

Sports

Anything's possible for Ags after play in SWC tourney

By Homer Jacobs
Sports Editor

One second left on the clock. Texas A&M trails Duke by one point.
It's a sea of blue and white at the Hoosier Dome, and Duke students have gotten a hold of Mike Clifford's free-throw statistics.
"Aairrballl," they chant as they glance at the 7.9 percentage. Clifford steps to the line, the crowd noise becomes deafening. The senior Aggie forward throws the ball toward the basket. It bounces off the rim, slams off the front of the rim, and it's good.
Oh my!
The game is tied, and Clifford can give the Aggies the upset with one more from the charity stripe.
He sets for the game-winning free throw. It's up, it takes paint off the rim and rolls around and around and . . . oh, it's time for my eight o'clock class.
Although the above scenario is a

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dream, anything can happen when it comes to college basketball during these precious weeks in March.
Take for example this past weekend, when the Texas Aggies romped to a Southwest Conference tournament championship. That's the eighth-seeded Aggies, who lost nine out of their last 11 regular-season games.
It was the first time the eighth-seeded team had ever won the post-season classic, and it was the largest margin of victory (25 points) ever in the tournament.
But now that the post-season, pre-NCAA games are over, it's now prime time — time to play with the "big boys."
And undoubtedly, A&M drew a heavyweight as a first-round opponent in the Duke Blue Devils.
But the Aggies could have done a lot worse. How does A&M against Indiana in Indianapolis grab you?
In nailing down the No. 12 seed, the Aggies, if they play like they did at Reunion Arena, might be able to pull off an upset or two.
Duke is a solid Atlantic Coast Con-

ference team, but it's not in the league of a North Carolina or an Indiana.
The Blue Devils are more in the class of a Texas Christian, even though Duke is tournament-tough and used to the intense basketball played on Tobacco Road.
A 20-point plus game from Winston Crite and solid performance from Darryl McDonald, and A&M is looking at a possible meeting in the second round with either Xavier of Ohio or Missouri.
But regardless of how far the Aggies travel down the road to New Orleans, they have nothing to lose and everything to gain in the tournament.
If A&M loses, it'll mean the Aggies just pocketed a cool \$200,000 for one game of basketball.
If the Aggies somehow defeat Duke, it means more money, more television exposure and more chances for Mike Clifford to go to the free-throw line for the game-winner.
"Aairrballl, aairrballl," they chant. Shot's up . . . oh my!

Aggies win on umpire's call at plate

By Hal L. Hammons
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Did Andy Duke score the winning run for Texas A&M Monday or not? According to the umpire he did, so the Aggies came away from Olsen Field with a 4-3 victory over Washington State.
"The umpire said I was safe, so I guess I was safe," Duke said.
Washington State Head Coach Bobo Brayton, who broke a batting helmet on the ground arguing with the home plate umpire about the call, thought otherwise.
Duke scored from second on Ever Magallanes' two-out single to right field off shortstop-turned-pitcher Rob Nichols. Nichols was called to pitch to Magallanes, relieving Kip Fagg.
The Magallanes RBI was his third of the day and nineteenth of the year. The win boosted the Aggies' record to 21-2-1 for the season.
The controversy marred a fine outing by Aggie pitcher Darryl Fry, who raised his record to 3-1. The senior recorded seven strikeouts with only seven hits and three walks in the complete game victory.
The disputed call never would have been made if Cougar first baseman James Connor had not homered in the top half of the inning. Connor, who Fry had struck out in Connor's first two at-bats, atoned for himself with a towering shot over the left-center field wall.
Fry made a habit of getting into trouble and then getting out. In both the second and fourth innings, he struck out a batter with one out and a runner on third to avoid trouble.
In the sixth, Fry was faced with runners on the corners with one out and picked off the man on first. Cougar second baseman Loren Hoppes then was thrown out at home in a double steal attempt as Fry escaped once again.



Photo by Shannon Boyesen

A&M first baseman Daron Dacus slides into second base unsuccessfully as WSU shortstop Larry Cratsenberg gets the out.

The Cougars finally broke through with two runs in the seventh. Right fielder Terrell Hansen, who was at bat during the unsuccessful steal attempt, singled. Left fielder Mike Meyers then blasted a Fry fastball over the right-field wall to put the Cougars in the lead.
The Aggies answered quickly in the bottom half of the inning. Duke reached base on a fielder's choice, and catcher Eric Albright and center fielder Chuck Knoblauch both walked with two outs, loading the bases.
Ever Magallanes then blooped a single into short center field off starting and losing pitcher David Wainhouse (0-1), scoring Duke and Albright.
In the fourth inning with one out and no score, designated hitter John Byington blasted a double into the left-center field gap. Second baseman Terry Taylor

quickly followed with an identical shot that scored Byington for the freshman's 19th RBI of the season.
Aggie Head Coach Mark Johnson said he regrets the way his team got the win, but said they would take it anyway.
"I feel bad . . . I'd rather go out and beat them (than win on a questionable call)," Johnson said.
He said the win was especially significant since five freshmen and a sophomore started for A&M.
The abundance of youth in the lineup was greater Monday because of injuries. Scott Livingstone strained his shoulder in Saturday's game and will probably miss today's game with Western Kentucky. Don Wren had a bad stone bruise and only played as a defensive substitution in the ninth inning.

Memo says boosters gave Yeoman funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Boosters of the University of Houston football program raised money so former head football Coach Bill Yeoman could distribute as much as \$500 to players, according to a school memorandum released Monday.
The memorandum detailing information from Baytown businessman Frank Terry conflicts with a recent report from Yeoman in which he said he occasionally gave players money for humanitarian reasons, but never more than \$35.
The documents were compiled during an in-house investigation by the Houston law firm of Lidell, Sapp and Zively into allegations that Yeoman and his assistant coach paid players in violation of NCAA rules. Yeoman, who resigned last fall af-

ter heading the Cougars for 25 years, recently said he would have no further comment on the allegations.
Terry said the first time he gave Yeoman money was prior to the 1982 or 1983 season, when he turned over \$3,000 from about eight boosters.
On another occasion, Terry was asked to collect money and responded with about \$4,000 from about six boosters.
Another money-raising effort was attempted after the 1984 season after "Yeoman's promise at the beginning of the year that they (the players) would receive the traditional \$250-\$500 payment if they produced during the year."
Terry said that since the Houston

area was having economic troubles because of the slide of oil prices, Yeoman could not raise the \$16,000 to \$18,000 necessary, so he borrowed the money from a bank.
"One friend of Yeoman's purportedly gave Yeoman an oilwell, the royalties from which were used for payments," he said.
Terry also said Mike Burch, owner of a beer distributorship in Baytown frequently supplied summer jobs for players and was in on making under-the-table payments.
Burch, however, told investigators he knew of no such payments.
The investigation emerged after several former players said that while on the team they received cash and bought gasoline with school credit cards.

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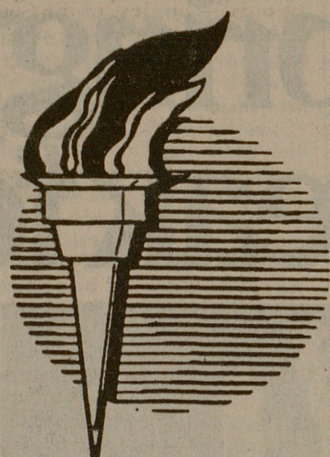
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