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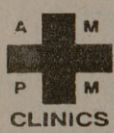
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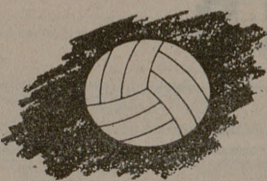
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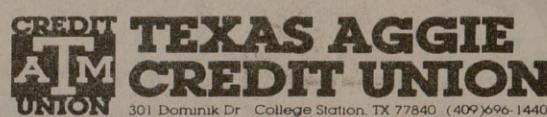
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Lady Ags maul Bears, move into 4th

By Curtis L. Culberson Assistant Sports Editor

The Texas A&M women's basketball team dominated Baylor 92-70 Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum, moving into a tie for fourth place in the Southwest Conference and increasing their chances of gaining one of the six conference tournament slots.

The Lady Aggies improved to 5-5 in SWC play, 11-9 overall, while the Bears fell to the basement at 3-8, 9-13 overall.

The Lady Ags are tied with Texas Tech, just one game out of second place behind Southern Methodist and Houston.

A&M was quick out of the starting block, jumping to a 15-4 lead five minutes into the first half. The Lady Aggie fastbreak was hot, as was guard Donna Roper who scored 10 of the first 15 points.

Baylor went to a full-court press to try to slow the A&M break, while the outside shooting of forward Maggie Davis kept the Bears in the game.

The press worked, but the Lady Aggies responded with an effective inside game led by center Lisa Jordan and reserve Louise Madison. A&M had expanded their lead 48-34 by the halftime break.

"Four or five weeks ago everyone knew to press A&M," Head Coach Lynn Hickey said, "but I think we did a good job of keeping our heads this time."

The game matched the SWC top two scorers, Davis and Roper, No. 1 and No. 2 respectively. Roper was 8-of-9 from the floor and scored 18 total points in the first half, topping her season game average of 17.6. Davis hit 8-of-13 field goal attempts and scored 20 first half points, one short of her game average of 21.

A&M outrebounded Baylor 21-10 in the first half, led by Jordan who grabbed 10 boards.

"I feel we have to run to win,"

Hickey said. "We need about 50 percent of our scoring to come from the fastbreak and 50 percent to come from our halfcourt offense."

Baylor pulled within 10, 60-50, on a layup by Doty Henson, after more excellent shooting from Davis coupled with A&M fouls.

A&M increased their lead to 66-54 with 11:13 left and then scored eight unanswered points in the next two minutes to stretch its lead to 20.

Baylor called a timeout at the eight-minute mark with the score 74-56, and came back by scoring the next two points on the resuming play. That was the last time Baylor trailed by less than 20.

The Lady Aggies scored seven more unanswered points on the layups and free throw shooting of Madison and reserve Veronda Roundtree to making the score 81-60 with 4:45 left on the clock.

Two more free throws from Madison practically put the game away with 3:10 left in the game with the score 86-64.

A&M hit 70 percent of its second half field goals and shot 66.7 percent for the game, while Baylor shot 58.3.

Davis lead all scorers, shooting 13-of-21 and 12-of-16 from the free-throw line. Roper led A&M, shooting 10-of-15 for the floor and 1-of-3 from the line for a total of 21. Jordan and Madison both scored 17 and they combined for 25 rebounds.

"We didn't stop Davis," Hickey said. "But we contained their other players."

"It (the game) was a lot of fun," Hickey said. She said before the game it was a "have-to" win for A&M. She added after the game that A&M needed to beat Texas Christian, Rice and one other team for the Lady Aggies to land a spot in the tourney.

The Lady Aggies travel to Fayetteville, Ark. Tuesday where they will face the Razorbacks, followed by Rice in Houston Saturday.



A&M's Donna Roper drives as Baylor's Gatha Jimerson defends. Roper scored 17 points to lead the Lady Aggies to the win.

Speed skater fails in attempt to win medal for sister

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The day began in tragedy and ended in disaster for Dan Jansen, a U.S. speed skater who carried the Winter Olympic hopes of America and the inspiration of his dying sister.

Jansen's sister, Jane, died of leukemia Sunday morning, and several hours later, the world sprint champion fell in the 500-meter race.

"Maybe it just wasn't meant to be," he said.

"My family doesn't want me to go home now and I know Jane wouldn't want that."

After one false start, Jansen slid out of the inside lane and crashed into Yasushi Kuroiwa.

Jansen got up and slapped his knees. He jerked his hood off and hid his head in his hands. Frustration and sorrow were etched on his face.

Kuroiwa was given another chance in the 500 meters.

Jansen, who was not allowed a re-skate, will have to wait until Thursday's 1,000 meters to go for the gold medal.

Jansen said the fall came so fast. "I can't remember much. My first 100 wasn't normal for me. It felt like it slipped out from under me, and the next thing I knew I was in the mats."

Earlier in the day, a barroom brawler from Finland, Matti Nykanen, easily won the 70-meter ski-jump event. He can become the first jumper in the Olympics to win two gold medals if he successfully defends his Olympic title on the 90-meter hill Wednesday.

At the same time, the Olympic comeback of Finland's 1984 triple gold medalist Marja-Liisa Kirvesniemi was spoiled by a young student from the Soviet Union.

The hurricane-force winds that made it difficult to stand, let alone

race on skis, forced postponement of the men's downhill.

The race was rescheduled for Monday, when 98 miles-per-hour winds were expected to abate.

The speed skating gold went to Jens-Uwe Mey of East Germany in a world-record time of 36.45 seconds. Jan Ykema of the Netherlands was the winner of the silver, and Akira Kuroiwa of Japan got the bronze.

Thometz finished eighth.

"It's been a real tough time for the people on the team," U.S. Coach Mike Crowe said.

"We pulled together a little tonight for Dan."

"In circumstances like these it's always difficult for people to get up and skate the way they would have liked."

The 24-year-old Nykanen soared 89.5 meters on both his jumps to easily win the 70-meter.

If he wins the 90-meter, he would become the first man to win both jumping gold medals since the event was split in 1964.

Finnish Coach Matti Pulli said he still thinks Nykanen has a good chance for the other medal because of the temper that has gotten Nykanen into barroom fights and suspended from the team, and earned him the nickname Matti Nukes.

"Yes, he's still strong-headed at times," Pulli said.

"But you need to be like that to win gold medals. In Finland we have many nice athletes, polite people, but they don't win gold medals."

Pavel Ploc of Czechoslovakia won the 70-meter silver, and countryman Jiri Malec took the bronze.

Vida Ventsene, a 23-year-old Soviet, won the first gold medal of the Games when she finished the women's 10-kilometer cross-country ski

race in 30 minutes, 8.3 seconds.

Kirvesniemi, who won all three individual events and had a bronze medal in the relay at the 1984 Sarajevo Games, was ninth.

At age 32, Kirvesniemi came back this summer from two years' retirement and the birth of her daughter, and she still has three more chances for a medal — in the 5- and 20-kilometer races and the 20-kilometer relay.

Raisa Smetanina, 36-year-old Soviet veteran, won the silver, and Marjo Matinainen of Finland took

the bronze.

Jansen learned early Sunday morning that his sister had died of leukemia back home in Wisconsin.

Jansen, the youngest of nine children, won the World Sprint Speed Skating championships last weekend at West Allis, Wis.

His sister, Jane Beres, was too sick to accompany him to Calgary, so he had hoped she could watch him win gold on television.

Ruth Crouse, nursing supervisor at West Allis Memorial Hospital, said Beres' leukemia worsened overnight, "and she became very critical early this morning, and from there it was pretty much downhill."

She died at 9:57 a.m., leaving be-

hind her husband, Richard, three daughters — ages 4, 3 and 2. Jansen indicated through team he would stay for Thursday's 1,000-meter race.

The family postponed funeral services until Saturday so he could compete in the Winter Olympics. During five training runs, the downhill shaped up as a battle past and present.

Pirmin Zurbriggen of Switzerland, the No. 1 downhill in the world and the favorite here, won his first two trial runs.

Teammate Peter Mueller, World Cup downhill champion in 1979 and '80, won the last one.

Olympic events began Saturday with three Group B hockey games including the United States' 10-4 victory over Austria behind the performance of 1984 veterans Coen, Len and Scott Fusco.

West Germany upset Czechoslovakia 2-1, and the favored Soviet beat Norway 5-0 in the other games.

On Sunday, top-seeded Soviet beat France 13-2, and Canada defeated Poland 1-0 Group A games.

The United States' next game Monday night against Czechoslovakia, and the Americans play the Soviets Wednesday.

Jens Mueller of East Germany is halfway through the two-day competition in men's luge.

Mueller had times of 46.300 and 46.444 — both better than the course record of Austrian Mark Prock — for a two-run total of 1:32.745.

He was followed by Georg Meier of West Germany, whose combined time was 1:32.908.

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