

Sports

Stump wins Ag 'Heart' for integrity and desire

Senior quarterback Craig Stump was named the winner of the Aggie Heart Award Saturday night at the Texas A&M football banquet at the Hilton.

The annual award is given to the player who best exemplifies the spirit of the rest of the team and is based on dedication, integrity, desire and heart.

Stump began the season as the starting quarterback, but was replaced by Lance Pavlas and then Bucky Richardson as the season progressed. He came off the bench during A&M's 14-0 win over Arkansas to direct a late scoring drive. He started the final two regular season games against

TCU and Texas, but was used only for punting in A&M's 35-10 win over Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

The Most Valuable Players for the season were also named Saturday, as Keith Woodside took the offensive honors and line-backer John Roper won the defensive award. Punt returner and flanker Rod Harris won the MVP for special teams, and Ronnie Glenn for the 12th Man Kick-Off Team. All MVPs were chosen by the players.

After receiving the award, Stump gave a short speech and thanked his coaches and teammates.

Ags' winning streak snapped

A&M loses first SWC game to Cougars 67-63

By Hal L. Hammons
Assistant Sports Editor

HOUSTON — Well, everybody knew Cinderella would wake up one morning and find that her coach had reverted back into a pumpkin.

The Houston Cougars finally burst Texas A&M's bubble in a 67-63 nail-biter at Hofheinz Pavilion that shouldn't have been that close.

The loss was the Aggies' first of the Southwest Conference season. They dropped to 4-1 in SWC play (12-7 overall), while Houston went to 3-2 and 8-6.

All A&M's hopes finally were extinguished with eight seconds remaining. Rolando Ferreira converted both ends of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity to give the Cougars a four-point cushion.

Houston hit both of its shots and five of its six free throws in the last 2:29 to stymie the Aggies' comeback attempts.

The game looked over when Darryl McDonald air-balled from 23 feet out with 40 seconds left and the Cougars up 64-58. The ball bounced

out of bounds, giving UH the ball. However, Freddie Ricks stole the ball on the in-bounds play and converted a lay-up to close to within four points.

Horace Chaney hit the front end of his one-and-one, and James McGehee hit a three-point shot with 12 seconds left. But Ferreira's free throws killed any hopes for the Aggies' fourth last-minute win in five conference games.

In between squandered opportunities, the Aggies managed 20 turnovers. They led UH in giveaways 11-3 at halftime.

The turnovers were the key to Houston opening up a first-half lead that ballooned to 10 points at halftime. The Aggies turned it over five times in a row and seven times in 10 trips down the floor between 13:30 and 7:45.

Meanwhile, three Cougar three-pointers — two by Richard Hollis and one by Chaney — helped Houston to a lead it would only lose once.

A&M was led by forward Donald

Thompson, who had 18 points and 14 rebounds. Ricks and Keron Graves added 12 points apiece, while McDonald got 10 points and seven assists.

Houston freshman forward Craig Upchurch led the Cougars with 18 points, including 12 in the first half. Ferreira added 16, and Hollis scored 11.

Chaney, declared ineligible for the Cougars' previous game against Southern Methodist, was cleared for the game and contributed 12 points.

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf said, "I think if Chaney had missed one more game it would have really helped us."

McDonald said, "We weren't counting on (Chaney) not playing. There's no doubt he helped them."

Metcalf and Ricks both said the Aggies did not play with the same intensity as they showed in their earlier games.

Metcalf said, "The first half I thought we weren't as aggressive as we should have been, but I thought we came on in the second half and remedied that."

"The guys came back and competed in the second half. Hey, they didn't want to throw the ball away."

Ricks said, "Coming into this game I think we were a little overconfident. I think it was showing in practice."

"We should have learned from the Rice game that if we don't come out each game and play hard that we were going to be in trouble, but it took a loss to do it."

McDonald said, "I feel our team came back to reality. I guess we thought, '... we beat the best three teams, we can beat anybody.' And we came into Hofheinz, and they played pretty well, and we didn't play well at all."

Metcalf said he would not speculate on the implications of this game on the conference race.

"It's an old cliché, but it's true," he said. "It would be foolish to think of anybody but Texas Tech in Lubbock right now."

A&M travels to play the Red Raiders Wednesday.

A&M swimming teams sunk by Razorbacks

From Staff and Wire Reports

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The Texas A&M men's swim team won only three of 13 events against the University of Arkansas in a 72-41 defeat Saturday, while the Aggie women swimmers gained five event victories in their 114-103 loss.

The Aggies did, however, have two swimmers qualify the NCAA championships.

Susan Habermas qualified in both the 200-meter backstroke and the 200-meter individual medley, and David Cole qualified in the 200-meter freestyle.

The Razorbacks outscored the men in the second half to win their second straight meet after losing to nationally-ranked South Carolina two weeks ago.

A&M led 22-21 going into the one-meter diving competition. Arkansas took eight points in diving and never trailed again.

After the one-meter diving, the Aggies outscored Arkansas in only one other event, the 200-yard breast stroke.

A&M's Jeff Garry captured first in the 200-yard breast stroke in 2:08.69 and Julian Summers took third to win the event for the Aggies.

Cole qualified for the NCAA championships with his first place win in the 200-meter freestyle.

Danny Stevens took second and Ed Altman won third to sweep the event for the Aggies.

In the men's two other victories, David Komel won the 200-yard freestyle and Danny Stevens placed second. Neil Kallmeyer clocked a 1:56.36 in the 200-yard individual medley for first place and Scott McDonald took second.

A&M's women's team was lead by Habermas who took first in both the 200-meter backstroke and individual medley events.

Dodie Stapp captured first the 200-meter fly.

The Aggie women dominated the 500-meter freestyle taking the first three places with Joan Wojtowicz, Suzanne Fiori and Jennifer Newcomb finishing in the top spots in that order.

Houston crushes Lady Aggies 87-66

By Loyd Brumfield
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HOUSTON — The Texas A&M women's basketball team fell behind in a hurry during the first half and never recovered against the University of Houston, losing 87-66 Sunday at Hofheinz Pavilion.

The loss leaves A&M with a 9-5 season record and a 3-2 Southwest Conference mark.

A&M guard Donna Roper was saddled with three quick fouls in the first two minutes of the game and was never a factor during the first half.

All of her 14 points came in the second half.

Roper was removed after her third foul with the Lady Aggies down 14-10.

A&M made it 14-12 before the Lady Cougars scored eight straight points to take a 22-12 lead which they never relinquished.

Turnovers plagued the Lady Aggies during the first half, as A&M had 17 to UH's three.

"We didn't handle their press well," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said. "You can't have 17 turnovers to their (four) and expect to win."

UH, which led 47-29 at the half, outrebounded A&M 47-44.

"We didn't follow our game plan," Hickey said. "We wanted to pack it in with a 2-3 zone and we didn't. We just stood around."

"Considering our best ball-handler (Roper) missed almost 14 minutes of the first half, we were lucky to get as close as we did."

Forward Evelyn Sanders was the leading scorer for A&M with 15, Roper was next with 14, and guard Traci Thomas had 13.

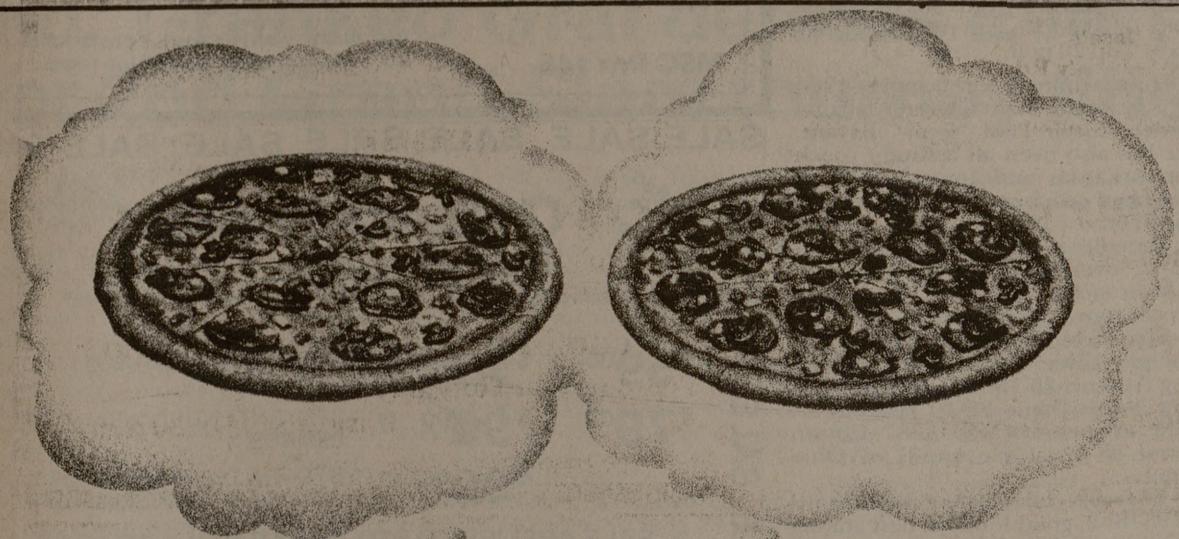
Thomas also had nine rebounds, which tied her career high.

The Lady Cougars were led by Kelli McCabe, who had 19 points.

Barbara Anderson had 14 points and seven steals. Cozette Ealy had 12 points, and Karen Yee rounded out the double-figure scorers with 10.

"You've got to give Houston a lot of credit," Hickey said. "They are a top 20 team. They've had a couple of bad losses (against Texas Christian and Texas), and we just caught them on a night when they had enough time to recover."

"We've got to forget this one. We'll bounce back." A&M's next game is Tuesday night at 7:00 against Texas Tech in Lubbock.



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