

Baseball
International week exhibition
Ags vs. Honduran National team
Olsen Field 7:30 p.m.

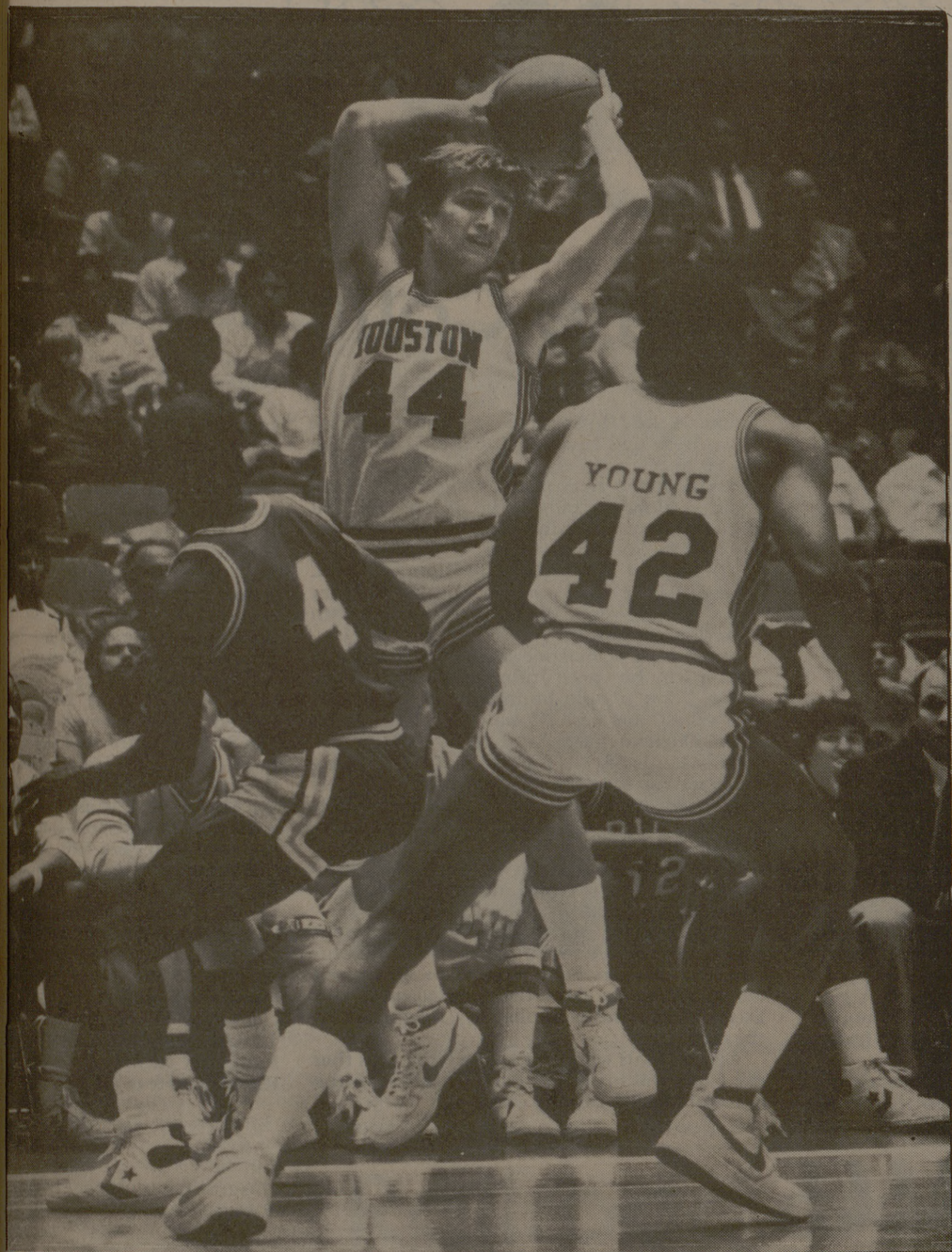


Photo by JOHN MAKELY

Reid Gettys and the Houston Cougars, in action here during the SWC tournament earlier this year, were

caught in Seattle Monday night as Houston lost the national championship to Georgetown 84-75.

Lewis tosses in the towel

Hoyas win it all in Seattle

United Press International
SEATTLE — Georgetown's extraordinary bench eclipsed college basketball's Clash of the Titans Monday night, sending the Hoyas to an 84-75 victory over Houston for the NCAA title.

In completing their magnificent run this season, reserves Reggie Williams scored 19 points and Michael Graham 14 for the Hoyas. Georgetown had to withstand the excellent second-half of Houston's Alvin Franklin, who scored 21 points and kept the Cougars alive.

It was their play that dictated the tempo of this championship game rather than the celebrated showdown of centers between Patrick Ewing of Georgetown and Akeem Olajuwon of Houston.

In winning its first national title, Georgetown became the first team from the East in 30 years to win the NCAA crown since LaSalle in 1954. In their previous appearance in the championship game in 1982, the Hoyas lost in the closing seconds to North Carolina.

The decision was yet another frustration for Houston, which now has been to the Final Four three straight years without winning the crown. Last season the Cougars were denied the ti-

tle on a final-second dunk by North Carolina State.

Georgetown, ferocious on defense all season, was coming off a 53-40 obliteration of Kentucky in the semifinals. But this game was not nearly as easy because Ewing and Olajuwon encountered foul trouble and left the spotlight to some of the less luminous names.

The focus was clearly on Olajuwon and Ewing in what was billed as the most celebrated showdown of centers in the history of the NCAA title game.

But with both teams swarming on defense, their productivity was limited. Ewing, a 7-foot All-America, finished with 10 points and just one basket in the second half, while his 7-foot Nigerian counterpart finished with 15 points. Each had nine rebounds.

Houston's forwards converged on Ewing while Franklin dropped down from his guard position to help out. Olajuwon had to deal with Georgetown's entire front line, often with Ralph Dalton fronting him or Graham muscling in for position.

With 16 seconds left and Georgetown secure in its victory, Ewing raised his arms in triumph. He was removed from the game and hugged his coach

as he went to the bench.

For No. 2 Georgetown, 34-3, David Wingate added 16 points. Houston, 32-5, received 18 points from Michael Young. Again, the Cougars could have improved their plight by hitting more of their foul shots, going 13-of-21. Unlike their semifinal victory over Virginia, Houston attempted to utilize its bench, but its reserves were no match for Georgetown's.

After sinking the first basket of the second half, the Hoyas held their biggest lead, 42-30. Their position appeared greatly enhanced when Olajuwon drew his fourth foul 23 seconds after intermission. He eventually sat out for a six-minute stretch but Houston refused to budge.

Thanks to the shooting of Franklin, a 6-2 sophomore who was able to split Georgetown's guards, Houston drew to 51-47. A jump shot by Franklin and a shot from the side on which he temporarily injured his leg concluded the burst.

A three-point play by Franklin followed by two foul shots from him cut it to 57-54 with 10:29 to play. Georgetown then turned to Williams, an elegant 6-7 freshman with an especially soft shot. The Hoyas went on an 11-6 tear with Williams, scoring 5 points in the run.

Georgetown outscored Houston's bench 16-4 in the opening 20 minutes. Williams hit for 6 points and Graham delivered the bulky work inside.

Houston, which finished first in the Southwest Conference this year, defeated Louisiana Tech, Memphis State and Wake Forest in the Midwest Regional before edging Virginia in the semifinals.

Georgetown, winners of the Big East, swept through the West Regional by beating Southern Methodist, Nevada-Las Vegas and Dayton. Then came the obliteration of Kentucky in the semis and Monday night's last step in a championship season.

Houston coach Guy Lewis summed up how he felt to lose his second straight National Championship in the season's finale.

"You feel awful, awful, awful," Lewis said. "They were in control for the most part. We got up early but they were in control from then on."

Thompson was generous in praising Lewis, whose coaching strategy has been repeatedly criticized.

"If he can't coach, I hope I catch the disease he's got," he said.

Cribbs And Co. break Breakers

United Press International

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Joe Cribbs rushed for 162 yards and caught a touchdown pass Monday to power Birmingham to a 31-17 win over New Orleans, pulling the two teams into a tie for first place in the USFL southern Division.

Rookie cornerback Chuck

Clanton from Auburn had three interceptions, one for a 29-yard touchdown, and full-back Leon Perry scored two more TDs in the game that left New Orleans and Birmingham with identical 5-1 records.

The Stallions took advantage of New Orleans' errors in a steady rain to put the game out

of reach in the fourth quarter.

Mike Miller kicked a 29-yard field goal to give the Stallions a 24-17 lead with 10:40 left to play.

Breakers quarterback Johnnie Walton then misfired on a pitch to rookie Marcus Dupree and Birmingham linebacker

Mike Murphy recovered on the one. Perry scored his second touchdown from there to put the Stallions in charge 31-17 with 9:47 left in the game.

The score was 14-10 at the half and both teams had long touchdown drives in the third period.

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