

Sports

UT dominates basketball world

Is there anyone out there who can stop it? Anyone?

Of course I'm talking about the University of Texas basketball team, without a doubt the most dominant college basketball team of the past 10 years.

I'm not talking about that sorry bunch that sleepwalked to a win over catatonic Texas A&M Sunday in G. Rollie White. I'm talking about the real Texas Longhorns, the 5th-ranked women's team that demolished a determined A&M team here Saturday night.

The UT women are 18-2 on the year, yes two teams actually have beaten them, and they have a 7-0 Southwest Conference slate after their 89-61 win over A&M.

UT has never missed the post-season playoffs, and the last two years they have been one of the elite Final Four. The Horns won the national title in 1986 with a 97-81 win over USC, and they were upset at home in the 1987 semifinals, losing 79-75 to another women's power, Louisiana Tech.

Texas is led by 12-year coach Jody Conradt, who has compiled a 371-53 record there, and her teams average 32 wins a season.

Incidentally, UT's two losses are at the hands of two other nationally-ranked teams, top-ranked Iowa (a 75-65 setback), and 9th-ranked Ohio State (an 88-58 loss). To think there are other teams out there better than the Lady Longhorns, teams that can actually beat them by 30 points, is quite staggering.

UT isn't that good because of an easy schedule, oh, no. Sure, they get to stroll through the SWC, where there are eight teams that relentlessly beat up on each other just to claim the right to be embarrassed by UT in the finals of the conference tournament, but that's only for half the season.

The Lady Longhorns spend the first half of the year battling it out with other perennial powers like Tennessee, who was ranked first in the country before UT handed them a 97-78 setback, and 6th-ranked Mississippi, which fell 74-61 to the Horns.

UT has also defeated 13th-ranked USC, 9th-ranked Long Beach State, 8th-ranked Rutgers, 20th-ranked Illinois, and previously 20th-ranked Houston.

Since SWC play officially began in 1982, no one, no one has beaten the Horns. In the history of women's basketball, only two SWC teams have beaten them, one of which is A&M.

The Lady Aggies blitzed UT 10 years ago by a score of 59-52 before a rowdy G. Rollie White crowd.

Oh, yes, the crowds. UT fans are known as fair weather fans who are ugly winners and sore losers. UT fans boo every call that goes against them, and once their teams start losing, the stands empty.

UT basketball fans aren't like that, at least the women's fans aren't. They travel long distances to see their team, and they support them loudly and with unabashed enthusiasm. Sounds like A&M fans, right?

More than half of the 2,933 in the Coliseum Saturday was made up of UT fans. Sure, they booed every call against them, but they also stood up and cheered them on, giving standing ovations to all the players as they left the court. At the end, the fans started chanting "Pooooor Aggies," while the extremely quiet A&M contingent started chanting "Cotton, Cotton, Cotton."

The Horns beat teams with a devastating inside game. Two or three UT players are always up around the basket after a shot has been fired. The Horns apparently don't believe in outside shooting. They have never made more than one 3-point shot in a game, and they only made 10 shots outside the lane while canning 24 shots inside, most of which were right under the basket.

There are no star players for UT this year, although guard Yulonda Wimbish averages 16.4 points a game and her backcourt teammate Beverly Williams averages 14 points. The other three starters, forwards

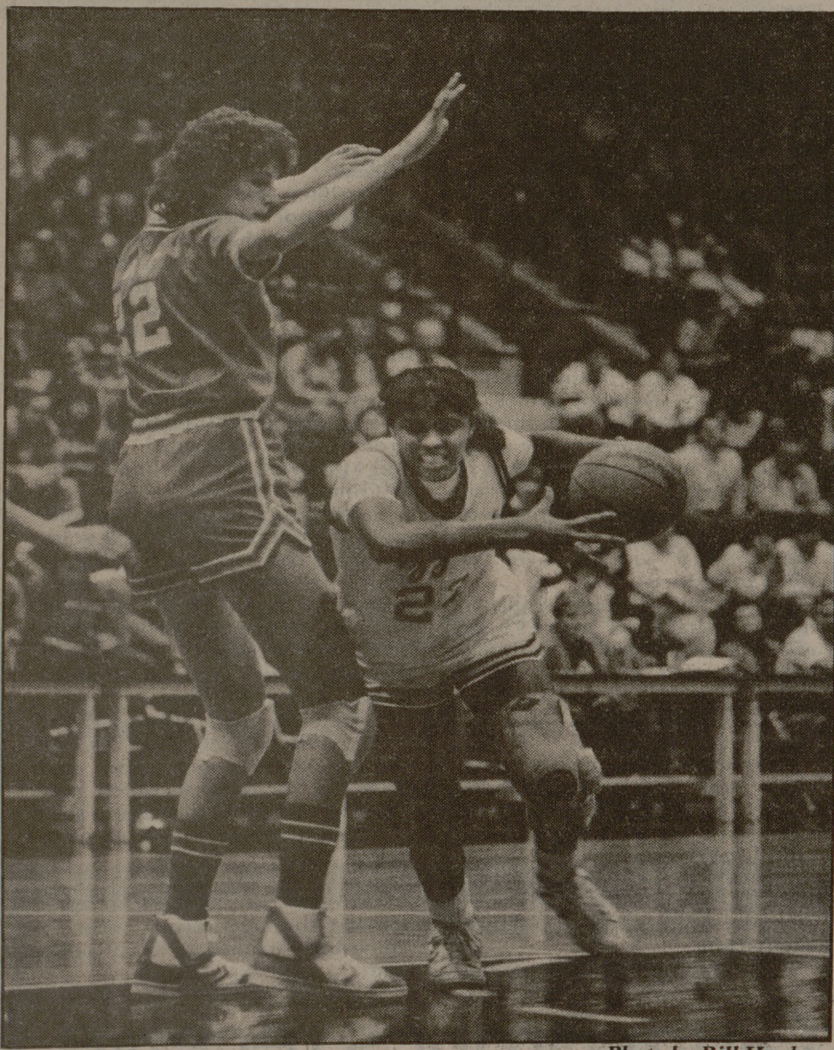


Photo by Bill Hughes

A&M forward Evelyn Sanders (23) tries to get past UT center Ellen Bayer during a 94-60 UT win last year at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Paulette Moegle and C.J. Jones, and center Susan Anderson, have fairly even statistics. Anderson is the team's leading rebounder with 5.1 a game. The two guards, Wimbish and Williams, are next in line with 4.8 and 4.7 rebounds per game respectively.

UT's bench would be ranked in the top 10 if it started, too. Guard Lyssa McBride was a starter last

year, and the Horns also have 6-8 sophomore forward Ellen Bayer to fall back on. She has had some problems in her first two years, but just her presence on the court is plenty intimidating.

So, unfortunately for the rest of the SWC and the nation, UT will dominate for years to come. Reserve your seats for the Final Four now.

Odds to repeat long for champion Skins

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Super Bowl winners don't repeat. So, after the Washington Redskins lost to New York in the NFC title game a year ago, Charles Mann was rooting for the Giants in the Super Bowl. That way, the Redskins would have a chance this year.

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Mann's double wish came true Sunday when the Redskins went on a record-breaking binge that included 35 second-quarter points to rout the Denver Broncos 42-10 Sunday, becoming the fourth straight NFC team to capture a lopsided Super Bowl victory.

That led Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs to face the inevitable questions Monday about the difficulty of repeating as NFL champion. No team this decade has won two straight Super Bowls.

Gibbs' response: "I just want to get through our division first."

The last two Super Bowl winners, the Giants and Redskins, came from the NFC East, and Gibbs said he believes it's the toughest division in football.

"I thought that if any team around could repeat it was the Giants because they were solid at every position," he said of last year's champions, who fell victim to a terrible strike team, injuries and post-Super Bowl malaise, finishing last in the division with a 6-9 record.

That gives the Giants an easy last-place schedule next season. They get to play Detroit twice and Kansas City, while the Redskins are facing the likes of Chicago and Cleveland.

"I think the Giants are mad about what happened this year and will come roaring back," Gibbs said. "I think Philadelphia is coming on, and so are the Cardinals."

The NFC has won the last four Super Bowls by a composite score of 165-56 with 14 of those 56

points coming on fourth-quarter touchdowns as the NFC team was cruising with a big lead. In fact, the fewest points by any NFC Super Bowl team over that period was the 38 scored by San Francisco in its 38-16 victory over Miami in 1985.

Gibbs refused to acknowledge conference domination.

"Each of those games are totally separate," he said. "I don't see it as AFC-NFC. Each of those teams got hot for a day. What takes over and contributes to a lopsided game is difficult to understand."

Offensive tackle Mark May said after Sunday's game the Redskins were able to outmuscle the Broncos — as the Giants did — because they are used to physical games within the division.

Gibbs said the same thing Monday.

"When you come out of our division, it's a physical division. Every team in there is a physical football team," he said. "When you play Philadelphia, they are knocking you around. The Giants beat you up and the Cardinals and Dallas can hurt you."

There also is expected to be some contention for the quarterback spot between 26-year-old Jay Schroeder, the incumbent entering this season, and 32-year-old Doug Williams, who threw for a record 340 yards and four touchdowns to be named the game's Most Valuable Player. The 340 yards, 306 of them in the first half, was one of 10 Super Bowl records set by the Redskins. The four TD's tied a Super Bowl mark.

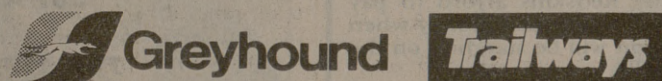
Gibbs said he believed there was a lot to be said for intrateam competition, the same kind he will have at running back with George Rogers, Kelvin Bryant and Timmy Smith. Smith, a surprise starter in Rogers' place, set another record with 204 yards rushing, yet got just a half a vote for MVP to Williams' 10 1/2.

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