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Ags capture SWC tourney championship

A&M to face Duke in NCAA 1st-round action

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If Texas Christian University Head Football Coach Jim Wacker had been there, his word undoubtedly would have been, "Unbelievable!"

Texas A&M opened up a big lead early and never looked back as the Aggies defeated Baylor University 71-45 Sunday for the Southwest Conference Post-Season Basketball Classic championship at Dallas' Reunion Arena.

The win gives A&M an automatic berth in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. The Aggies are seeded No. 12 in the Midwest Region and will face the No. 5 seed, the Duke Blue Devils, Thursday at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

Tournament Most Valuable Player Winston Crite led the way for the eighth-seeded Aggies in the finish to the prototypical "Cinderella story."

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf said, "This was the Aggie version of Cinderella where you take a group of good guys and turn a pumpkin into a coach."

"I feel very foolish. I should have

gone to Las Vegas this week instead of wasting my time on a basketball tournament. We were just fortunate to be here."

The game was much like the first two A&M victories in the tournament against TCU and Texas Tech. The Aggies built a big first-half lead with Crite at the helm and then held off late charges to grab the wins.

The main difference in the final game was Baylor's inability to put anything resembling a comeback together. The Bears never led and trailed by 15 points or more for most of the second half.

Aggie guard Darryl McDonald led all scorers with 17 points, and Crite and Todd Holloway added 16 points apiece as Baylor suffered its lowest point output and its worst defeat of the season.

Crite and McDonald were named to the All-Tournament team. Darryl Middleton and Michael Williams represented the Bears on the team.

One of the keys to the game for the Aggies was shutting down Middleton, Baylor's high-scoring center. Middleton averaged 18.9 points per game for the season.

However, the Aggie defense completely took him out of the Baylor offense. Middleton only managed to get three shots, all in the first half, and he only hit one. His two misses in as many attempts from the free-throw line gave him a total of two points for the game.

The primary responsibility for guarding Middleton fell on Aggie center Mike Clifford, and the senior responded in exemplary fashion.

Metcalf said, "We've done well on Middleton all year, and Clifford is the best defensive player in the conference."

Speaking about the defense A&M played against Middleton, Baylor Head Coach Gene Iba said, "They obviously did a good job on Darryl, but I thought they did a good defensive job on everybody on our team."

The Aggies out-rebounded the Bears 35-27 in the game. That included 11 first-half offensive rebounds that provided 12 extra points.

At 10:49 of the first half, Williams banked in a 12-footer for Baylor to make it 15-10 Aggies. But then the Bears went into a hole, going well over three minutes before scoring again. The score was 22-12 by then, and the Bears were never closer than 10 points after that.

Baylor tried to make a game out of it in the second half, but couldn't get close enough. Two jump shots by Williams cut the Aggie lead to 11 with 15:05 to play. But then the Bears went into hibernation again.

By the time they awoke 4½ minutes later, two Holloway free throws and four Aggie layups had boosted A&M's lead to 18, and the game was all but decided.

The Bears only were able to convert three out of 16 shots from the line, for an 18.7 percent conversion rate. They shot 20 out of 47 from the field for 42.5 percent.



Members of the Aggie basketball team display their Southwest Conference tournament trophy.

Photo by Dean Saito

Report: Investigators hired by SMU boosters

FORT WORTH (AP) — Southern Methodist University boosters hired private investigators to gather information on possible recruiting violations by the University of Texas and Texas A&M, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Sources told the newspaper that investigators were hired last November and December to look for possible violations of NCAA rules by the state-supported rivals.

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One source said William Stevens, identified as one of the nine boosters facing a lifetime ban from any association with SMU, was in charge of raising money to pay the private investigators.

Stevens would not say whether he was in charge of financing the investigation, but did confirm that the purpose of hiring the investigators was to bring out possible rules violations against Texas and Texas A&M, the newspaper said.

Stevens said he attended several meetings with the investigators.

"The PIs were told that SMU boosters are bad, but we want to get the NCAA going on Texas and A&M," a source told the newspaper. "The boosters said they could not understand why state schools seem to 'slide through' with the NCAA and discussed 'selective enforcement.'"

The NCAA suspended SMU's football program for the 1987 season and limited its schedule to seven road games for the 1988 season.

On Saturday, NCAA enforcement director David Berst cited Texas Gov. Bill Clements as an example of what he called the dark side of college athletics. Berst cited Clements' acknowledgement last week that when he headed the SMU Board of Governors, he and some members of the board were aware of illicit payments to football players and had authorized the payments to be continued after assuring the NCAA the practice had stopped.

Relatives say suspect bragged about killing

By Carolyn Garcia
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Two cousins of capital-murder suspect Terry Washington were the key witnesses for the prosecution when they testified Friday that Washington bragged about killing Beatrice Huling.

One of Washington's cousins, Mary Sandles, told District Attorney Bill Turner during the writ of habeas corpus hearing that Washing-

ton told her and four others that he "beat the white man at his own game."

"Yeah, I killed the bitch," Sandles testified that Washington said during a visit to her home a few days after the murder.

"He said that he hated white folks," she said. "For enough money he said he would kill any of them."

Sandles said she and the others

were not sure whether Washington was serious.

In light of the testimony given, state District Judge Carolyn Ruffino denied bail for Washington.

On Wednesday Ruffino issued a gag order which prevents attorneys and witnesses from talking with the press about the case.

Washington, 23, has been held in Brazos County Jail without bond since his Feb. 25 arrest in connection

with the murder of Huling at Julie's Place Restaurant.

Huling, a mother of two and the night manager of the restaurant where both she and Washington worked, was found stabbed to death Jan. 15 in a pool of blood with her head resting at the base of the open office safe, restaurant manager Scott Milton said.

Washington, who was on parole from the Texas Department of Corrections after serving part of a seven-year sentence for the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, was employed as a dishwasher at the restaurant until shortly before College Station Police arrested him in connection with the Huling murder.

Washington has been charged with capital murder, which carries a possible death sentence. The district attorney's office will seek a grand jury indictment against Washington when the Brazos County grand jury meets Thursday.

Dr. J.C. Lee, a local pathologist who performed the autopsy on Huling, said Huling had been stabbed 85 times and that at least five of the stab wounds, not counting the abdominal slash, were fatal.

Sandles said the subject of the murder arose when the group asked Washington if he had heard anything about the murder. At first Washington said he didn't know any of the details about the case, but he later admitted killing the night manager, she said.

Testifying under a summons, Billy Sandles, Mary Sandles' brother, said he also heard Washington's statement but decided he should not to do anything about it. He then said he was not sure if Washington was telling the truth or just "running his mouth."

Billy Sandles also said he saw Washington a few days after the murder at a convenience store with a \$100 bill in the front pocket of his shirt and what he said appeared to be several hundred dollars in his wallet.

Milton testified that Washington's take-home pay for the week of the murder was \$78.25.

Washington's court-appointed defense attorney, Tyler Moore, pleaded with Judge Ruffino to allow bond since there had been "no confession."

"Your honor, there was no confession," Moore said. "There may have been some statements that qualify under the hearsay rule, but there was no confession."

Moore did not seem surprised by the judge's decision to deny bail and Washington appeared expressionless.

Mardi Gras parade brings color to A&M

By Amy Couvillon
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It was five minutes until 6 p.m. in Friday's perfect parade weather as the participants in the first "Mardi Gras at Texas A&M" parade lined up behind the MSC near Cain Hall.

Ross Volunteers straightened their hats with impeccably gloved hands. TAMU Jazz Band saxophone players ran through their scales, and twirlers from A&M Consolidated High School chattered and giggled as their flags arced yellow and orange through the air. Fish Drill Team members stood at rigid attention waiting for the signal to begin marching.

Around the corner, spectators

were beginning to gather along the parade route, sitting on curbs and car trunks. Representatives from Off-Campus Aggies, sponsor of the parade, scurried around taking care of final details and last-minute entries.

Then, as everyone began wondering when the parade would start, BOOM!! A deafening cannon blast from the howitzer usually seen at A&M football games signaled that 1987's Mardi Gras at A&M had begun.

A University Police car, lights flashing, led the procession. Close behind came the Marshal and Grand Marshal of the parade, riding in con-

vertible black Porsches and tossing out plastic beads and doubloons.

The RVs, who marched last Tuesday in the King Rex Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans, came next — each member poker-faced and every foot together. The sharp military demonstration drew scattered applause and whoops from the crowd.

The first float carried the "king" of the parade — Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services. Accompanying King Koldus were Reveille V, who seemed to be enjoying herself, and "Mr. Aggie Spirit" — 6-year-old Tommy Kunkleman of College Station. Tommy has appeared beside the yell leaders at two

seasons' worth of A&M sports functions in his mini-yell leader outfit.

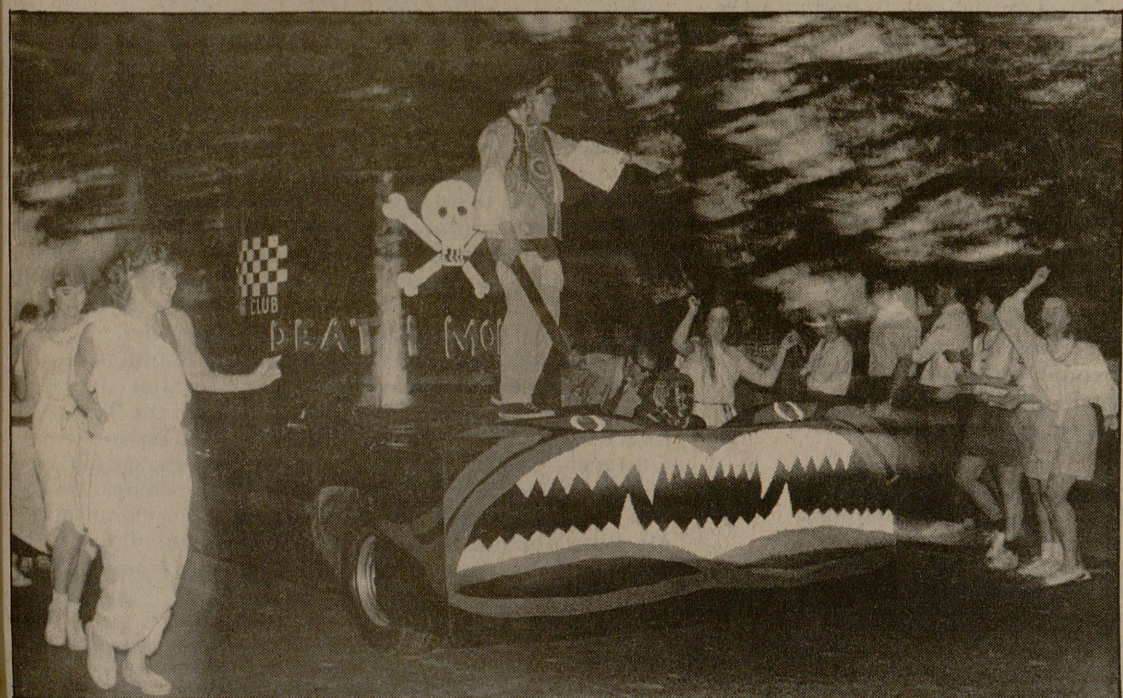
As the king's float passed, the brass strains of "When the Saints go Marching In" — courtesy of half a dozen colorfully-dressed members of the Texas A&M University Jazz Band — added a New Orleans flavor to the festivities.

Residents of Hobby, Moore, Keathley and Hotard halls yelled, laughed and threw plastic beads from their float, and riders on the Residence Hall Association float practiced their best parade waves. Three unicyclists chased each other in circles and encouraged the crowd to get rowdy. "You're no fun!" one of them teased a spectator.

The black KANM-FM van and a midget Air Force plane escorted by four cadets were followed by a troupe of belly dancers known only as "Nancie and the Winds of Magic." The women danced with finger cymbals and tambourines, and their costumes — or lack of costumes — drew catcalls, applause and whoops from parade-watchers.

The gypsy music was followed by an ominous pause. People craned their necks through an enormous cloud of smoke to see the "Death Mobile," a black car with fins and teeth modeled after the "Animal House" version. Entered by the A&M Sports Car Club, the entry won the judges' "Best Overall" award. Toga-clad club members in and around the car danced to "Shout" and threw beads and doubloons.

Next came the winner of the "Most Colorful" award — The Student Y float. Complete with bales of hay, crepe paper streamers and riders in matching shirts, the float was pulled by a pickup truck sounding its horn to the rhythm of "Hullabaloo Caneck Caneck."



The Texas A&M Sports Car Club's entry in the Mardi Gras parade Friday was the "Death Mobile."

Photo by Bill Hughes