

Lady Aggs' rally falls short as Hogs win 63-57

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team will have to wait until the Baylor game Saturday to find out if it has qualified for the Southwest Conference Tournament.

Despite an inspired comeback, A&M dropped a 63-57 decision to Arkansas Wednesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Lady Aggies, 9-16 overall and 5-10 in the Southwest Conference, must beat Baylor Saturday to grab the final spot in the tournament.

"We have improved so much," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said. "They proved that they could have beaten the No. 2 team in the conference. If you can stay up with Arkansas, you can stay up with most clubs."

The Razorbacks improved to 15-11 and 11-4.

"The difference was we were able to score inside," Arkansas Coach John Sutherland said.

The Lady Aggies, behind the scoring of Evelyn Sanders and Paula Crutcher, jumped out to a quick 10-6 lead. After Sanders hit a spinning eight-footer in the paint for A&M's 10th point, Arkansas began to press. It payed off a quick dividend as Lanell Dawson stole an in-bounds pass and scored to make it 10-8.

A&M still led 14-12 at the 11:27 mark, but Arkansas went on a 15-4 run to take a nine-point lead at 27-18. But the Lady Aggies came right back.

Veronda Roundtree canned a 3-pointer and Roper swished one from the top of the key to pull within five. The Razorbacks managed a 32-25 lead into the half.

The Lady Aggies scored the first basket of the second half to pull within three at 32-29 but then went cold; Arkansas then slowly began to pull away.

The Razorbacks outscored the Lady Aggies 24-10 over the next 10 minutes to grab its largest lead of the game at 56-39. Center Bronwyn Wynn contributed 13



Photo by Bill Hughes

Arkansas' Bronwyn Wynn looks to dish off the ball as Texas A&M's Evelyn Sanders (23) and Veronda Roundtree defend against her during the

Razorbacks win over A&M Wednesday.

points for the Razorbacks during the spurt.

With 6:12 left in the game, the Lady Aggies came storming back.

Lisa Jordan hit one of two free throws, and A&M finally started hitting some outside shots. Freshman Traci Thomas banged in a 15-footer, and Lisa Herner and Donna Roper both nailed jumpers from just inside the three-

point circle as the Lady Aggies cut it to eight at 56-48.

Arkansas' Sheila Burkes cut underneath for a layup to break the run, but Roper scored on a drive and fast-break layup, and suddenly it was a six-point game at 58-52.

Herner was able to hit a 3-pointer with 46 seconds left to make it 61-56. But Webb drove the right baseline for a layup, and

the Razorbacks had their 15th win of the season.

Arkansas also stymied the Lady Aggies' comeback by hitting four of six free throws in the game's final minute and a half.

The Razorbacks' Wynn led all scorers with 15 points. Roper led A&M with 12 points, while Crutcher, playing her last game at G. Rollie White, chipped in 11.

Cougars shock Horned Frogs by 20 points to give TCU first home defeat in 24 games

FORT WORTH (AP) — Greg Anderson scored 14 of his 27 points in the last 10 minutes of the game Wednesday night to carry the Houston Cougars to an 84-65 upset of 15th-ranked Southwest Conference champion Texas Christian.

TCU dropped to 22-5 and 13-2 in the conference while the Cougars, who had lost to the Horned

Frogs 62-56 earlier in the year, improved to 17-9 and 9-6.

The loss ended a streak of 24 consecutive victories in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for the Horned Frogs.

Houston never trailed in the game as guard Tim Hobby scored 25 points, hitting 9 of 13 shots from the field including five 3-point buckets.

Rickie Winslow added 17 points for the hot-shooting Cougars, who gave TCU problems with a tight man-for-man defense.

The Cougars shot 54 percent from the field, to build a 38-25 halftime lead on Randy Brown's goal at the buzzer. Hobby scored 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

Houston's tenacious man-for-man defense gave the Horned Frogs problems although Carl Lott made his first appearance after missing 10 straight games with a broken finger.

Lott scored 16 points, while Larry Richard added 15. Carven Holcombe, TCU's leading scorer who averaged 18 points per game, had 10 points.

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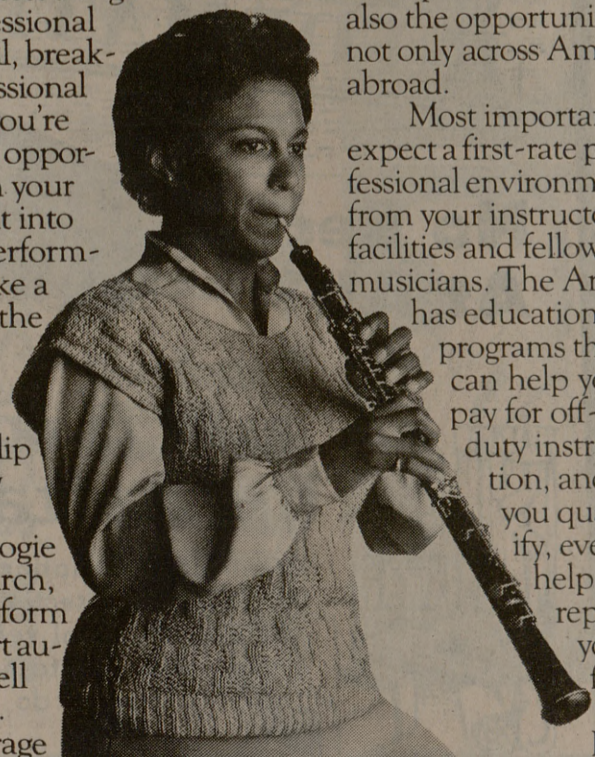


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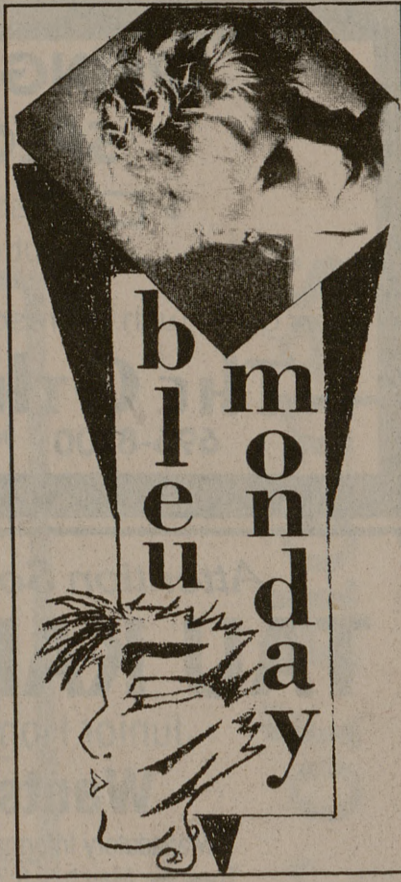
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