

Sports

Aggies lose to Arkansas to end year

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DALLAS — Texas A&M ended its basketball season on a down note, losing to Arkansas 76-64 in the first round of the Southwest Conference Classic.

Arkansas' balanced attack was led by Keith Wilson, who had a career-high 18 points. Ron Huery had 17 points, and Andrew Lang added 14.

A&M senior Paul Crawford led the Aggies with 19 points in his final game, going 4-for-7 from the field and hitting all 11 of his free throws. Darryl McDonald closed his career at A&M with 15 points and six assists, and Doug Dennis added 14 points.

A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf said, "It was the finest game Paul Crawford has played, a fine way for him to go out. . . . We got off to a bad start, and it was an uphill battle all the way. I'll take that kind of effort every night."

Arkansas Head Coach Nolan Richardson said, "We played pretty solid basketball. That's what we weren't doing on the road, committing turnovers in critical situations."

Wilson, not usually an offensive threat for Arkansas, had eight points in the first six minutes as Arkansas jumped out to a 14-4 lead. The Razorbacks would never trail in the contest, and the score was tied only once, at 2-2.

Arkansas shot 62.5 percent from the field, making it impossible for A&M to mount a serious charge.

"We were busting our tails to cover them," Metcalf said, "and they shot well. It's hard to beat someone who shoots the ball that well."



Arkansas' Shawn Baker blocks a shot by A&M's Paul Crawford during the first round of the SWC Classic. The Razorbacks won 76-64.

Arkansas was boosted by about 7,000 fans who made the trip to Dallas to root their Hogs on. One sign the Hog Wild Band held up said, "Close your eyes and imagine you're at Barnhill."

Arkansas was eliminated in the second round by Baylor but still received an invitation to the NCAA tournament, where it was eliminated in the first round by Villanova.

SMU wins SWC tourney, beats Bears

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Southern Methodist capped its Southwest Conference championship with a win in the SWC Classic, beating Baylor 75-64 in the final game March 13.

Kato Armstrong led the Mustangs with 23 points, while Eric Longino and Carlton McKinney added 14.

Michael Williams, the tournament Most Valuable Player, led all scorers with 31 for the Bears.

Baylor started strong, jumping out to a 9-2 lead. But SMU scored 10 points in a row to pull ahead with 12 minutes to go in the first half.

The Bears went on a 25-10 tear on four three-pointers by Williams to open the second half and held a 60-55 lead.

But Armstrong took control after a timeout. SMU wheeled off five possessions in a row that resulted in two or three points apiece and outscored Baylor 20-4 for the rest of the game.

Armstrong and McKinney were named to the All-Tournament team, along with Williams, Houston's Rolando Ferreira and Arkansas' Ron Huery.

SMU, the top seed in the tournament, defeated Texas Christian in the opening round, and Houston in the semifinals to reach the championship game. Houston, seeded fifth, had beaten No. 4 seed Texas in the opening round.

Baylor, seeded second, beat No. 7 Texas Tech and No. 3 Arkansas in a couple of last-minute finishes.

Arkansas defeated sixth-seeded Texas A&M in the opening round.

Richmond upsets Jackets at NCAA

From the Associated Press

Richmond's on the run and now faces the biggest challenge of its March dash — top-ranked Temple.

Already a 72-69 first-round victor over 1987 national champion Indiana, the Spiders shut down Georgia Tech's fastbreak Sunday and beat the Yellow Jackets 59-55 in the second round of the NCAA East Regional.

Peter Woolfolk scored 27 points for the Spiders, 26-6, who have won nine in a row. Richmond also has beaten Georgia Tech three straight times over the past two years, including a 73-67 victory last December.

Trailing by as many as 11 in the first half, Georgia Tech pulled within 57-55 when freshman Dennis Scott made his third 3-pointer of the second half, but guard Benjy Taylor made two free throws with 11 seconds left.

The Spiders advance to the East semifinals next Thursday in East Rutherford, N.J., against the Owls, who have won 17 in a row.

EAST

No. 1 Temple 74, Georgetown 53

Temple outscored Georgetown 15-6 in the first nine minutes of the second half. Temple, 31-1, thus got past the second round for the first time in five consecutive tries.

"When you're fortunate enough to get into the final 64, anything can happen," Temple Coach John Chaney said. "We were successful before we got here. Now, we need to be lucky."

Mark Macon had six points and Mike Vreeswyk five in the second-half run as the Owls turned a 30-26 halftime lead into a 45-32 advantage with 11:15 to play. Georgetown hit only 30 percent from the field in its worst shooting performance of the season.

Macon and Vreeswyk had 21 points apiece for Temple, which led by as many as 22 points in the second half. Mark Tillmon, Charles Smith and Jaren Jackson had 13 points apiece for Georgetown, 20-10.

MIDWEST

Vanderbilt 80, No. 8 Pitt 74, OT

Barry Goheen hit two 3-point baskets in the final 17 seconds to send the game into overtime tied at 69, and Vanderbilt scored the first six points of the extra period to beat Pittsburgh. Goheen and Barry Booker each had three points in the overtime run. Goheen also hit five free throws in overtime.

Goheen ended with 22 points for Vanderbilt, 20-10, who advance to the Midwest Regional semis at Pontiac, Mich. Pitt, seeded second in the region, ended its season at 24-7.

Pitt led by as many as 13 points midway through the first half as Jerome Lane had eight points and Charles Smith six. Smith topped Pitt with 21 points.

SOUTHEAST

No. 6 Kentucky 90, Maryland 81

Rex Chapman rebounded from a poor shooting first half with 20 second-half points, leading Kentucky on an 18-10 run to start the second half and end Maryland's season. Chapman, 1-for-6 from the field in the first half, was 8-of-12 in the second half and wound up with 23 points.

Kentucky, 27-5, advances to the Southeast semis at Birmingham, Ala. Maryland finished 18-13.

The Terrapins had a chance to take a late lead after a three-point shot by Keith Gatlin tied the score with 3:06 to play. But a basket by Winston Bennett and a turnaround jumper in the lane by Chapman built a four-point cushion that held up for Kentucky.

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