

Five Aggies earn shot at NCAA indoor title

The Texas A&M track team managed to qualify five athletes last weekend for the NCAA National Indoor Tournament. The Aggies will send nine athletes to the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis March 9 and 10.

Andre Cason, Steve Lofton and Howard Davis all qualified at the Arizona Day's Inn Invitational. Cason posted a season best in the 55 meter dash, shaving one-one hundredth a second off the University record. His time of 6.14 seconds earned Cason an automatic bid to the tournament.

Lofton also qualified in the 55 meter dash, finishing second behind Cason with a time of 6.20. Although his time did not earn Lofton an automatic bid, he did improve his previ-

sional time and will travel to Indianapolis.

Davis took first in the 400 meter run, posting a time of 46.15. His finish was the second best time in the 400 this year and earned him an automatic bid. Florida's Tyrone Kemp holds the fastest time this year, running the 400 in 45.83 seconds. Kemp was the NCAA Indoor Champion in last year's tournament.

Yolanda Taylor and Stanley Kerr traveled to Lubbock and took part in the Last Chance Qualifiers Meet last weekend. Taylor earned an automatic berth in the triple jump after she jumped 41-feet-5-inches, breaking her previous best and the school record of 40-feet-11-inches.

Kerr earned a provisional qualification in the 200 meters with a time of 21.15 seconds.

O'Donovan extends streak, leads netters in upset win

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Senior Shaun O'Donovan remained unbeaten in 1990, and led the Texas A&M men's tennis team to a 5-3 upset over No. 25 Trinity Friday.

A&M won the two completed doubles matches to break a 3-3 tie. The other doubles match was stopped due to the completion of the dual match.

"This was a great win over a ranked team," A&M coach David Kent said. "This dual match was a great battle. It was what college tennis is all about. We really came together as a team."

O'Donovan swept Greg Tourant, the nation's 33rd ranked

player, in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

"Shuan is still undefeated," Kent said. "You really need to come out and watch O'Donovan play. He is the most exciting player our tennis team has had in years."

The Aggies also had a big performance from Gustavo Espinosa, who won in both his singles and double matches.

A&M was playing without its No. 3 and No. 5 players, and Kent said it was a tribute to the team that it was able to beat Trinity without them.

"Gustavo Espinosa is such a great fighter," he said. "I was really pleased to be able to win without our third and fifth players. This team has great depth and that will help us down the road as it did today."

Lady Ags take second in weekend tournament

The Texas A&M women's softball team went 3-2 over the weekend to receive second place in the Louisiana Classics Tournament in Lafayette.

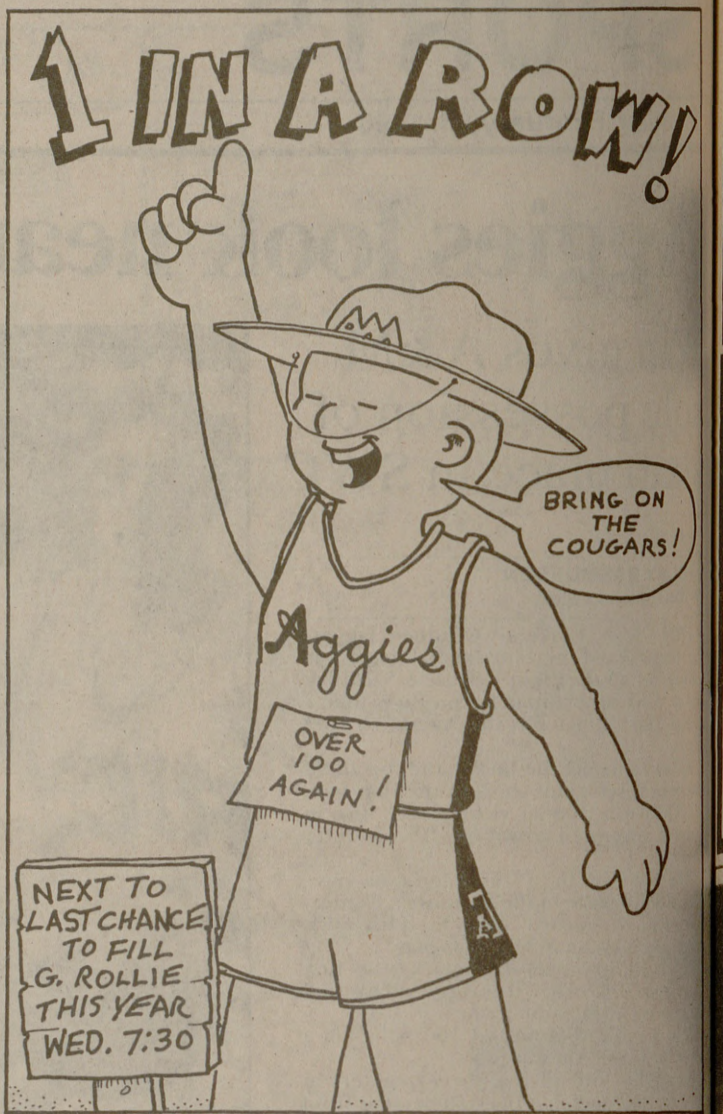
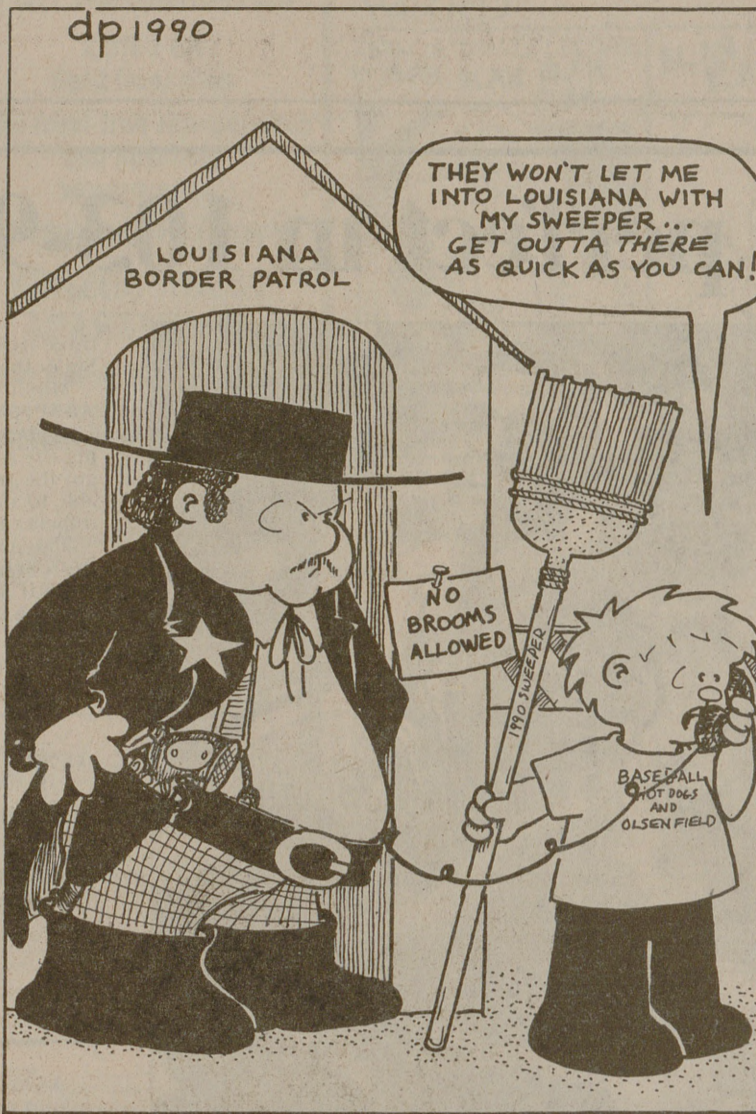
This marks the first time that the Lady Aggies didn't carry away first place in the four-year history of the tournament.

A&M listed sophomore pitcher Dana Mitchell, sophomore left fielder Michelle Mayfield and first base freshman Chris Wilfong to the all-tournament team.

Saturday, the Lady Aggies beat Northeast Louisiana 2-1. Southern Mississippi 2-0 and lost to Southwestern Louisiana, 0-2.

In Sunday's semifinals, the Lady Aggies beat Northeast Louisiana 1-0, but lost to Southwestern Louisiana 0-1 in two extra innings.

A&M will play the University of Texas at Arlington there on Tuesday and return home Thursday to face Nebraska at 5 p.m. on the Lady Aggie Softball Field.



Mavs cruise by Timberwolves, 87-82

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Sam Perkins scored 20 points, including a pair of free throws with 11 seconds remaining, leading the Dallas Mavericks to an 87-82 victory over Minnesota Sunday.

Roy Tarpley led the Mavericks with 26 points as they claimed their fourth straight victory over the expansion Timberwolves this season and their seventh triumph in their last eight games.

Derek Harper's five straight points keyed the Mavericks' fourth-quarter comeback and gave them an 83-82 lead with 16 seconds remaining.

Herb Williams stole Minnesota's inbounds pass and Perkins was fouled in the ensuing scramble. Rolando Blackman added another pair of free throws for the final margin.

Minnesota outscored Dallas 14-6 to start the second half, and Tyrone Corbin's five straight points gave the Timberwolves a 51-46 lead with 7:20 left in the third quarter. Another basket by Corbin with 2:52 remaining upped the margin to

60-52. After Sam Mitchell came off the bench to score eight straight points and give the Timberwolves a 37-35 lead with two minutes remaining in the half, but Harper's 3-pointer and Tarpley's two free throws with a tenth of a second to go gave the Mavericks a 40-37 halftime margin.

Both teams shot 38 percent from the field in the first half.

Perkins' six straight points started Dallas on a 21-5 run beginning late in the first quarter. Tarpley added another six points and Rolando Blackman's layup with 7:45 remaining in the half gave the Mavericks a 30-23 lead.

Tod Murphy led the balanced Timberwolves scoring attack with 16 points. Corbin had 15, Tony Campbell 14, Mitchell 13 and Randy Breuer 10.

Despite struggling offensively throughout the

game, Dallas was pleased to be only the second visiting team to win at the Metrodome in the last nine games.

"They've played everybody tough here," Harper said. "Very few teams have been able to blow them out and it's basically because of the tempo they play."

"We got some clutch plays down the stretch," Dallas coach Richie Adubato said. "Harper's jumper, Perkins made two big free throws, and Herb Williams made two great defensive plays—one on the inbounds and then he stayed right on Campbell on his 3-point attempt to tie it."

Williams' steal of Murphy's inbounds pass set up the Mavericks heroics.

"He tried to squeeze it past me to Campbell, and I was able to get my hands on it," Williams said. "We made a couple of big defensive plays. Sam (Perkins) hit the free throws."

Still looking for the lucky ticket ...

\$1 million ticket still missing

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Officials at Remington Park race track were still waiting Sunday for someone to claim more than \$1 million from Saturday's Pick Six.

Track spokesman Keith Chamblin said whoever bought the single winning Pick Six ticket had not claimed the prize by mid day Sunday.

But Chamblin said it's not that unusual for big money winners to wait a while before coming forward.

"When it's that amount of money, the majority do wait. They might want to talk to their accountant or their attorney. And a lot would rather wait until the banks open on Monday" before claiming their prize.

The winner of Saturday's bonanza has six weeks after the end of the spring meeting — May 6 — to claim the winnings, Chamblin said.

Track officials said they believed the \$1,070,482.40 was the largest Pick Six payoff ever at an American track.

The Internal Revenue Service gets 20 percent, track officials said, so the winner will go away with about \$856,000.

A crowd of 23,280, second-largest in Remington history, wagered a track-record \$2,808,243 on the 10-race card. That handle surpassed the previous high of \$2,607,523, set on April 22, 1989.

The Pick Six, in which patrons try to pick the winners of races 2 through 8, had not been hit in six days. The carryover heading into Saturday was more than \$627,000.

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The Houston Cougars are heading toward the Southwest Conference Post-Season Basketball Classic March 8-9 as the hottest team in the league.

They've won nine consecutive games and coach Pat Foster said he sees a solid team developing for the stretch run to the NCAA playoffs.

"We've got a chance to get a lot better in a short period of time and if we do we've got a legitimate chance to get into the NCAA tournament and do something," Foster said

after the Cougars defeated Southern Methodist 71-63 in a regionally televised game.

Foster has gone to a seven-man rotation in the Cougars' streak. It has made them more consistent.

Their 21-6 record is the best since 1983-84. An 11-3 SWC record keeps Houston on target for a regular season second-place finish behind the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Houston plays at Texas A&M on Wednesday night and plays host to Texas on March 5 in its final two games of the regular season.

In other games on Wednesday,

SMU is at Texas Tech, Baylor is at Texas Christian, and Texas is at Rice.

Saturday's games find Texas at DePaul, Rice at Arkansas, SMU at Baylor, and TCU at Mississippi State. The Tech-A&M game has been moved to next Sunday.

Foster said SMU gave the Cougars all they wanted.

"That was a long 40 minutes," he said. "They came out in a zone and that hurt our offensive execution. We haven't seen a zone in quite a while and we didn't look good against it."

UH catching fire on hot streak

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