from the Texas Longhorns Saturday. "The Thief" is Darnell Williams, a 6'3" guard for the Aggies. He stole the ball eight times, a Texas A&M school record, and in doing so, he stole the show.

Williams scored a career-high 25 points, hitting 11-13 field goals, in leading the Aggies to a 72-57 win over the University of Texas. The win has assured A&M a fifth place Southwest Conference finish and a home game for the first round of the SWC tournament.

In a rowdy Aggie locker room after the game, Williams revealed the reason for his especially motivated play against the Longhorns. Before Saturday, his career high had been the 18 points he scored against them earlier this year.

Williams said UT had recruited him while he was at Garfield High in Dallas. He said he was recruited to the University of Texas, but that they had de-anthronized to use the scholarship on a freshman.

"I just wanted them to know they made a mistake," Williams said.

From the first tip-off, the Aggies let UT know the entire game was a mistake.

A&M came out with full court pressure using a zone trap and it worked to near perfection. Texas turned the ball over on each of their first three possessions.

The Aggies used the pressure to outscore the Longhorns 24-5 midway through the first half and take a commanding 29-11 lead.

Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf then switched defenses because of some early foul trouble. The change allowed UT to narrow the gap to eight points, 38-30, at halftime.

Not unexpectedly after such a strong first half, the Aggies came out a little flat and perhaps lackadaisical in the second half.

"We had a big lead," Williams said, "and we thought they were going to let us coast in."

Guard Todd Holloway echoed Williams' feelings: "We don't have the killer instinct."

A&M's lead dwindled to four points before the defense came back to life. Crite, with nine points and five rebounds, had back-to-back dunks as part of a nine point Aggie run to seal the game.

Forward Kenny Brown sunk a 40-foot jump shot with no time remaining as he was dribbling downcourt. A few Texas fans were offended that Brown apparently had rubbed salt in the open UT wounds. But Brown had a good explanation:

"I was going in that direction anyway (toward the A&M locker room)."

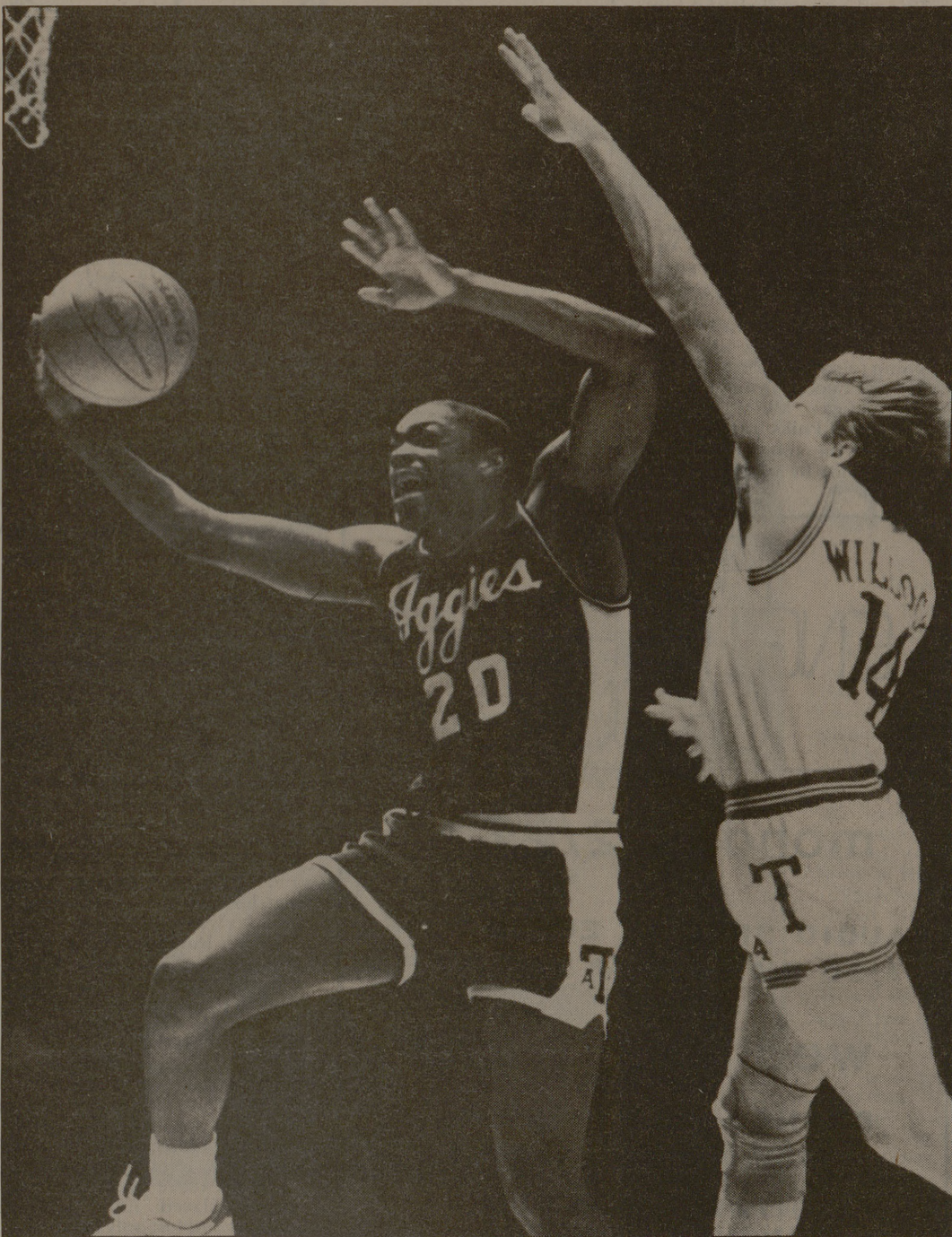


Photo by DEAN SAITO

Darnell Williams goes up for two after stealing the ball from Texas' Karl Willock. Williams scored a career

high 25 points and had 8 steals as the Aggies beat the Horns 72-57 in Austin Saturday.

Coogs cinch SWC title

United Press International

HOUSTON — Center Akeem Olajuwon produced 19 points and guard Alvin Franklin scored all but two of his 14 points in the second half Sunday to pace third-ranked Houston to a comeback 64-61 win over 11th-ranked Arkansas that virtually locked up the second consecutive SWC title for the Cougars.

Franklin, held without a field goal in the first half, provided the surge Houston needed to overcome a withering Arkansas defensive effort. He scored eight straight points midway through the second half which gave the Cougars the lead for good with eight minutes remaining.

Arkansas, which was led by Alvin Robertson's 20 points, owned the lead until the 14:50 mark of the second half when

Olajuwon went high over 6-11 center Joe Kleine and tipped in a basket for a 41-40 advantage.

Houston, 25-3, won its 38th straight Southwest Conference game and opened a two-game bulge over the Razorbacks. The Cougars need only a win over last-place Baylor Wednesday night to capture the title.

Olajuwon, a junior who is the leading shot blocker in the nation, scored 19 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked six shots. Kleine countered with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Houston senior forward Michael Young, the SWC's leading scorer, added 17 points under heavy defensive pressure from Leroy Sutton. Young was under particular pressure in the first half when Arkansas led by as many as eight. The Razorbacks owned a 32-27 advantage at intermission.

Robertson made five steals in the first 10 minutes of the game as the Razorbacks caused Houston trouble with a man-to-man, full-court press.

Houston freshman Ricky Winslow, who totaled 10 points in the game, helped kept his team close in the opening half. The Cougars won their ninth straight game and ended a Razorbacks' winning streak that had reached seven contests.

The loss was Arkansas' second in the SWC race against a dozen wins, both of the setbacks coming in Houston. The Razorbacks previously lost to the Rice Owls, 65-62.

The Razorbacks and Cougars will meet again next Sunday in Fayetteville and could well play again the following Sunday in the championship game of the SWC's post-season tournament.

USFL season opens

Gamblers fall

United Press International

TAMPA, Fla. — Gary Anderson ran for 114 yards and a pair of touchdowns to spark the Tampa Bay Bandits to a 20-17 triumph over the Houston Gamblers Sunday.

Anderson scored on a 2-yard run at the end of the first half and scored the winning touchdown on a 12-yard burst with 2:33 to play in the game.

Jim Kelly, who passed for 229 yards and two Houston touchdowns, moved the Gamblers to the Tampa Bay 35, but on fourth-and-five, he was stopped on a 2-yard keeper. The Bandits then took over and ran out the clock.

Tampa Bay had gone for a 2-point conversion after Anderson's first touchdown and the Bandits were successful on a pass from John Reaves to Willie Gillespie.

Jeff Brockhaus gave Houston the lead 17-14 in the fourth quarter when he kicked a 26-yard field goal.

Slingers lose

SAN ANTONIO — Fullback Mark Schellen ran for one touchdown and quarterback Johnny Walton threw a fourth-quarter scoring pass to give the New Orleans Breakers a 13-10

win Sunday over the San Antonio Gunslingers in their USFL opener.

New Orleans began the fourth quarter facing a 10-7 deficit, but went in front with a 40-yard touchdown throw from Walton to flanker Frank Lockett with 10:39 to play.

The Breakers scored on their opening drive of the game as Schellen dove over from the 1-yard line.

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