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McDonald fouled out to stop the ck with 10 seconds left, sending nes Francis to the line. Francis sed the front end, and McGhee we for two points at the buzzer to

aylor led by eight with 8:38 left, the Bears went almost five mins without a field goal, allowing Aggies to pull to within 3. Middleton, Baylor's leading ter, sat out all but the first 4:42 of

first half with foul trouble. He ished with 13 points, and his first es didn't come until 16:30 of the tond half. Williams led all scorers th 23 points, but he missed seven is 16 shots, including all four of

h 18 points, and McGhee, in his career Southwest Conference rt, added 10.

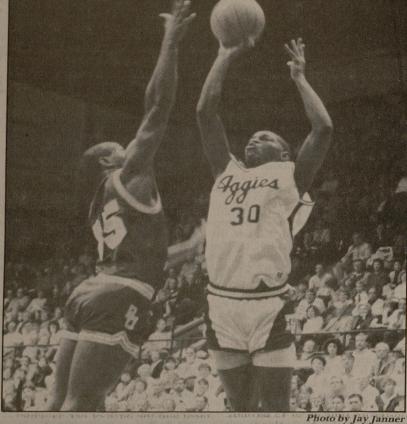
A&M shot 46.4 percent from the difference game. The Aggies have nevery conference game in which have shot 50 percent or better, they have lost every SWC game

which they didn't.
Baylor was held to a 43.5 percent oting performance.
Neither team could convert from

line. A&M made 58.6 percent of free-throw attempts, and the ars converted only 55.9 percent of

A&M was without three of its ost important players for most of overtimes. Donald Thompson ed out and received a technical ul with 4:52 left in the second half. Donald fouled out with 10 sec ds left in the half, and Freddie cks got his fifth foul at the 3:31 rk of the first overtime

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf , "I thought we played good, ed hard and played good de-



A&M's Donald Thompson shoots as Baylor's James Francis attempts a block. Thompson scored 6 points before fouling out.

overtime competed.
"I thought we had some great
plays out there. Our guys played
their butts off and that's all I've ever asked of anybody.

'To me this is not a game to pick on the guys or the coaches. I thought we made all the right moves with the people we had out there, and all the guys worked hard.

fense. The guys we put out there in overtime competed.

Baylor. I hate to lose, but (the Aggies) put it on the line."

McDonald said, "I think we did a good job. We worked a long, long time. We weren't upset at the effort we put out.

Dennis said, "We should have won. We had the opportunities and blew them, but we played well. The toughest thing was we had a chance "We played as good as we've to win it going down the stretch played. You've got to congratulate without three of our big guys."

SWC basketball leader changes like weather

From the Associated Press

The 1988 Southwest Conference basketball season will be known as the championship nobody wanted. First, Texas A&M took the lead, then faded.

Southern Methodist charged to the front and then yielded to Arkansas in a blowout to Baylor in Waco.

Coughing on the rarified atmosphere of first place, the Razorbacks lost their first game in Fayetteville this year. SMU pulled off a 73-63 victory to gain a first-place tie with the Razorbacks, the preseason favor-

"We're not a first-place team yet," SMU Coach Dave Bliss said, realizing what evil can befall the league leaders. "We still play ugly at times. However, we're just thrilled to beat Arkansas in Fayetteville. That's something our players can always re-

SMU had blown a 22-point lead to lose to Arkansas in Dallas in Jan-

"We're set up for a wild finish to the race now," said Bliss. SMU and Arkansas each own 8-3 league led-

It was only SMU's second victory in 12 games at Barnhill Arena. Arkansas had won 11 consecutive

games there this season. "I still think 12-4 will win it or share the title," Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson said.

In another crucial game on Saturday, Texas Christian beat Rice 73-58 in a game that tied the Frogs for eighth place with the Owls at 3-8. The ninth-place team does not get to play in the SWC Post-season Classic.

In other games, Houston stopped Texas' five-game winning streak at 62-51 and Baylor got some revenge with a 74-73 double overtime victory in College Station against Texas

SMU hosts Rice on Wednesday night while Arkansas tries to regain its composure against Texas A&M.

In other games, TCU is at Hous-n, Texas Tech is at Texas, and Baylor entertains Angelo State in a non-conference game at Waco.

Men's tennis falls to LSU, Indiana in meet

The Texas A&M men's tennis team had a rough weekend, losing to Louisiana State and Indiana in Ba-LSU shut out A&M 9-0, and the

Hoosiers defeated the Aggies 5-3. In the Indiana match, A&M's Dean Johnson defeated Sven Salumaa 7-6, 6-2; Shaun O'Donovan beat Gunner Salumaa 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, and Mike Chambers handled David Mc-

Callum 7-6, 6-2

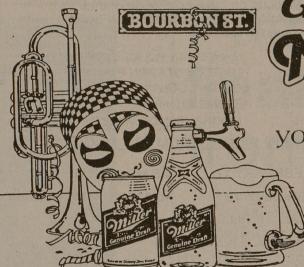
In other matches against Indiana, A&M's Steve Kennedy lost to Charles Wright 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Craig Whitteker lost to Darrin Dinsman 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, and Jeff Livshitz lost to Todd Hacken 7-6, 6-3.

LSU's top four players are in the nation's top 35, and it showed. Johnson lost to Felix Barrientos 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; O' Donovan was defeated by Billy Uribe 6-3, 7-6; A&M's Kennedy lost to Jeff Brown 6-2, 6-3, and Don Leugcraft beat Chambers 6-4,

In other singles matches, A&M's Whitteker lost to Roland So 6-4, 1-6, 6-1, and Livshitz was beaten by Mike Hammett 6-1, 6-1

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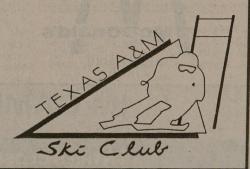
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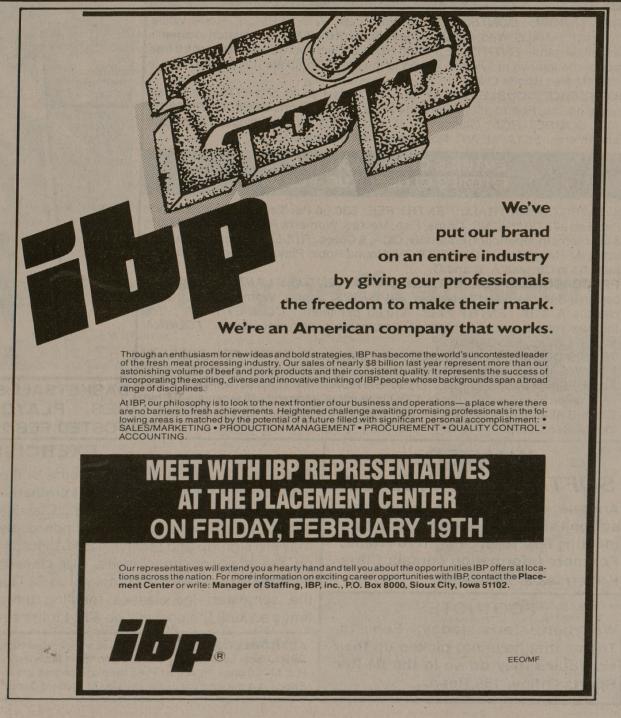
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hat Baylor was 4-5 in conference, nat they relegated themselves to be middle of the pack for the t of the SWC season. Big deal. They played 8:31 of gut-checkg basketball without the only ee players on the team that ally can be said to have an overundance of talent - McDonl, Freddie Ricks and Donald ompson. And they played r hearts out. McDonald woke up on the of-

sive side after weeks of mber. He hit six of 12 shots d reminded the Bears who the t penetrator in the SWC is. Cokinos played good defense Michael Williams, who is easily

favorite for SWC Most Value Player right now. He came the bench and canned a critthree-pointer when the game s about to slip away at the end the second half.

McGhee got his first start in a me that may have been the st important of the season for &M, and he sparkled. His pentions weren't always successbut they were sometimes, and opened up the middle for

And Dennis — let's talk about mis. Getting his first start in weeks, he showed the offentouch that had been missing e the Arkansas game. He was able with the shots and strong th the rebounds.

They came through in the atch, giving the team life when y had no business having life. hen the big guys weren't there ore, players like Cokinos d McGhee emerged as players can be counted on.

They proved they can play well hout the big-name players. ey proved they are a team, not a few good players who wear

came color jersey.
They played the best game of sketball they've played all year.
Here's no reason to be ashamed