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Hogs, Cougars fall to Top 20 powers

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Georgetown 56, Arkansas 39

LANDOVER, Md. — Georgetown, which had a week to think about its two-game losing streak, vented its wrath upon Arkansas Sunday in a 56-39 rout of the Razorbacks.

The No. 2 Hoyas led from start to finish in upping their record to 19-2. The defending NCAA champions scored the opening six points of the game and eventually pulled away to record its first victory since having its 29-game winning streak broken Jan. 26 in a one-point loss to St. John's.

"We didn't need any team meeting to get up for this game," said Hoya center Patrick Ewing, who scored 18 points. "We all knew what had to be done."

Georgetown, which lost by two points to Syracuse last Monday, wasn't about to suffer a third straight setback.

"We were anxious to get back on the court again because we don't like losing," said Hoya guard Horace Broadnax. "Losing is not on our agenda. We want to get the winning spirit going again."

Georgetown's David Wingate, who scored 14 points, said, "It's getting a little late in the season, so we have to be conscious of winning now. This was an important win for us."

Arkansas (15-8), which got 22 points from Charles Balentine, was held to its lowest point total of the season after making just nine of 24 shots from the floor in the decisive first half.

Illinois 77, Houston 76

HOUSTON — Fifth-ranked Illinois yielded 27 turnovers to Houston's pressing defense, but Illini sharpshooters Anthony Welch, Doug Altenberger and Scott Meents provided the margin Sunday for a 77-76 victory.

"You're not supposed to win if you have 27 turnovers and I'm glad we got this one," Illinois Coach Lou Henson said. "We felt Houston could really hurt us with their half-court trap and the turnovers show we had some problems."

But the shooting of Welch, who

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- (1) St. John's (17-1) beat Connecticut 97-64. (2) Georgetown (19-2) defeated Arkansas 56-39. (3) Memphis State (17-1) defeated Virginia Tech 91-82. (4) Southern Methodist (17-2) defeated Rice 68-52. (5) Illinois (19-5) defeated Houston 77-76. (6) Duke (15-3) did not play. (7) Oklahoma (17-4) beat Oklahoma State 83-81. (8) Georgia Tech (16-4) defeated Maryland 72-60. (9) Syracuse (14-3) did not play. (10) Michigan (16-3) beat Wisconsin 94-81. (11) North Carolina (17-5) beat Furman 77-55. (12) Tulsa (17-3) lost to Indiana State 100-74. (13) DePaul (14-5) lost to Louisville 77-73. (14) Oregon State (16-3) beat Stanford 83-73. (15) Louisiana Tech (17-2) at Northeast Louisiana, ppd., snow. (16) Nevada-Las Vegas (17-2) beat Utah State 101-83. (17) Maryland (17-6) lost to Georgia Tech 72-60. (18) Villanova (14-5) did not play. (19) Kansas (17-4) beat Nebraska 91-80. (20) Alabama-Birmingham (19-5) defeated South Alabama 81-73 (OT).

"Our players showed a lot of courage when (Houston) started coming back," Henson said.

Illinois hit 82 percent of its shots in the first half for a 40-32 lead at intermission, including a 12-0 spurt over a 5:44 span of the half.

"Everything seems to go in for the opposition, it's like a highlight film here," Houston's Rickie Winslow said.

Illinois finished with a 67 percent average from the field — a record for Houston opponents.

SMU 68, Rice 52

DALLAS — The smallish Rice Owls did the only thing they could against fourth-ranked Southern Methodist on Sunday — and the slowdown strategy worked for 20 minutes.

Then the Mustangs pressed the Owls into mistakes and got the ball inside to seven-foot center Jon Konkak and SMU raced to a 68-52 Southwest Conference basketball victory.

"It was not a pretty game," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss. "Rice tested our patience by working on the 45-second clock."

Bliss went to a full-court press to start the second half and the Mustangs outscored the Owls 18-2 in the first eight minutes after leading only 21-20 at intermission.

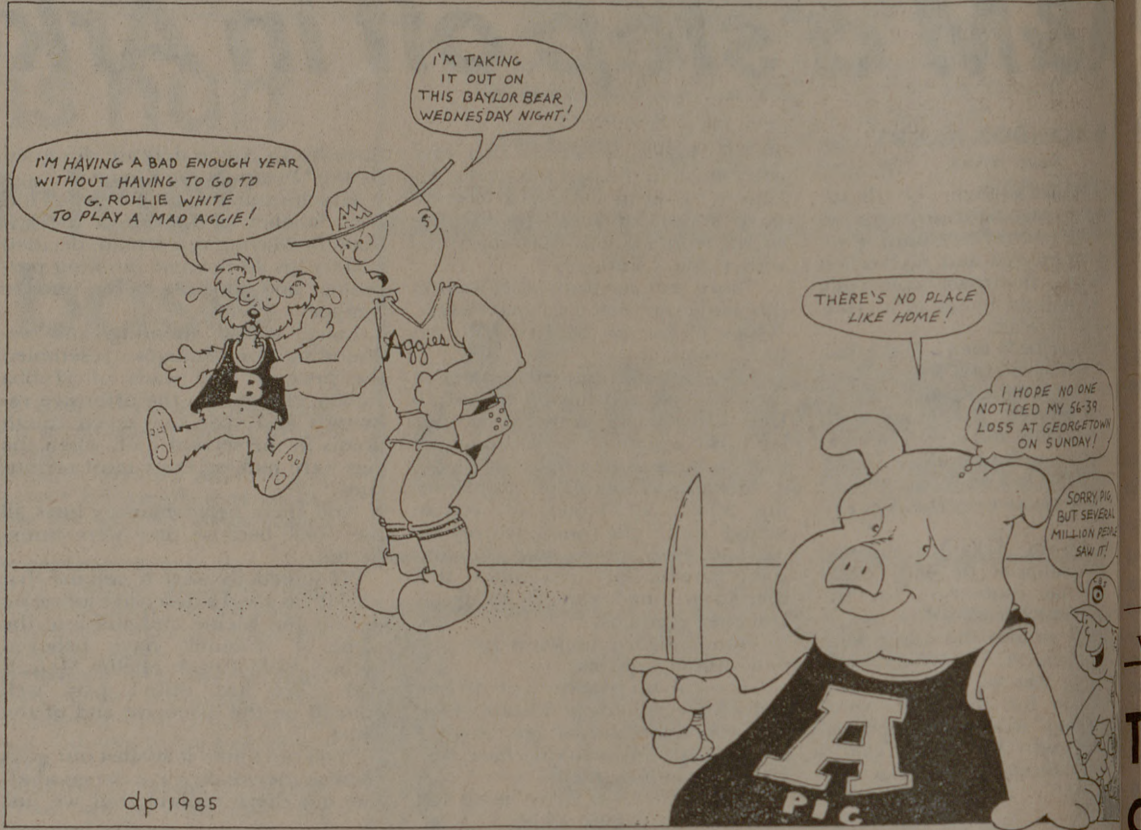
"Our man-to-man defense looked real good," Bliss said. "It got our offense going."

Rice Coach Tommy Suits said the Owls had to try to lull SMU to sleep.

"We had to play slow and passively because it was our only chance against them," Suits said. "That was our only chance against them. The faster they play the better they are."

Konkak scored 22 points, collected nine rebounds and blocked five shots against Rice whose tallest player is 6-9.

SMU, which increased its overall record to 18-2, improved its SWC mark to 8-1. The Owls, losing their seventh consecutive game, fell to 11 and 1-8.



Turnovers cause quick Aggie burial in Barnhill

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS Assistant Sports Editor

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — After four good games and two straight wins, the Texas A&M women's basketball team went into Barnhill Arena to play Arkansas.

However, when the first half ended, a loss was clearly in sight.

The Aggies (10-9, 3-6 in SWC) committed 18 first half turnovers and were trailing 41-27 by halftime.

"We had a really bad first half," A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said. "In the second half, we continued to out rebound them. We shot a good percentage and even outscored them by four points in the second half. By that time, it was too late."

Hickey said the Ags just weren't ready to play in the first half.

"It's a shame because we're two evenly matched teams," Hickey said. "We just weren't ready to play. They had more turnovers than us in the second half. We played well the second half."

Just as they have done in most of their games this season, the Ags out-rebounded the Razorbacks by a 36-31 count.

"We did a good job on the boards," Hickey said. "We worked hard inside."

The Aggies' sixth man, Ann Trinka, came through for the Aggies for the second game in a row. Trinka led the team with six rebounds and had a season-high 16 points.

The Aggies' big three didn't come through for them Saturday night.

Guard Beth Young didn't have a assist or a point. Forward Jenni Gar had only six points and one assist. Forward Lisa Langston had 10 points, but turned the ball over 10 times.

"Beth and Jenny have been putting things going, but they didn't do it Saturday," Hickey said. "Lisa scored a lot but didn't all that well. She had a lot of turnovers."

Hickey said the Aggies still do have the right mental approach when playing the top teams.

"They just don't have the concept of winning yet," Hickey said. "The don't have that winning tradition."

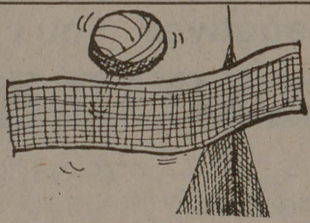
"They have never beaten Arkansas (in nine tries). That's tough mentally."

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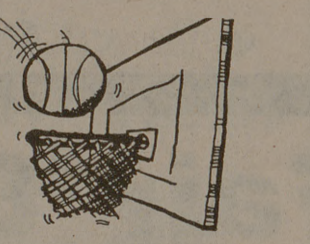
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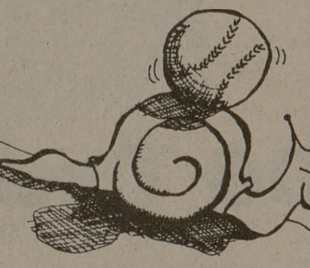
WALLYBALL-Claustrophobic? That's OK. We'll still let you play. Entries close Tuesday, Feb. 5. Teams consist of three players with no more than one TAMU Volleyball Club member per team. Play begins Sunday, Feb. 10. A \$15 fee will be charged. Schedules available at the team captain's meeting.



FREE THROW CONTEST-This really is a "free" throw contest. Entries close Tuesday, Feb. 5 for single and team free throw contestants. The contest will take place on the main floor of G. Rollie White on Thursday, Feb. 7, 7-10 p.m. Contestants will be judged on the highest amount of free throws. No entry fee.



SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL-The only thing slow about this game is the pitch. Entries close Tuesday, Feb. 5. ASA rules with Intramural exceptions will be used. Competition will consist of round-robin play followed by a single elimination tournament. For more information, contact the IM-Rec Office, 159 East Kyle. Schedules will be available at the team captain's meeting.



PRESEASON SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT-Shades of basketball season! Entries close Tuesday, Feb. 5. Entries will be limited to 64 men's teams, 32 CoRec teams and 16 women's teams. Schedules may be picked up in the IM-Rec Sports Office on Thursday Feb. 7. The tournament will be held that weekend. Rainout dates will be Feb. 15-17. A \$5 entry fee will be charged. No awards will be given. Contact the IM-Rec office for more information.



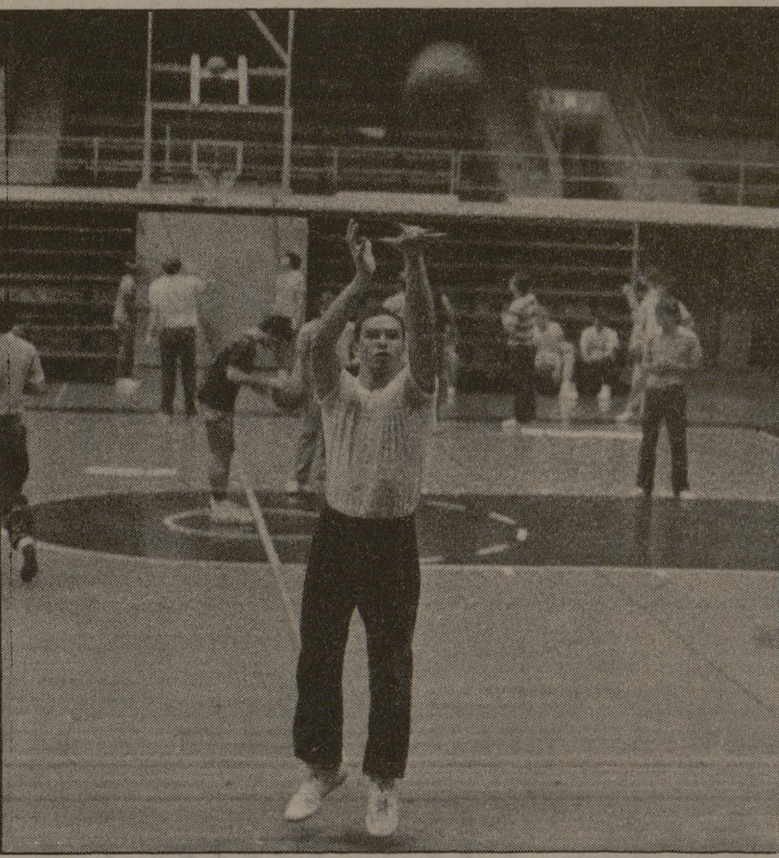
TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS

The team captain's meetings are short, 30 minute sessions which provide captains with current intramural procedures, rule changes, rainout procedures, schedules and protest procedures. A question and answer session is included in the meeting, hopefully eliminating any forfeits due to misinformation. Schedules are also given out to help keep track of game dates, locations and times.

If for some reason you are unable to attend your team captain meeting, be sure to drop by the IM-Rec office in 159 East Kyle to find out what you missed.

THIS WEEK'S CAPTAINS' MEETINGS:

Wallyball-Thursdays, Feb. 7, 6 p.m. in 167 East Kyle
Slow Pitch Softball-Thursdays, Feb. 7, 5 p.m. in 301 Rudder



Free throw contestants need to sign-up by 6 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 5 in 159 East Kyle.

ENTRIES OPEN:

SLAM DUNK-Aspiring Dr. J's, here's your chance to shine. Entries open Monday Feb. 4 and close at the preliminaries on Thursday Feb. 14. Prelims will be held on the main floor of G. Rollie White starting at 7 p.m. Finals will be held at halftime of the A&M - Texas basketball game on Wednesday, Feb. 20. For more information, contact the IM-Rec office in 159 East Kyle, 845-7826.



TENNIS DOUBLES-Tennis everyone? Entries open Monday, Feb. 4 and close Tuesday, Feb. 12. Play begins the following week. Matches will consist of the best two out of three sets. Participants must furnish their own racquets and supply an unopened can of balls or suffer a forfeit. Winning teams keep the unopened can. For more information contact the IM-Rec office at 845-7826.



WEIGHTROOM HOURS

Monday and Wednesday 11:40 a.m.-11 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 12:05 p.m.-11 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m.-7 p.m.

INFORMATION NUMBERS:

General and rainout 845-2625
IM Check-out and court reservations 845-2624
IM-Rec Sports Office 845-7826

RESCHEDULING

If you need to reschedule a game for individual or dual sports, there are a few things you should do to avoid a default:

- 1. Try to find a substitute who is not already entered in the same tournament to take your place. Permanent substitution must be cleared through the Intramural office.
 - 2. Reschedule your match to a time earlier than the scheduled day and time. Results must be reported by 4 p.m. on the day you were scheduled to play.
 - 3. Reschedule your match to a day and time later than the originally scheduled match. This MUST be cleared through the Intramural office.
- When rescheduling, follow these guidelines:
- a. Get your opponents name and phone number.
 - b. Check to see when the next match is scheduled to be played.
 - c. Call your opponent and find a day and time that is convenient to play.
 - d. Contact the Intramural office to let them know when you are going to play (day and time). This is extremely important!!
 - e. Report the score to the Intramural office at least 48 hours before the next round is to be played.

RECREATIONAL LOCKERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE