

Recruits dribble, spike, field way to A&M

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Two out-of-state cage talents sign on Metcalf's dotted line

Wednesday came and Wednesday went, just like any other day. Only for the Texas A&M sports teams the day was a little more special than just any old day.

Wednesday was recruiting day for every sport except volleyball and football. It was the day when high schoolers officially commit four years of their life to an institution.

For the Ags, the signees came dribbling in. A few in the morning. A few in the afternoon. Maybe a few next week.

Shelby Metcalf's Aggie men's basketball team signed two out-of-state players, but they hope that won't be the extent of their efforts.

Guard Steve Vandiver, a 6-foot-5 Allegheny Community College of Pittsburgh player, signed his name

to Metcalf's dotted line. The Ags then went coast-to-coast, from east to west, to get their second signee. Forward John Tresvuant, a 6-7 City of San Francisco Community College product, was the second to sign.

"They both have good personalities," Metcalf said. "Basketball is important to both and they both came from good programs. I am very happy with the two we have."

Both have a shot at a starting position next season, especially since the Ags have lost leading scorer Kenny Brown.

"There is a possibility (that they could start next season)," Metcalf said. "The 6-7 player is an all-purpose player. He definitely has a

chance to play. He can play either the perimeter or the high post.

"The other player, Vandiver, is a perimeter player and shooter. I think he could be Kenny's replacement. You know, I've been watching game films from last season and that Kenny Brown is going to be hard to replace. He was a great player. But, Vandiver is a fine shooter. TCU, SMU and Houston all play a zone defense. You have to have those zone busters hitting from the outside."

Vandiver averaged 14.5 points and five rebounds a game at Allegheny. He was named to the first-team All-Section team in Pennsylvania. Vandiver's coach said the Aggies are getting an excellent guard.

"Steve is a big-time guard who has physically matured since he came here," said Coach Bill Shay. "He has built himself up to the point where we can call him a big guard. He handles the ball well and is a great passer. With the combination of zones teams play today, teams need the kind of shooter that will force these zones to extend themselves."

Tresvuant averaged 22 points per game in Golden Gate Conference play and 18.9 points for the season by shooting 54 percent from the floor and 76 percent from the free throw line. He also pulled down eight rebounds per game.

Tresvuant received numerous awards for his play including the unanimous selection as Most Valuable

Player in the conference and JC Co-MVP for all of California. Coach Brad Duggan said Tresvuant can play anywhere on the floor.

"He is the most versatile player we've ever had here," Duggan said. "He's very quick and fast for a kid that tall."

Metcalf felt the Ags were on the right track with the two signees, but he's hoping for more. One of the players he is still after is believed to be Texas' top recruit — Conroe McCullough's Lance Blanks. However, every major college in the nation is after Blanks and he has supposedly narrowed his choices to St. John's, Virginia and North Carolina with Kentucky entering the race.

The other two that A&M wants are believed to be John Roberson and Tadd Thomas, both San Antonio products. Roberson, a 6-8 Southwest High School player, was the second leading scorer in the city. Alamo Heights' 6-8 Thomas edged Roberson for the scoring title by averaging 25 points per game.

"I'm happy with the two we have, but I would like to sign three more," Metcalf said. "If we can't get what we want we'll just settle for these two. Recruiting is very competitive this year. The three we're after will not announce for at least another week."

"With the two we've got, our recruiting year is good. If we get one of the other three it will be better. If we get two, it will be outstanding. If we get all three, it will be the best year ever at A&M."

Hickey's cager talent hunt ends with four inked onto lean lineup

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"To land two big players such as Debbie (Lorenzen) and Lisa (Jordan), in one recruiting season, is a big step forward for our program." — A&M Women's Basketball Coach Lynn Hickey on her two California recruits

The Texas A&M basketball women weren't fat to begin with, so it had nothing to lose on the recruiting trail. However, on the first day of inkings, the women are a little fatter and are expected to become much fatter within a matter of days.

Coach Lynn Hickey officially kicked off her first recruiting day at A&M with perhaps the best recruiting list ever in the 12 years of the women's program.

Four signees, two from Texas and two from California, improved the looks of the A&M roster for next season.

Signed on the dotted line were: 6-foot-3 post Debbie Lorenzen from Gridley Calif., 6-3 post Lisa Jordan from Ukiah, Calif., 5-8 guard Donna Roper from Houston Yates and 5-11 forward Veronda Roundtree.

The first two to sign were the Californians.

"Those two young ladies have real good size and we feel they have a bright future," Hickey said. "They have not reached their full potential as of yet, but they are young players and will be able to help out immediately. To land two big players such as Debbie and Lisa, in one recruiting season, is a big step forward for our program."

Lorenzen averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds per game at Gridley High last season. She was selected Most Valuable Player of her league, was a two-time All-League player and was selected to the North State All-Tournament team in the California playoffs.

Almost 100 schools contacted Jordan after she was named MVP of her league, the Bay Region and Player of the Year in her area. She averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds at Ukiah High.

Roper's ties to A&M probably influenced her decision. Brother, John, is a linebacker on the Aggie football team. She was voted All-District, All-Houston and was named the Houston Chronicle's Player of the Year after averaging 18 points per game.

"We are pleased to continue the Roper connection at A&M," Hickey said. "She is one of the finest athletes in the whole state."

A 23.1 scoring average, seven rebound average, District 10-AAAA MVP award, and All-District, All-Region and All-State honors attracted A&M coaches to Roundtree.

"Veronda really has a pretty shot," said Hickey. "We had heard that she was the best athlete in the immediate area and we were pleased with what we saw."

Hickey, like Metcalf and many other coaches across the nation, is hoping for more and she will probably get more.

All-State forward Tami Rogers of Barbers Hill appears to be close to committing to the Ags as is Tamara Jackson of Odessa Junior College. The Ags are also in the running for eight other prospects, a few of whom will probably sign.

So, after the first recruiting day at A&M for Hickey, she can sleep well. The program is going in the right direction. Tonight, she can dream about the signees that remain.

Oklahomans sign with softball team

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All the Texas A&M softball team had was a fat roster. Eighteen of the best players in the nation currently claim spots in A&M's line-up. When you're one of the best softball programs in the nation, you don't need much. So, the Ags signed just two recruits to continue their superstar tradition next season.

Losing only three players off a team currently ranked No. 3 in the nation, A&M Coach Bob Brock only needed two players — a catcher to replace All-America Gay McNutt and an outfielder to replace Iva Jackson and Josie Carter. McNutt, Jackson and Carter all graduate after the '85 season.

Brock filled both spots with one trip. Signed were 5-foot-8 catcher Carrie Heightly and 5-7 outfielder Erin Newkirk, both from Putnam City West High School in Oklahoma City.

Heightly is an All-State performer in both softball and basketball and was one of the most highly recruited players in the nation.

"She was recruited by most of the top schools in the nation," said A&M Assistant Coach Shan McDonald. "She will really help us out. It will be hard to replace Mac (McNutt), but I think she will come in and do well for us."

"Carrie's really a good all around player. She is fast and is consistent at the plate." Newkirk, according to McDonald, is "a gift" considering what the Ags had to offer her. "She is a good all around player," McDonald said. "She knew she wanted to come here. She is steady at the plate." The Ags do have their sights set on possibly signing a few other prospects, but for now the Ags can only feel "Okie" dokey.

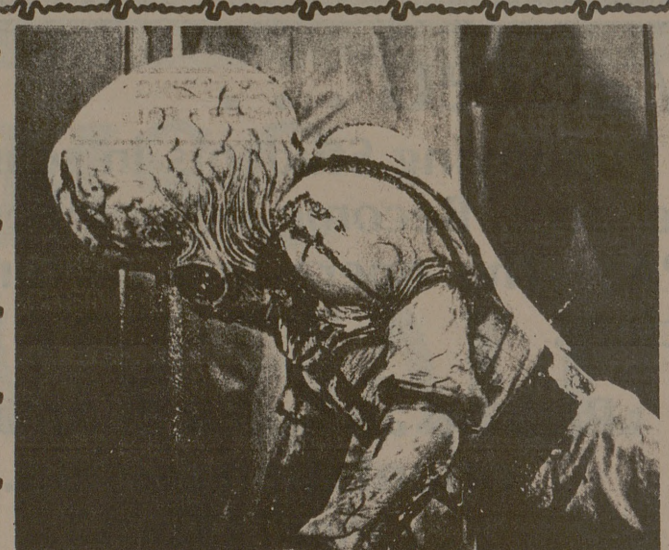
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