

Paper: UT player placed bets with teammates

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas president William Cunningham has ordered an investigation into allegations that as many as 20 football players regularly placed bets with a teammate on college and pro sporting events over the past two years.

The Austin-American Statesman reported Saturday that a Texas player placed bets with a teammate and a former player witnessed the bets being placed.

The teammate who took the bets at the school last fall, the newspaper said.

The alleged betting never involved UT games, one player said.

Cunningham said any players found to have bet on college games — a violation of NCAA rules —

School president orders full-scale investigation into allegations

would be declared ineligible and their names reported to the NCAA.

Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said he spoke with UT coach David McWilliams about the allegations over the weekend.

Dodds said he is confident McWilliams and his staff were unaware of any possible gambling activities by Longhorns players.

"I don't think our coaches know anything about that," Dodds said. "I'm comfortable that nobody on the staff knew about any of this."

In addition to the players who said they placed or witnessed the bets, three other players told the

newspaper they knew of betting taking place in a dormitory.

The players said that during the past two years, 10 to 20 Texas football players placed bets with the teammate.

The players, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that between \$2 and \$100 was bet on college football and basketball games and pro football, basketball, baseball and hockey games.

The players said the betting has since stopped.

"It is the university's policy to investigate any allegations of violations of NCAA rules," Cunningham said.

"It also is our policy to report confirmed rules violations to the NCAA. We are currently looking into an allegation regarding gambling of student athletes.

"If any violation of NCAA rules is substantiated, it will be reported to the NCAA. Any student athlete found to be in violation of NCAA rules will be declared ineligible."

The school reported to the NCAA on Friday that football players were being questioned about alleged betting activities among team members, said Butch Worley, an assistant athletic director.

One player said the teammate

who allegedly took the bets kept records of them in a black notebook.

When asked if the Austin police had contacted the athletic department about betting activities by football players, Dodds said: "I won't answer that."

Worley said the investigation is in the planning stages.

"Anything we investigate, we'll do on a full-scale basis," he said. "We'll talk to athletes or anybody else who might have relevant information. It's not that we don't want to know. We're going to try to talk to anybody we think will have information on any of the alleged violations that

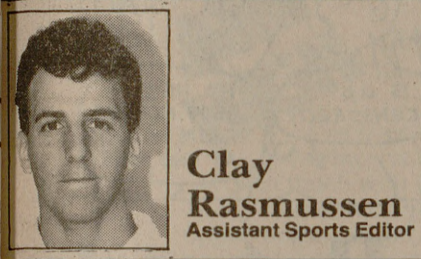
have been reported.

"We want to know the truth," he said. "We'll give it our best shot."

The school itself is not subject to any NCAA sanctions unless it is determined that a member of the athletic department staff had knowledge of or participated in any betting activities.

One player who is still on the team said he placed bets with the teammate in Jester Center dormitory, where the player allegedly running the betting operation lived in 1988.

Another player, who transferred after last season, told the newspaper he saw bets being placed, while a third player, who left the program a year ago, said betting was widespread on the team during his four years at Texas.



Clay Rasmussen
Assistant Sports Editor

With Tarpley, Mavs bandwagon back on track

The bandwagon is back on track.

That old, broken down, humbled Dallas Mavericks bandwagon is on a rampage. You remember that ride — the one that had "L.A. or bust" painted all over the windows.

The only problem is that the Mavs always "busted" before they could get through Los Angeles. And at the onset of this basketball season, it appeared that the Mavericks wouldn't even get to the playoffs.

But all that has changed with Dallas' recent winning streak. Fans around Reunion Arena, despite the Mavs losing their last game, are experiencing *deja vu*.

The Mavericks finished their home stretch winning 12-of-16. They seem alert, attentive but most importantly, inspired. Dallas head coach Ritchie Adubato seems to have infused life into the once comatose Mavericks, something that former coaches John MacLeod and Dick Motta never were able to do.

But before you start purchasing those tickets to the Forum, check to see who's in the driver's seat.

Center Roy Tarpley, whose license was once suspended for a driving-while-intoxicated charge, has fueled the Mavericks to their current winning form.

So, on one hand, players and fans alike are pleased to see the NBA all-star back crashing boards and pulling down rebounds. Unfortunately, they must rest uneasily and wonder if and when Tarpley will stay clean and contribute to Dallas' winning effort.

Tarpley gives new look

The Mavericks, with Tarpley, are a different team. He gives Dallas the inside game it so badly needs to be competitive with the rest of the NBA's leaders.

In his last game against the Houston Rockets, Tarpley played 32 minutes, scored 18 points, recorded 12 rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots.

Tarpley, in his present shape, can be awesome to behold. The question is how long he can retain that shape.

Fans are easy to sell. Let Tarpley play, score loads of points and help Dallas win the Midwest. They'll back him all the way and Reunion Arena will once again experience the thrill of post-season play. And in a city that sports the 1-15 Cowboys, they need it.

His team members, on the other hand, could prove to be a little more difficult. When Tarpley was suspended last November, harsh words followed him on his way out.

"He's let us down too many times," Dallas center James Donaldson said last year. "We can't be looking over our shoulders wondering when he's coming back, letting him screw up the rest of the team just because of what he's done."

And if sending the team reeling in a hurray wasn't enough, how about saving the management slap the rest of the players in the face by giving Tarpley the five year, \$9 million contract?

Poor Sam Perkins. After five productive, obedient years with Dallas,

Turnovers turn Ags over in grave; Bears steal 85-77 win over A&M



A&M forward Darren Rhea tips in an offensive rebound. He finished with 10 points.

By CLAY RASMUSSEN
Of The Battalion Staff

What the Baylor men's basketball team couldn't take away Saturday night, Texas A&M gave away.

The Bears were able to take advantage of 19 Aggie turnovers and capitalized on 15 steals to shut down A&M, 85-77 before a crowd of 3,616 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"Everytime it looked like we were finally over the hump, they would come up with the loose ball or hit a big bucket," A&M interim coach John Thornton said. "The effort was there."

"It just wasn't bouncing the way we wanted it to."

In addition to getting the lucky breaks, Baylor, led by sophomore guard Dennis Lindsey's 25 points, kept the Aggies at bay with the play of their bench.

After losing sophomore center Joey Fatta to an ankle injury three minutes into the game, Baylor turned up the heat.

Reserve Ivan Jones came off the bench to replace Fatta, and ended with 11 points for the Bears.

Baylor head coach Gene Iba said he was pleased with the way his reserves performed.

"You can go right down our roster and name anybody," Iba said. "They all made the clutch baskets when we needed them."

Iba said the Bears received big contributions from reserves Alex Holcombe, Tim Schumacher and David Wesley.

"They were a big plus for us early after Fatta went down," Iba said.

But the Aggies also had big performances.

Junior forward David Harris blocked nine shots against the Bears, breaking former Aggie forward Winston Crite's (1983-87) single-game blocked shot record of six.

Leading the A&M offense, senior guard Tony Milton chalked up 19 points and eight rebounds.

But Milton and Harris' efforts weren't enough to carry A&M.

Overall, the Aggie guards shot well, scoring 48 of A&M's 77 points, but the posts combined for a mere 21 points.

"Offensively we didn't have it," Thornton said. "We were sluggish from the word go, and we never hit our stride. It was like pulling teeth — just very hard."

"You can't play without a balanced attack and we didn't have it."

Baylor came out in the first half and quickly overwhelmed the Aggies.

The Bears, with the help of six three pointers, extended their lead to 13 points, 25-12.

However, the Aggies countered with 6:05 left in the first half.

Down 33-23, the Aggies outscored the Bears 17-9 the rest of the way to pull to within two, 42-40, at halftime. Milton and freshman guard Brooks Thompson led the A&M attack during the stretch.

The Aggies opened the second half in the same fashion they closed the first, going on an eight-to-five run.

A&M and Baylor took turns leading the game until the Bears pressured the Aggies' offense by changing defenses, and shut down the A&M's inside game.

It was then the Aggies started getting frustrated. Faced with the Bears' new defensive look, the Aggies found themselves turning the ball over more and not getting the shots they wanted.

The result was two technical fouls that only padded Baylor's lead.

Milton was called for A&M's first technical foul for interjecting his thoughts about referee Bob Vetketter's officiating. Thornton was called for A&M's second See Game/Page 10

KC's Jackson accepts Royals' \$1 million offer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bo Jackson, No. 1 for Kansas City last season in home runs and RBIs, will be only 10th this year when the Royals cash their paychecks.

Arbitrator Stephen Goldberg, faced with the largest gap in the history of baseball salary arbitration, opted Sunday for the Royals' offer of \$1 million instead of the \$1,900,001 Jackson requested. Goldberg heard the case in Los Angeles on Friday.

"Based on historical signings and based on current salary comparisons that we made, it was our belief that our number was a fair number, and one that was responsive to the marketplace that exists for players in Bo Jackson's service group," Royals general manager John Schuerholz said. "We recognize Bo's talents and abilities as well as his contributions to the Royals and we believe, like the arbitrator, that this salary reflects that."

Jackson's agent, Richard Woods, was not immediately available. He said before the hearing that one thrust of his argument would be the marquee value of the 27-year-old, two-sport star. Jackson was named MVP in last year's All-Star Game and rushed for almost 1,000 yards this past season for the Los Angeles Raiders.

Jackson will be the 10th highest-paid member of a team that spent \$19 million during the offseason for free agent pitchers Mark and Storm Davis. Mark Davis' contract included a \$1.5 million signing bonus.

Jackson made \$610,000 last year in his third full season and led the major leagues with 172 strikeouts. But he also led in RBI ratio with one every 4.9 at-bats. Despite a thigh injury that slowed him much of the second half, his 32 home runs and 105 RBIs were tops on the team. He batted .256.

His was the first arbitration case decided this year and could have an impact on remaining cases, especially that of Texas outfielder Ruben Sierra, who is asking for \$1.9 million.

By Decree, Lady Ags pummel Baylor 94-55

Junior sets shot block record

By VINCE SNYDER
Of The Battalion Staff

The Lady Aggies' basketball team showed vigor and determination in its 94-55 romp over Baylor Saturday in front of a crowd of 5,23 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Heads-up playing, along with A&M junior post Diane DeCree's rebounding, virtually put the game away for the Aggies in the first half.

Thirteen out of the 14 Lady Aggies scored in the game, shooting 43.1 percent from the field.

Lisa Herner, who scored a career-high

The closest Baylor came to taking the win was during the first 60 seconds, when the score was tied at 2-2. But the Lady Aggies then took control of the game and never looked back.

Baylor used a half-court press plus a double-team on A&M, but the Lady Aggies showed patience in working the ball while getting it down inside.

"We were just trying to get the ball to the high-post area, and we did a good job without skipping the ball across court," Hickey said.

The Lady Aggies led 38-15 with five minutes left in the first half before taking a 50-25 advantage into the locker room at the half.

A&M guard Yvonne Hill was hitting from both sides of the lane pouring, in 11 points during the first 20 minutes of play to lead the team.

In the second-half, Hickey gave the other players on the bench a chance to improve their playing time.

"I thought Yolanda Brown had a good game," Hickey said. "Karey Janak played well, especially in the first half. Those are some young kids that we got to really rely on down the stretch."

Around the 15-minute mark in the second half, A&M applied full court pressure, causing Baylor to turn the ball over.

As a result of the turnovers, the Lady Aggies were able to get the ball to junior forward Wendy Jennings, who hit three straight three-pointers to give A&M a 75-40 lead.

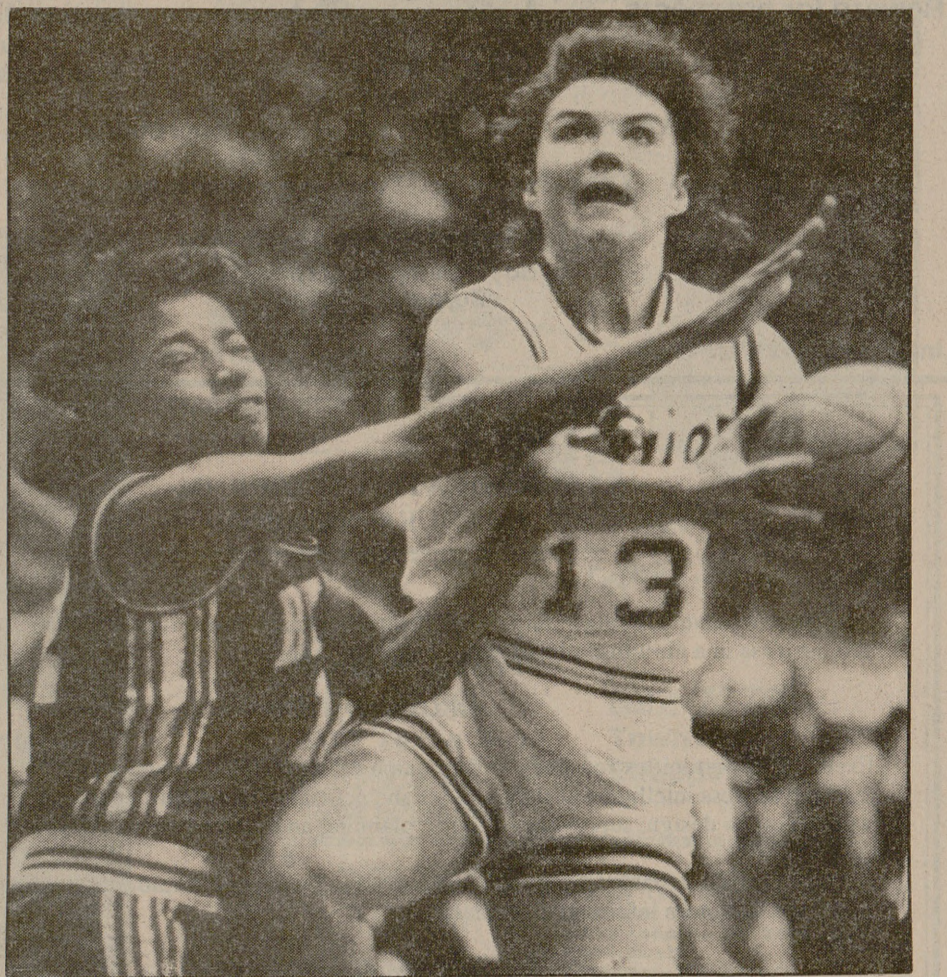
"When she (Wendy) is on, she hits," Hickey said. "It was a mistake that I didn't get her in in the first half."

Baylor hustled back late in the second half, as they outscored the Lady Aggies 9-6 to finish the game.

"We've got to start taking our frustrations out on every game," Hickey said. "We've got seven games left, and we have to win five to get the seed in the tournament that we want."

A&M's leading scorers were Hill and DeCree, who both had 16 points.

DeCree's 16 points were her career-high,



A&M guard Lisa Herner, last week's Southwest Conference Player of the Week, goes up for a shot in Saturday's 94-55 win over Baylor.

TCU at Texas A&M

- Site: G. Rollie White Coliseum (7,500 cap.)
- Tipoff: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
- Records: A&M (13-7, 5-4 in SWC), TCU (9-10, 6-3)
- Saturday's Results: TCU defeated Southern Methodist, 71-53.

28 points in last week's Houston game, was the only player who didn't score.

"Baylor is very young and we've got a lot more depth than they do," A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said.

"But for us to come back (after the loss to Texas Tech) and score as well as we did, and not get real wild and crazy, I thought the kids did a real nice job."

The Lady Aggies were coming off a tough road loss last Tuesday night in Lubbock. Hickey said they were intent on trying to regain their winning edge going into Saturday's game with Baylor.

"We had hopes, because of the way we played in Houston, that maybe we really had things going, that we could pull one off," Hickey said.

"Today we came back well, and these are hard games to play because in the back of your mind you know you should win these games."

along with 12 rebounds and five blocked shots, which tied the school record.

"Everybody talked about me not being able to hit the side of a barn," DeCree said. "So I just tried to get in front of the defensive players, and get the rebound and put it back up."

The win moves the Lady Aggies to 13-7 for the year and 5-4 in the Southwest Conference.

A&M will host the TCU Lady Frogs Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum, with tipoff set for 7:30.