

Sports

Aggies in underdog role today against Duke

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For the Texas Aggie Basketball team, this afternoon's 1:37 game against No. 17 Duke in the opening round of the NCAA Midwest Regionals could be a game of The Underdogs — Take II.

Take I, of course, took place last weekend at the Southwest Conference tournament in Dallas where the Aggies, whose conference record of 6-10 earned them the last-place seed in the eight-team tourney, pulled off three straight victories and walked away with the tournament championship.

In doing so, the Aggies also earned an automatic bid to the NCAA tourney and the right to face Duke in today's game that will be played at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

The 64-team field is broken down into four regionals — East, Southeast, West and Midwest. The 16 teams in each region are then seeded according to season records and national rankings.

The No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional is No. 2-ranked Indiana. Duke, whose season record was 22-8, earned the Blue Devils a No. 5 seed.

Texas A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf, winner of 397 games in his 24-year career at A&M, however, said the Aggies sweep in Dallas last weekend gave him and his players a lot of satisfaction.

"Anything can happen in a tournament," Metcalf said. "I feel like us receiving a bid to the NAAs is a just reward for a lot of hard work and patience on the part of our guys."

For the Aggies to come out ahead against the Blue Devils, though, Metcalf said his team needs to continue to work hard on defense, continue to rebound strong and shoot a high percentage from the floor. Success in those three areas enabled the Aggies to win last weekend's games

against TCU, Texas Tech and Baylor.

Metcalf said although A&M and Duke have never met on the basketball court, playing the Blue Devils will not be unlike playing many of the other teams the Aggies faced over the season. In other words, the Aggies will have to use tenacity to overcome a height disadvantage.

"It'll be just like other teams we've faced," Metcalf said. "We'll give up height at all five positions. But we'll just try to do our best."

The Blue Devils are led by sophomore forward Danny Ferry who leads the team in scoring (14.4 per game) and rebounding (8 boards per game). Duke's other probable starters are 6-5 forward Robert Brickey, guards Tommy Amaker and Quin Snyder and center John Smith.

The Aggies, on the other hand, will counter with senior Winston "Mr. Tournament" Crite. The 6-7 forward, who will play in his first NCAA tourney, averaged 24 points a game last weekend — including 30 points against top-seeded TCU. For the third time in four years, Crite earned All-Tournament honors and was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

This year's bid from the NCAA marks the sixth time the Aggies have been in the nation's top basketball tournament. Metcalf, who has coached in five of those playoff seasons, last took the Aggies to the NAAs in 1980 when the intimidating "Wall" of 6-8 Vernon Smith, 6-6 Rynn Wright and 6-11 Rudy Woods led A&M to victory in its first two games before losing to eventual national champion Louisville in overtime.

The quotable Metcalf, however, appears to enjoy the underdog role.

"Don't count us out," he said. "We're definitely going to take our slingshots with us."

Today's game will be televised live by KBTX-TV Channel 3 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Proposal to ban Yeoman from UH fails to surface at school meeting

HOUSTON (AP) — A proposal to ban former football coach Bill Yeoman from the University of Houston didn't surface Wednesday at a special meeting over the school's embattled athletic department, officials said.

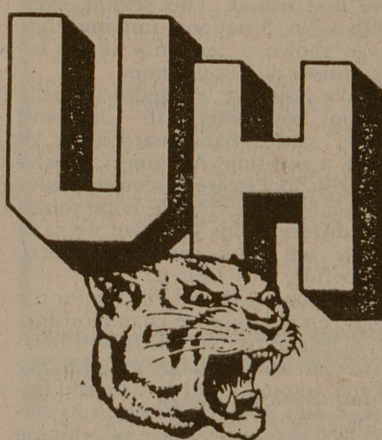
Bruce Oppenheimer, chairman of the athletic advisory committee and a political science professor, earlier said he wanted to pass a resolution calling for an end to Yeoman's relationship with the school.

But "there's no recommendation regarding the status of Bill Yeoman," he said after the committee met in closed session for 2½ hours. The 16-member group asked him not to divulge details of the meeting, he said.

"It was a long, hard session," he said, responding briefly to reporters' questions. The committee is made up of faculty, students and alumni, none of whom has the authority to oust Yeoman.

Yeoman quit as football coach at the end of the 1986 season and now works for the school president as a fund-raiser and is paid \$103,000 a year.

Oppenheimer repeatedly refused to disclose what recommendations



this sort of activity is tolerated, or are we going to run a program in the correct way?" he asked.

In a memorandum released Monday, Baytown businessman Frank Terry said he helped raise \$10,000 after Yeoman asked for his help.

The memorandum was part of an in-house investigation conducted by a Houston law firm in response to allegations that Yeoman and his assistant coach violated National Collegiate Athletic Association rules by paying players.

In a report conducted by the same firm and made public last week, Yeoman said he occasionally gave players money for humanitarian reasons, but never more than \$35.

In the report, Terry says he gave Yeoman \$3,000 prior to the 1982 or 1983 season. On another occasion, Terry collected about \$4,000 from about six boosters.

Yeoman, who resigned last fall after heading the Cougars for 25 years, has refused to comment, but Van Horn has defended him, calling his career "long and distinguished."

The in-house investigation was conducted after several former players said that while on the team they received cash.

the committee would send to school President Richard Van Horn. Athletic Director Rudy Davolos also would not comment on the discussion.

The no-Yeoman movement began after reports earlier this week revealed Houston boosters raised money so Yeoman could give up to \$500 cash to some players, depending on need.

"Are we going to live in the past and run the sort of program where

Ex-Villanova guard admits to cocaine use in Final Four

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary McLain, the sparkplug guard on Villanova's 1985 NCAA championship team, said he used cocaine during the Final Four that year and was high when the Wildcats visited the White House.

McLain detailed his drug dependency and subsequent rehabilitation in a first-person story in the March 16 edition of Sports Illustrated.

He said he was treated for drug abuse at the White Deer Treatment Center in Allenwood, Pa., last summer after he was fired from his Wall Street job.

McLain, 23, said he used cocaine before several Wildcat games, including the 1985 NCAA semifinal against Memphis State in Lexington, Ky.

"I had played well on coke, I had played bad on it," he said in the story, written with Jeffrey Marx of the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader.

"It didn't seem to matter. So I did about a quarter gram of blow before the national semifinal in the bathroom of Room 135 of the Ramada Inn, about three miles from Rupp Arena....

"I'd gotten it in my head that if we lost it didn't matter. I just wanted the season to be over."

McLain scored nine points and had two assists as Villanova defeated Memphis State 52-45. The Wildcats then upset Georgetown 66-64 to win the national title, with McLain chipping in eight points and two assists.

Recalling the team's visit to the White House, McLain said, "I was

standing in the Rose Garden, wired on cocaine."

McLain said he had strange thoughts while watching President Reagan speak to the team.

"I was standing a couple of feet behind him, looking in his hair, thinking, this guy has more dandruff than your average man. Thinking thoughts like, I could push him in the head, just a little tap, and make news across the world. That's how high I was."

On his weekly radio show Tuesday night, Villanova Coach Rollie Massimino said McLain's revelations were the "most devastating thing that has happened to me in 30 years of coaching."

Ags sweep Creighton in softball

The Texas A&M softball team swept a double-header with Creighton, 1-0, 6-2, Wednesday in Norman, Okla.

The third-ranked Aggies improved their record to 8-2 with the wins.

In the first game, second baseman Julie Smith led off with a triple and scored on a passed ball to give A&M the only run it would need.

Shawn Andaya pitched both games and raised her record to 5-1.

In the second game, A&M got its first run in the fourth inning when Julie Carpenter scored after a single by Renee Blaha. Third baseman Judy Trussell reached on an error to bring home Blaha and center fielder Erin Newkirk, who also reached on an error. Pinch hitter Zina Ochoa singled to bring in Smith.

The Aggies will take on Northern Illinois today in the first round of the Sooner Invitational held in Norman.

Phoenix Suns' forward Ed Pinckney, a college teammate and roommate of McLain's, said Wednesday he was shocked by the story of McLain's drug use.

"I really didn't know he had this problem," Pinckney said in an interview from Boston. "The things I'm reading about don't sound like the person I knew."

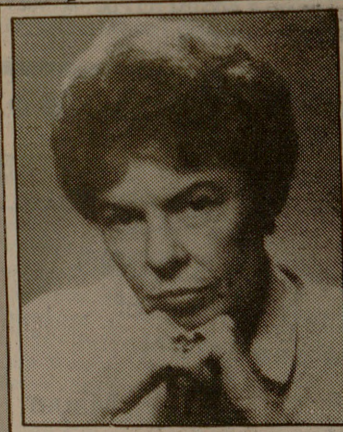
McLain said other Villanova basketball players smoked marijuana with him. He did not identify those teammates in the story.

In the article, McLain said Massimino confronted him twice about suspected drug use in 1984. He said he managed to escape detection because players were never given a urinalysis.

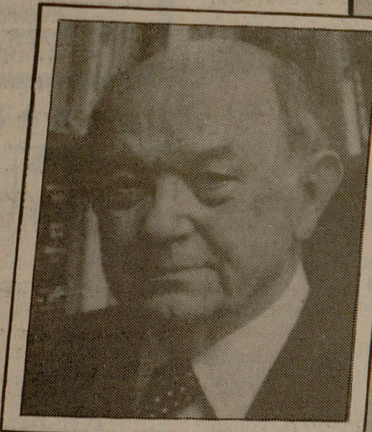
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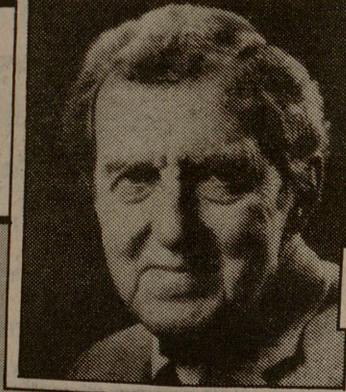
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