

SPORTS

Determined Ags to host Miami

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Sports Editor

A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey's voice echoed through G. Rollie White Coliseum Thursday afternoon, "We didn't do it last night; we will do it Saturday night."

Being around Hickey and the Texas A&M women's basketball team any length of time will let anyone know the desire and determination that the Ags possess.

Letting a few games slip out of grasp on the final buzzer would be enough for most people to quit. But, not this group of Aggies.

The last three weeks have not been a wonderland of fun times for the Ags.

On Jan. 23, A&M played Texas, currently No. 1 in the nation. The Ags fought tooth-and-nail but just couldn't stay with the Horns.

After Texas, came a tough 81-74 loss to No. 14 Texas Tech. The game was even closer than the score indicated.

Then came a one-point upset over Houston and an expected, but sloppy win over Rice.

Last Saturday at Arkansas, the women fell behind early when they committed 18 first half turnovers. The second half was dominated by the Ags, but it was too little, too late.

Against Baylor Wednesday night, the story was the same.

The Ags did nothing right in the first half and by halftime the game seemed out of reach.

Down by 19 points, the Aggies made a gallant comeback effort and actually had a chance to win the game. The end result was the same—a 67-65 loss.

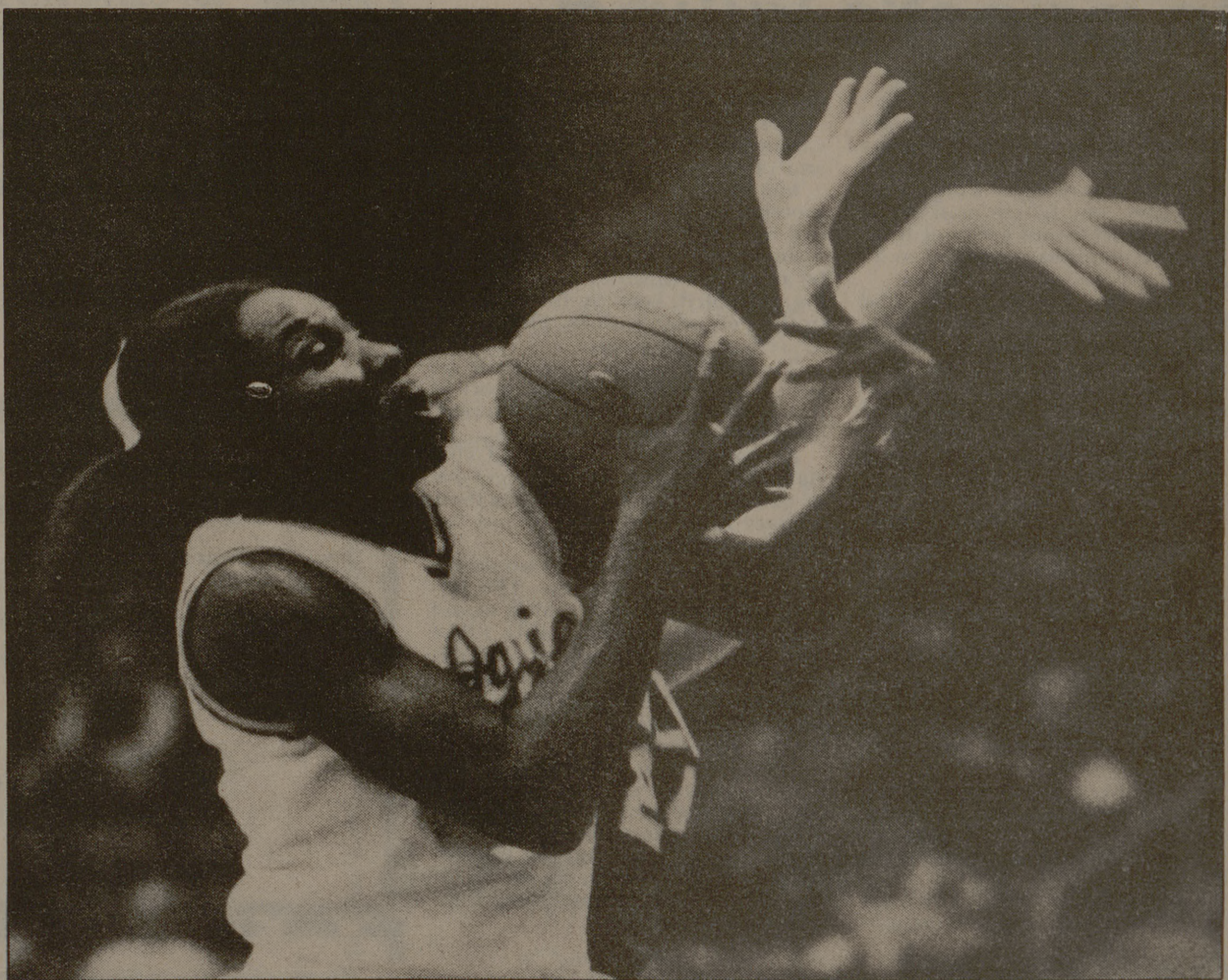
"They haven't quit," Hickey said. "They have worked very, very hard. I keep saying this, but the odds have been against us all year. The other teams had a year of recruiting. We came back with the same group."

Hickey said playing Baylor close was an accomplishment in itself.

"They got killed by Baylor last year," Hickey said. "We moved a step-up by only losing by two."

The Ags will try to overcome their first half blabs against the University of Miami at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"We talk about (not falling behind in the first half) all the time," Hickey said. "If we knew the answer, it wouldn't be happening."



Texas A&M center Michell Tatum (42) steals a rebound out of the grasp of Baylor's Debbie Fannon during the Aggies' 67-65

loss Wednesday night. Tatum and the rest of the Lady Aggies will host the Miami (Fl.) Hurricanes Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

The Hurricanes, who have been in the Top 20 earlier this year, will present a fierce obstacle for the Ags.

"We don't know a whole lot about them," Hickey said. "They have good rebounders. They have a guard who is quick and can shoot from anywhere. They basically have their offense set up to get her the ball."

"Their inside people are garbage collectors. They go to the boards hard and fight for the rebounds."

The Aggies have had trouble

handling the press and will probably be faced with the task of getting by the quick Hurricanes. Thursday, A&M was working hard on breaking the press.

"Don't be lazy," Hickey yelled at her players. "Protect the ball. You have to want the ball."

Hickey said the Miami game is important to the Aggies.

"We don't want to fall under .500," said Hickey of the 10-10 Aggies. "It's not like a rinky-dink team is coming in from out of state. Their

a nationally recognized team. It will be a tough game.

"We can't go out waiting to win. We have a tendency to wait until we have to win and that has hurt us. We are going out there to win and anytime you win, it helps you out. That's the purpose of playing."

The determination and desire is indeed burning bright. Come Saturday night, the Ags hope to see the scoreboard bearing the fruit of their hard work and their will to win.

Sipe out from under The Rich One's heels

TRAVIS TINGLE
Sports Editor

First, sports enthusiasts were over-exposed to *The Great One*, Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's most prolific player. Now, we're being burnt out on *The Rich One*, Doug Flutie, the United States Football League's biggest gamble to date.

Why a gamble? Flutie's been brainwashed. If you don't believe me, ask ex-New Jersey Generals' quarterback Brian Sipe.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for Sipe to meet *The Rich One* — his mind reduced into a \$7 million mass of jelly.

I can see it now. Generals' owner Donald Trump sidles over to Sipe's locker in the dressing room, arm-in-arm with Dougie-boy like a mad scientist showing off his latest creation.

"Excuse me Brian," Trump mumbles in a voice reminiscent of Peter Lori. "This is our new start...I mean, backup quarterback. You know, the 1984 Heisman Trophy winner? Well you know, of course, Brian that you and Dougie-boy have an equal chance at being the starter for my team, no matter what Coach (Walt) Michaels says."

"I see you two boys have a lot in common, so I'll just leave you two alone. If you need anything Dougie, remember I'm here to serve you, Chow."

Sipe and Flutie begin to stare into each other's eyes. Flutie, all 5-foot-9 of him, has to use a stool to accomplish this feat, but that's beside the point. Flutie's eyes, glazed over with "\$" signs, start to give Sipe the creeps.

Finally the stare-off is broken by *The Rich One*.

"Gee Mr. Sipe, I hear you're a quarterback too, huh?" Flutie says. "You're kinda old to still be playing pro ball, aren't you? When I was in high school I used to watch you play for the guys without anything on their helmets. We didn't have anything on our helmets at Baastin College either. Gee, I never thought to ask Coach Bicknell why? What was your team's name Mr. Sipe?"

Sipe, a wiley veteran who was

passing for yards before Flutie began mowing them, grits his teeth and snaps at the youngster's obvious ignorance.

"The Cleveland Browns," Sipe retorts. "And the name's Sipe, I-P-E."

"Oh yeah," says Flutie. "The Browns play in that other league. What's it called?"

Sipe snapped sarcastically. "You mean the NFL?"

"Yeah," says Flutie. "That's the one. They weren't as nice to me as Daddy Trumbucks was. He says I'll get to play quarterback in the same backfield with Hershey Walker."

"That's Herchel," Sipe interjects.

"Yeah, right," says Flutie. "By the way, what position are you trying out for?"

"Uh, I'm not sure yet," Sipe says hesitantly. "Maybe place-kicker."

Trump returns to the room and yells, "Dougie, where are you?"

"Over here Daddy Trumbucks," says Flutie.

"Brian," Trump says. "I don't know how to tell you this...Do you like Florida?"

"It's OK," says Sipe.

"Good," says a relieved Trump. "You're on your way to Jacksonville to play for the Bulls. Isn't it wonderful. I just love trades."

Sipe beams and falls to the floor to kiss Trump's feet screaming joyfully. "That's the greatest news I've heard today. How can I ever thank you?"

Meanwhile, Flutie, saddened by the loss of his new-found friend, looks toward Daddy Trumbucks and says, "I thought Jacksonville already had a place-kicker."

HERBS ARCADE

Coupon

2 FREE TOKENS

Good through 2/14 limit 1 per person

"We leave when you leave"

313 College Main 846-0479

A New Release By Stanford Associates, Inc.

The Heat Is On.

It's On The Street.
The Word Is Out.
Now's Your Chance To Buy
The Best Condo In Town.
Cripple Creek Condominiums.
The Next Best Thing
To Beverly Hills.

Pool/Tennis Courts/Hot Tub/
Microwave Ovens/
Ceiling Fans

Models Open Daily

CRIPPLE CREEK
CONDOMINIUMS

904 University Oaks College Station, TX 77840
764-8682 764-0504

GET YOUR CAREER OFF THE GROUND.

Launch hour. Throttles are at full power as a supersonic roar sweeps across the flight deck. And you're the pilot.

The catapult fires and G forces slam you back into your seat. Seconds later, you're punching a hole in the clouds and looking good.

Nothing beats the excitement of Navy flying. And no other job can match the kind of management responsibility you get so quickly in the Navy.

The rewards are there, too. Around-the-world travel opportunities with a great starting salary of \$19,200. As much as \$33,600 after four years with promotions and pay increases.

Take off for tomorrow in the Navy. With top-level training to help you build technical and managerial skills you'll use for a lifetime. Don't just settle into a job; launch a career. See your Navy Recruiter or **CALL 800-327-NAVY.**

NAVY OFFICERS GET RESPONSIBILITY FAST.