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The Battalion SPORTS

Wednesday, March 1, 1989

Lady Ags defeated by Tech in overtime Siebert leads Lady Raiders

The Texas A&M Lady Aggies suffered a tough 71-68 overtime loss to Texas Tech Tuesday in Lubbock in a game which saw the team shoot less than 40 percent from the floor.

The loss gives the Lady Aggies a 16-10 overall record, 8-7 in conference play going into the Texas game on Saturday.

A&M fell behind early and never led in the contest, but pulled even with Tech at 38 with a Sheri Dillard

Roper led the scoring for the Lady Aggies with 22 points, followed by senior Lisa Jordan, who contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Tech had three players in double figures, led by Siebert's 26 points and 23 rebounds, which were the most against the Lady Aggies this season in both categories. Teresa McMillian and Reena Lynch contributed 14 and 10 points respectively.

A&M's biggest problem of the contest came in shooting percentage, as the Lady Aggies shot 35 percent (26 of 75) from the floor, well below their season average.

Hickey said the team looked great in Houston, but weren't as polished in Lubbock.

"Tech played well," Hickey said. "But we had a horrendous shooting night."

"Concentration was definitely a factor, but the kids played with heart," Hickey said. "And sometimes that makes up for a difference in ability."

Hickey said the next step was to get ready for the season finale against Texas, a contest for which she would use the same game plan.

Lady Ag Update

- **Score:** Texas Tech 71, A&M 68.
- **Record:** 16-10; 8-7 in the SWC.
- **Standing:** Fourth.
- **Next game:** Saturday vs. Texas

layup with 12:03 remaining in the second half.

Tech pulled away again after the tie, leading by as many as eight before the determined Lady Aggies knotted the score again at 64 on a Donna Roper eight footer that sent the game into overtime.

"The young group that we went with at the end of the game did a great job," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said.

Tech controlled the overtime period, led by a Karen Farst three-pointer that put the Lady Raiders up by three 67-64, with 4:33 remaining in the period.

Stacey Siebert made two foul shots with 2:27 remaining to increase the Tech lead to five before A&M sophomore forward Diane DeCree hit a five footer to cut the lead to three at 69-66.

A Dillard layup with nine seconds left cut the Lady Raider lead to one at 69-68 before Dillard was forced to foul Tech's Farst.

Farst hit both free throws to end the scoring and the game at 71-68.

No. 1-ranked Ags sweep pair at Lamar

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Chuck Knoblauch had five hits in eight trips to the plate and stole four bases to lead top-ranked and unbeaten Texas A&M to a doubleheader sweep of the Lamar Cardinals in Beaumont.

Aggie Baseball

- **Score:** Texas A&M 3-11, Lamar 1-3.
- **Record:** 15-0.
- **Ranking:** First.
- **Next game:** Friday vs. Central Michigan.

The Aggies won the first game 3-1 and dominated the second game (11-3) in running their record to 15-0 on the year.

Aggie starting pitcher Scott Centala picked up the win in the first game. He worked four innings and allowed only two hits while battling a stomach virus which plagued him prior to the game.

"I got a couple of good pitches today," Knoblauch said. "I haven't gotten many this season."

Knoblauch stole home to give the Aggies a 2-1 lead in the third inning of the first game after trailing 1-0. Second baseman Terry Taylor began the winning rally with a game-tying home run (his sixth of the year) and Knoblauch singled. Knoblauch advanced to second on a fly out by John Byington and stole third base before swiping home on a planned play by A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson.

"(The steal of home) was a set play," Johnson said. "The pitcher had a slow motion and we tried to set the tempo and be aggressive."

Ronnie Allen picked up the win for A&M in the nightcap romp as Knoblauch led the Aggies again by going three-for-four and highlighting a five-run fourth with a bases-clearing double. Knoblauch collected a total of five runs batted in during the second game.

Ags battle Tech tonight

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will face its final road game of regular season competition tonight as the Aggies take on Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Aggies at Texas Tech

- **What:** Texas A&M (6-8; 13-13 in the SWC) visits Texas Tech (12-13; 7-7) in a Southwest Conference men's basketball game.
- **When:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.
- **Radio:** The game will be broadcast on KTAM-AM (1240) with Chuck Cooperstein doing the play-by-play and Duke Keith handling the color commentary.

The Aggies (13-13 overall, 6-8 in the SWC) had their five-game conference winning streak broken in Houston Saturday as they suffered a 86-82 loss to the Cougars.

Shelby Metcalf's squad has posted a 5-1 record in the second half of conference play.

A&M is led by senior forward Donald Thompson, who leads the team in conference scoring and rebounds, averaging 17 points per game while pulling down 7.3 rebounds.

Metcalf has used the same starting lineup of Thompson, Ray Little, David Williams, Freddie Ricks and Tony Milton for the last seven games.

Distractions are ruining spring training

The major league baseball season is just weeks away and the talk of the league is not about championships and contenders. Everyone's talking about record salaries and sex scandals.

Welcome to "As The League Turns," that 162-game soap opera on the diamond.

The most talked about off-field story is the exploits of Boston's Wade Boggs and his former traveling companion, Margo Adams.

In an article in Penthouse magazine, Adams paints a unapologetic picture of Boggs. Adams said Boggs would avoid sex before games and once told her not to wear panties to the ballpark. This after finding out that on a day when he went 4 for 5, she hadn't worn any underwear to the game.

Adams is suing Boggs for six million dollars. She claims Boggs promised to pay her for lost wages if she traveled to away games with him. She also claims to have gone on 64 road trips with Boggs. Boggs was married at the time of these road trips.

However, the most damaging remarks Adams has made on about Boggs concern his views on fellow players.

Adams said Boggs made several racist remarks about teammate Jim Rice, who is black, and Boggs felt like pitcher Roger Clemens acted like "Mr. Perfect."

Adams also described in detail the sex lives of her and Boggs and several other players, whom she did not identify.



Stan Golaboff
Sports Writer

This is not exactly the best way to start a season.

Boston manager Joe Morgan has stated that he will not become involved in the incident unless it affects his team.

Teammate Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, who is black, has publicly criticized Boggs for the incident. Boyd stated that when he had problems last year he had to apologize to the team. Boggs also apologized to the team.

Boyd was also upset because there was talk of banning him from the league because of his temper and there is no such talk with Boggs, who Boyd has called a sex fiend.

Sounds like it might be affecting your team, Joe.

Now we go from the sex world to the money market.

Orel Hershiser cashed in on his Cy Young award and his 58-inning scoreless streak to the tune of \$7.9 million over the next three years.

He is not alone. There are 21 players who will make at least two million this year and another who will make at least one million.

Hershiser has put himself on the spot. As the highest paid player in the league he has to produce or else. Los Angeles will never trade him, but the fans will demand perfection. It is also interesting to note that the Dodgers took the gamble on Hershiser having as good a year (or better) than last year, despite the fact that no National League Cy Young winner has repeated in years.

So there you have it. Spring training has never been so lively. At least not as racy. Normally the talk is of pennants and who to watch. This year the talk is of who is sleeping with whom and how much the guy at the end of the bench is making.

Hopefully the players can clean up their act in time for opening day and remember that they get paid to play baseball, not star in their version of today's most successful soap operas of the day.

If they don't, I don't know how long fans will pay to see something if they can watch on TV during the day.

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