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Cowboys-Phils: JJ's Super Bowl this sorry season

The Dallas Cowboys' season is all but over. With games left against Philadelphia, New York and Green Bay, it's safe to assume the Cowboys will end up at least 2-14, or more likely 1-15. No playoff appearance for the Cowboys this year... Surprised? If you are in some state of shock over Dallas' second straight losing season, you must have had your head buried in the sand for the last three years. Still, Dallas Coach Jimmy Johnson and his young team faces one of their biggest games this year on Sunday. A Super Bowl by the Cowboys' standards.

Dallas will travel to Philadelphia's Veteran Stadium to exact some revenge for the 27-0 loss two weeks ago. It wasn't the score that hacked off Johnson and the Cowboys.

"Winning and losing concerns me," Johnson said. "But what concerns me more is when you take away from the integrity of the game."

It was Philadelphia Coach Buddy Ryan and his usual antics that has Dallas jumping.

Johnson accused Ryan of placing bounties on the heads of at least four Cowboys, including quarterback Troy Aikman and former Eagle kicker Luis Zendejas.

The Eagles were unable to knock Aikman out of the game, but Philadelphia linebacker Jesse Small cut through the Cowboys' kickoff team and homed in on Zendejas' head, rendering him temporarily unconscious.

Small said he had simply missed his assignment and was heading upfield to block the next Cowboy.

The tapes next Small deliberately lining up near the Eagles' bench, avoiding three Cowboys and sprinting directly at Zendejas.

After regaining consciousness, a groggy Zendejas headed for Ryan, intent on doing a little damage of his own.

"I was going up to deck him," Zendejas said after the game. "And I tell you this, if I get a chance at Ryan (in the Dec. 10 game), I'll take it."

So what's Ryan got to say about all the accusations?

"If you had a bounty, why the hell would you put it on a kicker that's been in a six-week slump?" Ryan said.

So, that leads us to this weekend's game. Will Zendejas get his shot at Ryan? Cowboy fans are hoping so.

This isn't the first time Ryan has been charged with placing bounties on the heads of NFL figures.

Earlier this year, talk surfaced around the league that Ryan had offered a \$1,000 reward for any player who "accidentally" injured Bears' Coach Mike Ditka.

Still, Zendejas and Johnson both reported that they had been contacted by the Eagles' special teams coach before the game and told to be on the lookout for the cheap shots.

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Ags bow to Gents

A&M 'just a forward short' in loss; Rhea scores 18 to lead 2-3 Aggies

By Richard Tijerina
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For Texas A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf, the Aggies were just a forward short Tuesday night.

Make that one Larry Robinson short — a 6-5 senior who led Centenary to a 89-82 win over A&M in front of 1,644 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Robinson had 30 points, including seven in a decisive three-minute stretch when Centenary pulled away from A&M, and had 16 rebounds to lead both teams.

The Aggies were led by senior Darren Rhea, who had 18 points and 13 rebounds.

"I don't know where we go from here," A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I'm trying to avoid being too small when we hit the conference. But the bottom line is we're a forward short — something like Larry Robinson."

"You give us Larry Robinson and we'd be a pretty good basketball team."

The Aggies looked good enough in the first half — they led 42-37 at halftime, but things turned sour for Metcalf midway through the second when the Gents jumped out to a 10-point lead with 5:30 left to play.

Rhea said the team was upbeat and positive at halftime, but lost concentration and intensity in the second half.

That seemed the case. Their five-point lead erased within five minutes of the second half, the Aggies and Gents exchanged baskets for minutes until Centenary was able to put together any kind of run.

Leading 52-50, Robinson scored back-to-back baskets to give the Gents a 56-50 advantage. Robinson rebounded his own miss, and scored on an easy layup, then hit a 14-foot jumpshot on the left baseline.

The Aggies needed some big help after suddenly trailing by six points. They got it in the form of 6-2 junior guard Freddie Ricks, who hit a three-point shot.

However, senior guard Tony Milton was called for his second personal foul on the play, and officials waited several seconds before allowing the goal to stand. Metcalf and the crowd yelled for the shot to be counted, and when it did, the Aggies had climbed to within three points.

Trailing 57-55, junior guard Lynn Suber hit a 22-foot three-point shot to give the Aggies a brief one-point lead. It wouldn't last more than 20 seconds, however, as Robinson tied the score with a free throw after being fouled by Rhea.

Junior forward David Harris, the Aggies' second leading scorer and top rebounder, picked up his fourth foul with 11 minutes

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A&M's David Harris fights for a rebound in Tuesday night's loss.

Hickey's Lady Ags rebound for win

By Vince Snyder
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The Texas A&M Lady Aggies had trouble inbounding the ball Tuesday night, but in the end rebounded from an early deficit.

A&M defeated the Oklahoma 101-86 in front of a home crowd of 277 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

With the win over the Sooners, A&M Coach Lynn Hickey recorded her 200th career NCAA victory.

The Lady Aggies came back from a narrow four-point deficit but had trouble maintaining the lead because of faulty inbound passing.

"We are a young team," Hickey said. "The inbound pressure (from Oklahoma) was the first we've really seen so far and we got sloppy."

The effect of the pressure was felt as A&M and OU exchanged leads 12 times during the first half of play.

"It (inbound pressure) was frustrating," sophomore Dena Russo said. "We know how to run it, but we weren't executing it right."

The Lady Aggies were able to move the ball once they passed it inbound, despite tough pressure from the Sooners as they applied the full court press.

"We felt pretty comfortable with breaking the press," Russo said. "It's something we worked on all week during practice."

Another weakness felt by A&M during the first half, was missed open shots within the paint.

"We missed a lot of 'crib' shots," Hickey said. "That's something we will have to continue working on."

Despite A&M missing the inside shots, junior center Louise Madison was able to muscle in 33 points for a career high game. Madison also grabbed 16 boards to lead the Lady Aggies in total rebounds for the night.

Joining the 6-1 center was Russo, who added a career-high 21 points and 13 re-

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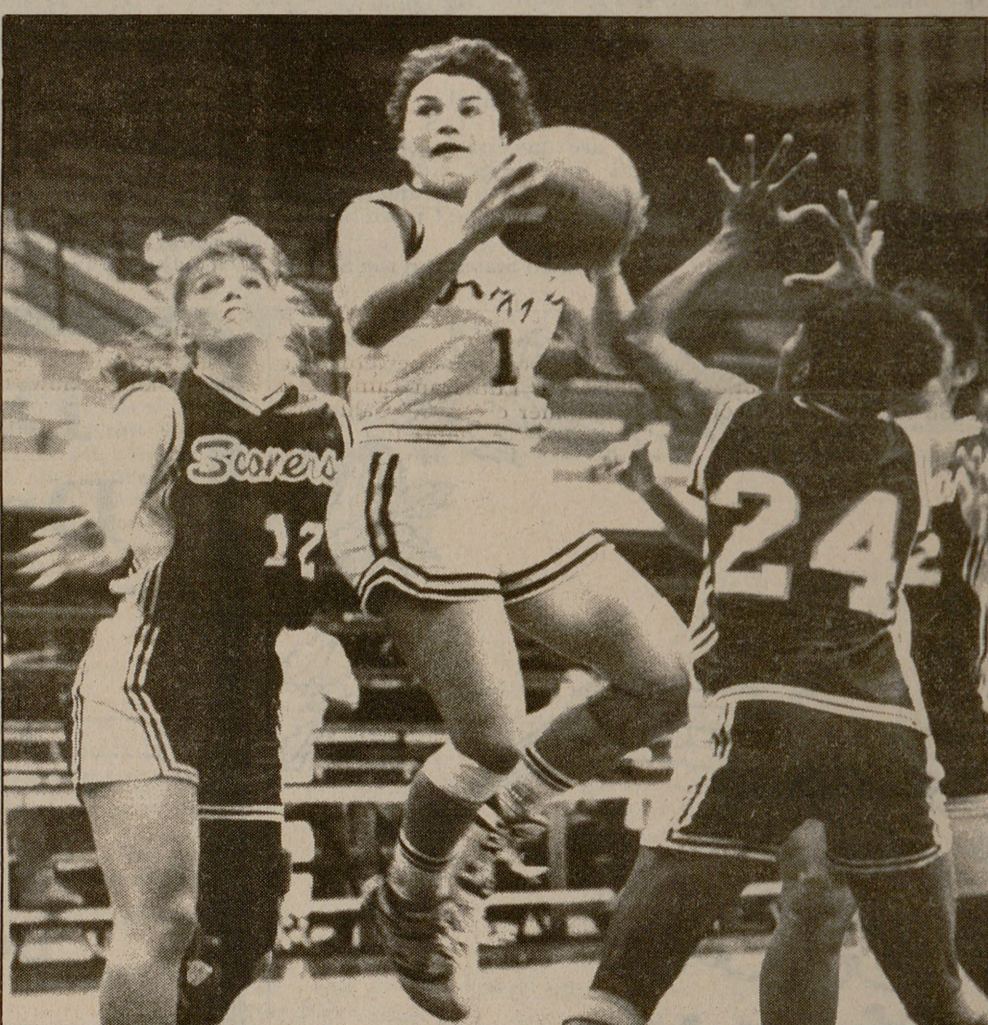


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Lisa Herner (13) flies through the air for a layup in the Lady Aggies' 101-86 win over Oklahoma Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Ware, Francis head SWC list of All-Americans

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Passing prodigy Andre Ware and runner setting runner Anthony Thompson, who battled to a photo finish in the Heisman Trophy race, were named to The Associated Press 1989 All-America college football team on Tuesday.

Ware, who edged Thompson for the Heisman in the fourth-closest vote ever, shattered 13 NCAA marks and tied with others this season as the quarterback of Houston's run-and-shoot offense. He capped his remarkable year Saturday against Rice by setting single-season records for most completions (365) and passing yards (4,699), falling just one short of McMahon's NCAA mark of 47 touchdowns.

Ware's favorite receiver, Emmanuel Hazzard, also was named to the offense's first team, as was tackle Jim Mabry of Arkansas. Baylor linebacker James Francis made the defensive team.

Texas Tech running back James Green was named to the second team on offense and teammate tackle Charles Odiome was third team offensive selection.

While Ware was establishing passing standards, Thompson was running off his own records. The Indiana tailback's NCAA career marks for touchdowns and points, led the nation in rushing with 1,700 yards and broke the single-game rushing record with 377 against Wisconsin.

Ware and Thompson were unlikely candidates for stardom. Ware had virtually no preseason publicity and wasn't seen on television because Houston is on probation. Thompson played on a losing football team at a school better known for basketball.

But they are the top stars on an AP of

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