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Lady Aggies rally for win in overtime

By Loyd Brumfield
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday night's game in G. Rollie White Coliseum between the Texas A&M Lady Aggies and the Texas Christian Lady Frogs had everything a basketball fan could want: intense play, lead changes, rallies, last-second desperation shots, overtime, and a Lady Aggie victory to boot.

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The Lady Aggies, 8-12 overall and 4-6 in the Southwest Conference, overcame a terrible first half and were behind by as many as thirteen points in the second half before rallying twice to tie the game and send it into overtime, enabling A&M to scratch out a hard-fought 82-79 victory.

"This is a really, really big win for us," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said. "We really need the confidence now. We played very hard in the second half with a bunch of young kids and

we came through."

The Lady Aggies started out slow, and for a while it looked as if they were going to play another game of turnover-mistake-turnover and lose for the eighth time in nine games.

But a second half charge led by sophomore forward Veronda Roundtree enabled the Lady Aggies to come back from a thirteen-point deficit and close the gap to one at 55-54 and eventually tie it at 57.

Roundtree came off the bench to score 10 quick points after having scored two in the first half to bring the Aggies back.

"It's my role to come in and score and get some quick buckets," Roundtree said. "We knew we were just beating ourselves again because we had turnovers galore, so we knew if we cut down on the turnovers we could come back."

A&M had 26 turnovers for the game, compared to 17 for the surprising Lady Frogs.

TCU broke out of a 6-6 tie early to jump to an 18-10 lead and establish



Photo by Dean Saito

Texas A&M Lady Aggie Rosalind Brown struggles for the ball with TCU forward Maggie Davis

in the Lady Aggies' 82-79 overtime win. A&M improved its record to 4-6 in SWC play.

the tempo for the rest of the half.

A&M tied it three times after that
and took the lead on a layup by senior forward Paula Crutcher and a
17-foot jump shot by Roundtree.

The Lady Frogs then went on a 22-8 run in four minutes to coast to a 47-36 lead at intermission.

"We had a terrible first half," Hickey said. "We had to ask ourselves at the half, 'What is wrong?' " The second half started just as bad for the Lady Aggies as TCU built up a 53-40 lead early in the second half.

After tying it at 57, A&M fell behind again as TCU, behind the play of Teresia Hudson, regained the lead and pushed it to 67-60.

But the Lady Aggies refused to die as forward Evelyn Sanders connected on two free throws and freshmen guards Traci Thomas and Lisa Herner both sank jump shots to pull the Aggies within one. And when Sanders canned a baseline jumper with 43 seconds remaining, it was tied at 71.

The two teams kept the game even to start the overtime period, until Sanders drove the left side and scored on a layup to give A&M a 79-77 lead and the Lady Aggies were on their way to their fourth conference victory in 10 tries.

Sanders was the top scorer for A&M with 20, while Crutcher poured in 15 and Roundtree added

Chambers keys West All-Stars to win

SEATTLE (AP) — Tom Chambers won Most Valuable Player honors with 34 points, and Rolando Blackman hit two pressure free throws at the end of regulation as the West beat the East 154-149 Sunday in the highest scoring All-Star game in NBA history.

Blackman had 29 points for the West, which had lost the previous three overtime games in the 37-year history of the game.

Blackman scored four points in overtime, including the opening basket that gave the West the lead to stay at 142-140. Chambers also had four points in the overtime for the West, which still trails in the series 24-13.

The East's 154-145 overtime victory in 1984 at Denver was the previous highest scoring game. The West's 154 points tied the

1984 total for the most points by one team.

Blackman, who scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, hit two free throws with no time left in regulation to force the overtime.

Moses Malone had given the East a 140-138 lead with three seconds left on a tip-in of a missed shot by Kevin McHale.

The East seemingly had a safe lead at 128-116 with 5:40 left, but the West rallied as Chambers scored 10 points in 3:07 to cut the deficit to 136-135 with 2:01 remaining. Chambers had 14 points in the fourth period.

Malone led the East with 27 points and 18 rebounds, and he also helped the East foul out West starting center Akeem Olajuwon, who went to the bench in the first minute of overtime to become the

first all-star since 1978 to be called for six personal fouls and only the second since 1971 to foul out.

James Worthy had 22 points for the West and Julius Erving 22 for the East in the 16th and final All-Star game of his professional career. He played in five American Basketball Association All-Star games before moving to the NBA for 11 more, all as a starter.

Erving put himself into position as a possible MVP when he scored nine points in a four-minute span of the third quarter, keying a 42-point period that almost carried the East to victory.

ond half with a five-point lead, but eight points by Larry Bird in the first five minutes, followed by Erving's spurt, gave the East a 96-87 advantage.

The West used hot streaks by three players while outscoring the East 41-32 in the second period.

After the East pulled ahead 37-31 in the first minute of the quarter, Golden State's Eric Floyd scored seven points in the next 1:28, sparking a 10-2 spurt that put the West ahead 41-39.

The East came back with six

The East came back with six straight points for a four-point advantage, but Blackman of Dallas scored 11 of his 13 points in the next three minutes as the West regained the lead 54-51.

James Worthy of the Lakers then scored eight points in the minute before the half, four of them on fast-break assists from Magic Johnson, giving the West a 70-62 margin. The West settled for a 70-65 halftime lead after Dominque Wilkins' three-point play with seven seconds to go.

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