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Mavericks juggle Jazz on road

Dallas, Blackman zap Utah, 115-100

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SALT LAKE CITY — Rolando Blackman scored 16 of his 37 points in the third period to spark the Dallas Mavericks to a 115-100 National Basketball Association victory over the cold-shooting Utah Jazz here Wednesday night.

The Jazz fell behind early, hitting 30 percent from the field in the first period, while Blackman and his teammates were moving out to a 30-18 advantage.

The closest Utah got the remainder of the game was within nine points, several times, as the Mavericks had their way the rest of the time.

Adrian Dantley led Utah with 17 points. Rickey Green added 16 and Bobby Hansen and Thurl Bailey came through with 12 each for the Jazz, now 4-6 in the NBA's Midwest Division, just a half-game ahead of the 3-6 Mavericks.

Jay Vincent and Sam Perkins aided the Dallas cause with 15 points each.

The Mavericks led 56-43 at intermission after Blackman had scored 19 of his total.

Utah cut the margin to 56-47 early in the third quarter, but fell behind 67-50 before Green, Hansen and Karl Malone brought them back to within 67-57 midway in the quarter.

Blackman then took over again and the Mavericks raced to a 90-70 lead going into the final period.



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No. 19 Aggs sweep Cougars

A&M volleyball team improves to 6-2 in SWC

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HOUSTON — While the ball boys were mopping up the wet spots on the Jeppesen Field House floor, the Texas A&M volleyball team did a good janitor imitation of its own on the Houston Cougars.

The No. 19 Aggies mopped up the Cougars 15-3, 15-11, 15-9, Wednesday night to improve their overall record to 23-6 and 6-2 in the Southwest Conference.

"They (the Aggies) played very well," A&M Coach Terry Condon said. "Considering it was so hot, we did really well. The heat slows the game down and can really hurt a team."

"We needed this one. We can't afford another loss. They know they screwed up a couple times this year, but they've got a good attitude. It's just one game at a time now."

In the unairconditioned gymnasium, it took UH a while to heat up, and then it overheated.

The Cougars, who saw their record fall to 16-17 and 4-3 in the SWC, managed every conceivable



Chris Zogata

mistake in the opening game of the match.

With A&M leading 7-3, UH committed eight straight errors to hand the Aggies that game easily.

In fact, Houston setter Elshelle Dobson just about hanged herself in the net and outside hitter Angela Lewis hit one ball six rows into the stands.

About the only Cougar who

seemed to know the dimensions of the court was Lewis, who had a hitting percentage of .500 and 16 kills.

"Angela Lewis was phenomenal," Condon said. "When somebody is that hot, you let them go. It's kind of like in basketball when you've got a shooter getting 50 points. Angela and (A&M's) Sherri Brinkman neutralized each other. You have to let them go and count on the other five players."

The Aggies counted on setter Chris Zogata the most.

"She's (Zogata) played well (at times) this season," Condon said. "But this is probably her best match. She was in the match the whole time. She gave us good setting, good defense and good blocking."

Zogata, who hit .250 with five kills and 13 digs, said she was worried during the pre-match warm-ups.

"I had a pretty good match," Zogata said. "It felt real good. I was kind of worried because I didn't have a good warm-up. My sets were real tight and not very good."

The rest of the Aggies hit on all cylinders for most of the night.

A&M's Lesha Beakley had a set-

A&M Spikers' Remaining Games

Saturday, Nov. 16
● Louisville — G. Rollie White (3 p.m.)

Monday, Nov. 18
● Baylor — G. Rollie White (7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 20
● Texas — G. Rollie White (7:30 p.m.)

ting percentage of .600. Outside hitter Stacey Gildener led the Aggies in hitting with a .417 and had 13 kills. Freshman Cheri Steensma hit .381 with 11 kills. Middle blocker Margaret Spence had nine kills and a .375 and Brinkman hit .364 with 17 kills.

"This group is starting to gel," Condon said. "They're playing so well together. We'll stay with this group. Margaret played a lot better in the middle. Cheri Steensma played very well."

Former UT coach sues for defamation

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Abe Lemons, the colorful former Texas basketball coach, claims in a lawsuit against the UT-Austin athletic director that he was allegedly defamed by statements during a summer alumni meeting.

The suit was filed Tuesday in Travis County district court against UT's DeLoss Dodds by C. Robert Dorsett, attorney for Lemons.

The lawsuit alleges that Dodds

made "defamatory statements" about Lemons on July 31 while addressing a Fort Worth meeting of the University of Texas Ex-Students Association.

Dodds claimed Lemons was "fired from his position as head basketball coach at the University of Texas because of NCAA problems," according to the suit.

University officials fired Lemons

on March 10, just after the season ended.

The suit contends the "reputation and professional standing of (Lemons) have been greatly harmed as these remarks suggest that (Lemons) was guilty of violations of NCAA regulations and as such is some form of a cheater."

Lemons, now the head basketball coach at Oklahoma City University, could not be reached for comment

by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We have not ascertained the damage at this point," Dorsett said.

Dodds denied that he made the statement about Lemons.

Dodds said he knew of the suit "a couple of weeks ago." But he noted he has not seen a copy of Lemons' suit and could not comment on it.

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