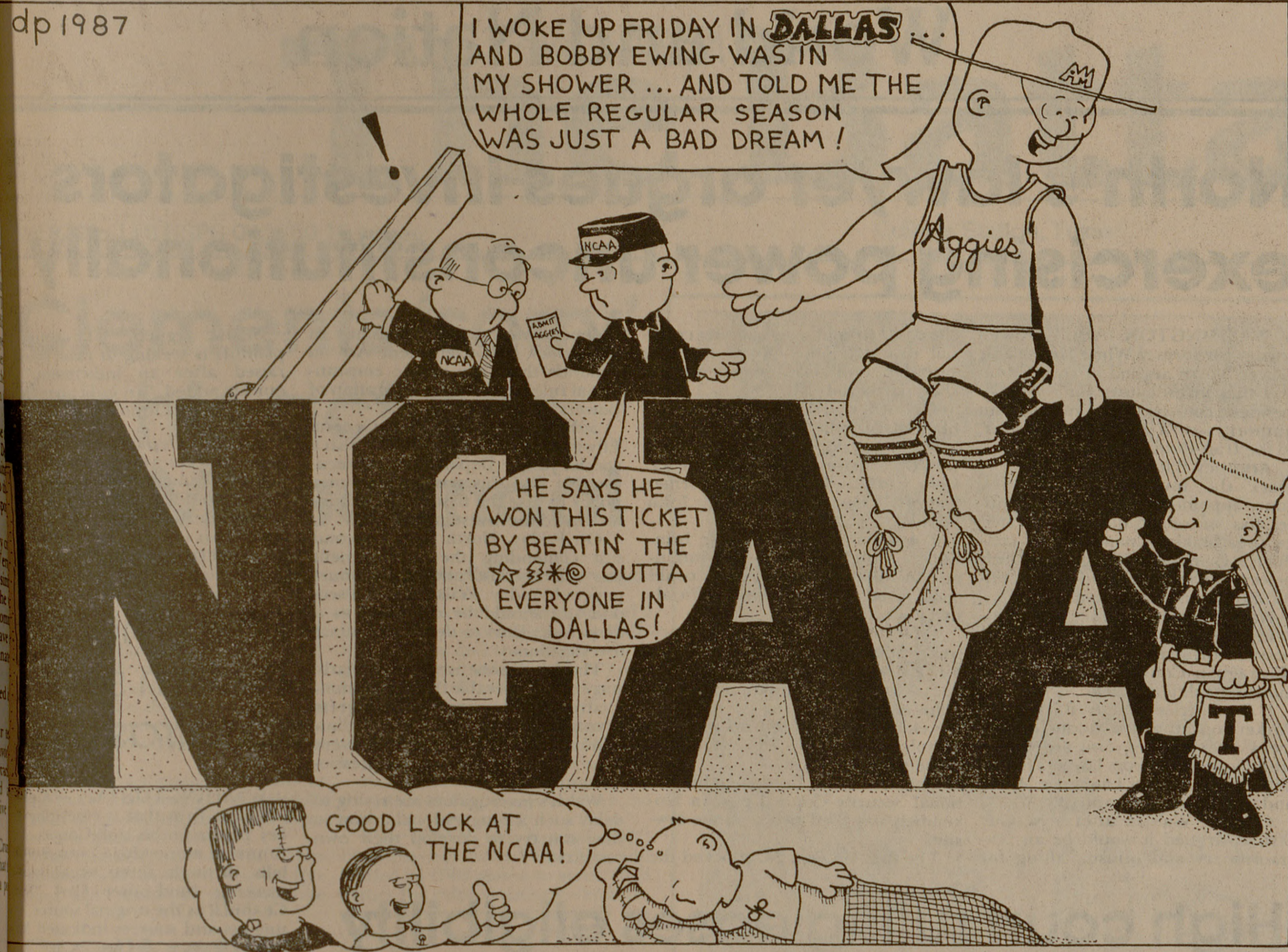


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### Valvano ignites N.C. State to win

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Jim Valvano threw away his chalk. In the process, he may have put North Carolina State back on the same track it took on its come-from-nowhere trek to the 1983 NCAA basketball crown. Minutes before the Wolfpack took the floor in a game that was to end with a 68-67 win over second-ranked North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship, Valvano underwent a transformation. "He was real calm the first five minutes," forward Mike Giomi said. "He was drawing Xs and Os on the blackboard, talking about doing a few things in the game. Then, all of a sudden, he threw down the chalk and started screaming. It comes from the heart. It comes from the

heart. Don't leave anything out there on the court." Tournament MVP Vinny Del Negro, who hit N.C. State's final two free throws with 14 seconds left, said Valvano exhorted the team by telling them what a rare opportunity they had in playing the Tar Heels for the ACC title. "He had me ready to run through a wall," Del Negro said. The Wolfpack, 14-14 two weeks ago, beat No. 14 Duke in overtime and edged Wake Forest in double overtime to reach the finals. But Valvano, who led N.C. State through several close calls en route to the 1983 title, said there's nothing wrong with blooming late.

"I know to some people it's more important to go 29-3 than 19-13, but not to me," he said. "To put the banner up in your building, you have to win this tournament. You don't get it for winning the regular season." North Carolina Coach Dean Smith is a believer. "They looked better to me than when they were in the top 10 in December," he said. "So they certainly might have an '83 all over again." Valvano, who wrote a book called "Too Soon To Quit" after the '83 march, hasn't lost his optimism. "I still don't think this team is as good as the '83 one. Yet, this team has something," he said. "If you can beat North Carolina, who knows what can happen?"

### A's Jackson hopes year lacks hype

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — On Reggie Jackson's last swing around the American League, he'd like to hear baseball fans cheering him for base hits rather than for memories. "I don't want a lot of hoopla. Because I'm a lot of hoopla, anyway," the 40-year-old Jackson said with the wide smile he usually wears between the more serious moments of the game he's played professionally for 21 years. Jackson will be ending his career with the Oakland A's, the team he helped lead to three world championships in the early 1970s and rejoined over the winter after spending 11 seasons with other American League clubs. His career totals include 548 home runs, ranking him sixth on the all-time list, and 1,659 RBI. With the A's, he is scheduled to serve as designated hitter, primarily against right-handed pitchers, and he was 2-for-5 Sunday in his first spring training game as the DH. "We didn't do it just for sentiment," A's President Roy Eisenhardt said when Jackson was signed as a free agent on Dec. 24. "We think Reggie will bring back what he left with. He plays baseball hard, he plays it well and he plays it to win." Jackson agreed. "I don't want anything to detract from the team," he said. "The main thing to think about is being a unit and to keep the focus on that unit. I'm not planning to play after this year. But right now, I'm just concentrating on my workload and getting myself ready. "I haven't really had time to dwell on this probably being my last spring training or this season being my last go-round. But, yes, I've thought of it."

### AP Top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, record and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	19 Nev.-Las Vegas (65)	33-1	1300	1
2	20 North Carolina	29-3	1146	2
3	3 Indiana	24-4	1135	4
4	4 Georgetown	26-4	1068	7
5	5 DePaul	26-2	1021	5
6	6 Iowa	27-4	949	6
7	7 Purdue	24-4	922	3
8	8 Temple	31-3	884	8
9	9 Alabama	26-4	843	9
10	10 Syracuse	26-6	692	10
11	11 Illinois	23-7	667	12
12	12 Pittsburgh	24-7	534	11
13	13 Clemson	25-5	387	13
14	14 Missouri	24-9	349	19
15	15 UCLA	24-6	337	18
16	16 New Orleans	25-3	305	16
17	17 Duke	22-8	233	14
18	18 Notre Dame	22-7	201	20
19	19 TCU	23-6	165	15
20	20 Kansas	23-10	138	-

### SWC tournament suffers problems with ticket sales

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby said Monday he was disappointed with attendance at the 1987 Southwest Conference Post-Season Basketball Classic which was the worst since the tournament began 12 years ago in Moody Coliseum. Only 38,379 fans attended the four sessions at Reunion Arena. The championship game between Texas A&M and Baylor drew a sparse crowd of 8,312. The SWC said it sold about 10,000 ticket packages for the entire tournament. It averaged 9,595 fans per session. Reunion Arena seats 16,007. "We're going to have to look at different ways to scale ticket prices," Jacoby said. "We're also going to have to find a way to reach tournament basketball followers, not just the fans of the conference schools. It's obvious we are going to have to work at finding a solution." Jacoby said a lot of factors could be blamed, including the current depressed economy in Texas, and tele-

vision saturation of basketball play-offs across the country. "We didn't really have a big name player like Akeem Olajuwon or Joe Kleine or Clyde Drexler to draw the casual basketball fan," Jacoby said. "I don't know whether the Dallas area fans are saturated because of Dallas Mavericks (NBA) basketball or not." Jacoby said the SWC Classic had brought more attention to the conference's basketball program and cited Sunday's televised final by ESPN as an example. The SWC also has been hurt because of recent down years by the Arkansas Razorbacks, whose fans are among the most supportive in the league. "It always helps to have the Razorbacks in the finals," Jacoby said. The SWC has a contract with Reunion Arena until an option year of 1991. After two years at the HemisFair Arena in San Antonio, the SWC tried alternating between Houston and Dallas each year.

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