

Sports

Ag teams both take meet crowns over weekend

Aggies win Jamboree for Metcalf's 400th win

From Staff and Wire Reports

SAN MARCOS — Head Coach Shelby Metcalf recorded his 400th win as Texas A&M's men's basketball coach as the Aggies beat Texas Southern University 85-64 Saturday night in Strahan Coliseum to win the first Jowers Jamboree tournament.

Point guard Darryl McDonald lead the Aggies in scoring with 29 points and was named the tourney's Most Valuable Player. A&M guard Keron Graves scored 17 points in the championship game and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Metcalf, who was given the game ball in an awards ceremony, said he was pleased with the team's performance against TSU.

"We came out and set the tempo, and our defense played very well," Metcalf said. "We are happy to be the champions of the first Jowers Jamboree. We enjoyed the tournament — it was first-class."

McDonald agreed that the Aggies' good defense triggered the win.

"We played good defense and I think that was the key," McDonald said. "We mixed up our defenses us-

ing both man-to-man and zone. I'm proud of Coach Metcalf and proud to be part of his 400th win."

A&M gained control of the game four minutes into the first half and never trailed after that.

A&M defeated Stephen F. Austin University 72-67 Friday night in the first game of the tournament. McDonald again led A&M, scoring 30 points and dishing off seven assists. McDonald hit all three of his three-point shot attempts, including one from midcourt as the buzzer sounded to end the first half.

SFA's Scott Dimak hit a three-pointer with six minutes remaining in the second half to give the lumberjacks a 61-60 lead. McDonald countered with his own three-pointer and A&M scored seven more unanswered points to pull ahead for good, 70-61 with 1:15 remaining in the game.

The Aggies, 3-2, return home tonight to play Northwestern State, 3-1, at 7:30 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo
Lisa Herner leads the A&M fastbreak. The win gave the Lady Aggies their first Converse-Hampton Inn Lady Aggie Classic championship.

Lady Aggies capture 1st place in tourney

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The Texas A&M women's basketball team beat the Oregon State Beavers 87-70 to win the Converse-Hampton Inn Lady Aggie Classic for the first time Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Oregon State finished second while Southwestern Louisiana and University of Texas at San Antonio captured third and fourth respectively.

A&M triumphed over UTSA 69-58 Friday, propelling the Lady Aggies into the championship game.

"To win this tournament and be able to play Oregon State again is a big, big thrill," A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said. "This shows what progress our program has taken."

The first half was a little shaky for the Lady Aggies but the referees provided them with an adrenaline boost after a questionable call in the second half. Oregon State received

two points for a shot that went off the side of the rim.

"Usually when the referees take over, we lose," A&M's Donna Roper said. "This time we came out on top."

"Perhaps the call was a blessing in disguise," Hickey said. "There were questionable calls that got the girls angry."

"I thought it would be a real close game. The key to this season is the physical effort that we didn't have last year. We are playing intense now."

The Lady Aggies, 3-1, were guided by junior guard Donna Roper's 18 points and 11 assists. This showing, combined with her 23-point effort against UTSA, led to her selection as the tournament's most valuable player.

"Roper is an All-American," Hickey said. "I don't think anyone can deny that."

A&M junior center Lisa Jordan led the scoring in the championship game with 24 points, joining Roper on the all-tournament team.

Paper: Sooners official provided players high-paying jobs

DALLAS (AP) — Some former Oklahoma University football players say a school official frequently provided summer employment to athletes, often paying them large amounts for little or no work, the Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story Sunday.

The newspaper identified the official as Howard Thomas Johnson, 66, and said the business card he shows influential alumni says he is director of special projects and lists his office in the Oklahoma administra-

tion building, sharing the same space with a vice president

OU personnel records list Johnson as a \$40,000 technical consultant to the university's golf course, the News said.

The News said it obtained copies of Johnson's payroll records that list a varsity trainer and eight people who were then OU athletes as employees on landscape projects awarded by OU. Those contracts, according to OU records, totaled about \$100,000 in a three-year period.

Acquaintances and former business partners know Johnson simply as "Moose," the man to see for tickets to always-sold-out Sooners football games, the newspaper said.

Johnson was a private landscaping contractor before he was named to his post at OU three years ago, the newspaper said.

Johnson says there is no mystery about the job he has performed for the state-supported university in Norman, Okla. He told the newspaper he solicits donations from alumni and boosters for an irrigation sys-

tem for the university's golf course.

The newspaper said it learned of Johnson's activities during research into players' allegations that they received extra benefits in apparent violation of NCAA rules. The NCAA is evaluating information gathered during a preliminary investigation of Oklahoma — the undefeated, No. 1 college football team in the nation.

Calls made by the Associated Press Sunday to OU Athletic Director Donnie Duncan and Head Football Coach Barry Switzer were not returned.

Some former OU football players told the newspaper in September that they routinely had received cash after submitting their complimentary tickets to an OU athletic department official for sale to boosters and alumni.

Johnson denied any role in any program that would provide preferential treatment to Sooners athletes.

"I'm not in the ticket office, and I have not sold tickets (for Sooners athletes). I just

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