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Irish look past mauling at Miami, look to Ags

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame players gave credit where it was due after Sunday's loss to second-ranked Miami and turned their attention Monday to the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl battle against Texas A&M.

Coach Lou Holtz and his football squad returned to campus late Sunday after enduring a 24-0 drubbing at Miami to end the regular season at 8-3. Miami, 10-0, is headed for an Orange Bowl showdown with top-ranked Oklahoma, 11-0.

"They are so talented," offensive tackle Byron Spruell said of Miami. "If they don't go all the way, I'd be surprised."

Flanker Tim Brown, a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, gave Miami grudging respect, despite their taunting during the game.

"They play with no class, but they're a bunch of guys who know how to play," he said.

Brown totaled 95 all-purpose yards, his second-lowest performance of the season, and dropped three passes while catching three others for 37 yards.

Holtz offered his players what comfort he could to ease the pain

of failing to avenge a humiliating 58-7 defeat at Miami two years ago.

"I said before the game that I thought Miami might be the most talented team I've seen," Holtz said. "I think on a given day, they're probably the best team in the country."

Brown, who was named the 1987 winner of the Walter Camp Trophy as the nation's top college football player, said Holtz told his team things will get better.

"He told us we still have one game left," Spruell added. "We want to pick it up for the guys who still have futures here."

Notre Dame plays Texas A&M, 9-2, in the Cotton Bowl.

While the Irish eased back from a heavy practice schedule, planning only weekend practices before leaving for Dallas in late December, Holtz and his assistant coaches hit the road to recruit.

"We're two years away from having a real solid football team," Holtz had said before the Miami matchup. Holtz may be depending on a good recruiting season to strengthen a defense whose lack of speed eliminated hopes for a strong pass rush.

Lady Ags pummel Pan Am 110-50 while setting 5 school records

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So this is what the Fat Boys meant by wipeout.

The Texas A&M Lady Aggies scored a school record 110 points to beat the Pan American Lady Broncs 110-50 Monday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The 60-point margin was the biggest of the game for the Lady Aggies, who raised their season record to 2-1.

Along with the total point record, the Lady Aggies set four other school records. The team set a new mark for most field goals made with 49. Junior guard Donna Roper made 10 of those field goals, while Evelyn Sanders and Veronda Roundtree converted nine field goals each.

A&M grabbed a record 70 rebounds with Sanders and center Lisa Jordan grabbed 13 caroms.

The Lady Aggies also set a team record for most assists in a game with 37. Point guard Lisa Herner set an individual record with 16 assists.

Roper lead all scorers with 25 points. Sanders tossed in 20 points and Roundtree contributed 18.

Pan Am had its only lead of the game in the opening minutes of the first half. But A&M tied the game at nine and moved ahead for good, 11-9, with 15 minutes left in the half when Roper tipped a fast break pass to Roundtree, who converted the layup.

A&M took a 52-30 halftime lead to the locker room. The difference could have been even bigger, but the Lady Aggies hit only six of 16 free throw attempts, a .375 average.

A&M's starters immediately went to work on increasing the halftime lead in the second half. By the time A&M's score doubled Pan Am's, 90-45, all the starters were on the bench.

Freshman center Louise Madison grabbed an offensive rebound and laid it in with 2:59 remaining in the game to lift A&M to the magical century mark, 100 points, a goal the team set before the game.

Pan Am gave up 121 points to

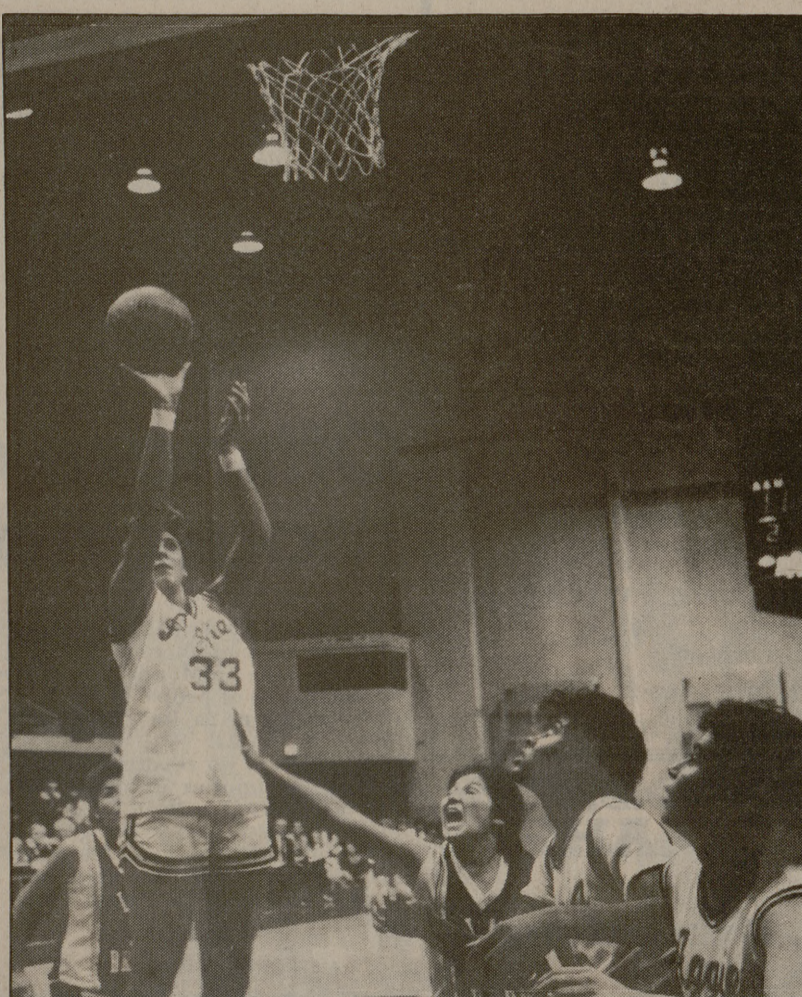


Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

Texas A&M's Lisa Jordan puts up a shot against Pan American in G. Rollie White Monday night while members of both teams look on.

TCU in its first game of the season, so the Lady Aggies wanted to do the same. Because they were thinking too much about scoring 100, they didn't play as well as they could, Roper said.

"It was like, 'If they can do it, we can do it,'" Roper said. "Instead of just going out and playing like we

could, we just had our head out on going for a hundred."

Although Roper said the team played an "average" game, Head Coach Lynn Hickey was pleased with the team's physical performance, especially after coming off a weekend road trip to Lincoln, Neb., where A&M placed second in the Wimmer Basketball Invitational.

McDonald leads Aggies to 1st victory

From Staff and Wire Reports
HOUSTON — Guard Darryl McDonald scored 18 points to lead Texas A&M to a come-from-behind 69-65 victory over Houston Baptist University Monday night.

It was the first win of the season for the Aggies after their season opening 104-80 loss to Oklahoma. McDonald scored 26 points in that game. A&M and Houston Baptist both are now 1-1 on the season.

Junior-college transfer Donald Thompson scored 13 points for the Aggies. Keron Graves added 11, including a team-leading 3 three-point goals. The Huskies were led by Fred Young and George Negron, each with 14.

The Aggies completed 51 percent of their shots from the field and 75 percent from behind the three-point line. The Huskies shot 52 percent from the field and 67 percent from three-point territory. Both teams hit only half of their free throws.

Houston Baptist led at the half, 34-25.

Steensma named to All-SWC team

A&M volleyball player Cheri Steensma was named to the All-Southwest Conference team.

A&M players Yvonne Van Brandt and Kelli Kellen made the second team.

Steensma is the SWC leader in kill average (4.05 per game), is third in hitting percentage (.322) and is fourth in dig average (2.92 per game). Other players on the first team include Texas' Dawn Davenport and Karen Kramer, Texas Tech's Becky Boxwell and Susan Kelly, Sherri Beyer of Houston and Jana Ranly of Baylor.

Houston player declared eligible, Ags still champs

From Staff and Wire Reports
DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby ruled Monday that University of Houston safety Randy Thornton was eligible to compete in the Cougars' Nov. 7 game against Texas.

The ruling means Texas A&M will keep the undisputed SWC championship. A ruling of ineligibility would have resulted in a tie between A&M and Texas, but A&M still would have gotten the conference champion's berth in the Cotton Bowl.

Jacoby reviewed Thornton's academic records after UH Athletic Di-

rector Rudy Davalos announced Sunday the Cougars would forfeit their 37-7 win over Temple because Thornton was ineligible.

The eligibility rule in question is an NCAA and SWC requirement that a student be registered and enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours at the time of participation and competition.

"Randy Thornton was dropped from two courses, which were processed by the Registrar's Office and became official on Nov. 11, 1987," Jacoby said. "Thus, Thornton was eligible to compete in the Texas-Houston football game played on Nov. 7, 1987."

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