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Senior awarded Player of Week for stellar play

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

It's been a long wait for Texas A&M senior point guard Tony Mil-

Milton, after being nominated nine times in the past 12 weeks, was named Southwest Conference Co-Player of the Week Monday for his

performance in last week's games against Arkansas and Rice. Houston's Carl Hererra also was

named to the award.

Wednesday will provide a meeting for both Milton and Herrera, as the

Aggies host the Cougars at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.
Milton scored 23 points and added seven rebounds and six assists

in last Wednesday's 114-100 loss to nationally ranked Arkansas. He followed up that performance in Saturday's 103-95 win over Rice

with 25 points and nine assists.



A&M's Milton honored

The Battalion

For the week, he averaged 24.0 points, 4.0 rebounds, 7.5 assists, made 17-of-33 field goal attempts (55.6 percent). He added three steals against (50.9 percent), nine-of-12 free throw

A&M coach John Thornton said Milton deserved the honor because the senior has meant so much to the

By VINCE SNYDER

Aggies this season.

He is one of only four seniors on a young A&M team.

tense competitor," Thornton said.

He is the first Aggie to be hon-ored this season. Three Lady Aggies 74-69, against the Lady Owls in

games since transferring to A&M prior to last season from Central the Lady Aggies alive.
Florida Iunior College. Hill was fouled with only one see Florida Junior College

Player of the Year by USA Today. On the year, he leads the Aggies with a 20.5 scoring average, second in the SWC, and averages 6.9 assists

per game, also second in the SWC.
With 951 career points, Milton could become only the second twothe 1,000-point plateau.
The other is Don Marbury (1984-

Milton ranks second on A&M's single season assists list with 193, and should easily break Darryl McDonald's record of 196 set in 1987-88.

May more timeouts left. I just wanted to get it over with."

A&M was able to hold on for the overtime win despite the loss of three of their starters at the end of regulation play.

With this win the control of the overtime win despite the loss of three of their starters at the end of the control of t

Lady Ags host Lady Cougars in SWC action A

Tuesday, February 27, 1990

Of The Battalion Staff

young A&M team.

After a hard-fought victory over "Tony has been a very consistent Rice Saturday night the Lady Aggies player for us all season and is an inbasketball team will play their next to last game of the regular season to "He's been very deserving of the honor, which is a tribute to the en- at G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tipoff

is set for 7:30. have won the award this year.

Milton has started in 58 straight

overtime with junior gaurd Yvonne
Hill sinking two shots in the final seconds of regulation time to keep

He was named the Florida JUCO ond left on the clock and had to make both free throws to push the game into overtime. Despite a timeout called by Rice before the first shot and two more before the

said. "Finally, though, I went up to the referee and asked if they had

With this win the Lady Aggies increase their record to 16-9 overall and 8-6 in Southwest Conference play. However, they are tied for fourth place in the conference with the Lady Cougars.

UH is coming off a six day res since downing Texas Christian Uni-versity, 89-58, last Wednesday in Houston. The Lady Cougars are 3since the last time they faced the Lady Aggies. But UH has won three of its last four contests after dropping back-to-back games to conference co-leaders Texas and Arkansas.
"Houston has been playing very

well, particularly the past few weeks, and they have a lot of momentum going into the final week of the season," A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said.

A&M trails, 21-17, in the series with Houston, but the Lady Aggies have won their last four meetings with the Lady Cougars. A&M won 73-61 in College Station, 90-77 in Houston, and 86-73 in Dallas in the SWC tourney last year.

The Lady Aggies kept their streak alive with a 88-67 win over the Lady Cougars earlier this season at Hofh einz Pavilion. A&M's senior gaurd Lisa Herner had her best outing in four years as she connected on 9-of 12 field goals and 10-of-11 free throws to score a career-high 28 points. Herner also collected four rebounds and three steals and dished out seven assists on her way

to claiming the SWC Player of the

the undertaking. Brandt has been keeping a low profile as he plots his next professional move. He appears at basketball games and is critical of the way the new regime has done business. Jones has tried to make peace with the fans and

'I handled the Landry situation poorly," he said. was going to be my coach.

Johnson, accustomed to the heady success of national championship teams at the University of Miami, was stunned the Cowboys didn't perform bet-

"The players we have now love football and have a winning attitude," he said.

Patriots turn sour on Berry

One year after the massacre, Cowboys still going nowhere

IRVING (AP) — One year ago, the NFL witnessed an apocalypse of the Dallas Cowboys.

After the "Saturday night massacre" on Feb. 25, 1989, the only thing that didn't change was the name

Tom Landry, the only coach in the team's 29 years of existence, was fired. Club President Tex Schramm, rendered powerless and dispirited by the change of ownership, eventually left.

Personnel director Gil Brandt, the last of the Cow-boys' "Big Three" who accounted for 19 consecutive winning seasons and five Super Bowls, was sacked. Front office staffers, secretaries, and assistant

coaches were released. Veteran players such as Randy and Danny White were encouraged to retire. Others were cut. Running back Herschel Walker, the only offensive star

left on the team, was traded. Owner Jerry Jones brashly predicted his good buddy and new head coach Jimmy Johnson would win more games in the first third of the season than

But Jerry and Jimmy found it wasn't that easy in the cannibalistic NFL. One victory football is all they managed and all

they have in the trophy case one year after the upheaval of what once was "America's Team." Landry is more popular than ever. He has done a smash television commercial (sings in it, no less) and

the Professional Football Hall of Fame

Schramm is biding his time and biting his tongue about the upheaval at Valley Ranch as he awaits the start of the World League of American Football in the spring of 1991. Jones and most of the NFL teams are partners in

"But there wasn't an easy way to handle it. Jimmy

"Replacing the veteran players burt us more than we thought. We thought we'd win more games."

When you visit Jones' office — formerly Schramm's — the first things you notice are the

Cowboys' two Super Bowl championship trophies.

A year after the "Saturday Night Massacre," the
Cowboys have never been farther away from an-

Longhorns sign top-rated prep pitching prospect

Landry had (three) in 1988.

AUSTIN (AP) — Pitcher Todd Van Poppel of Arlington Martin, draft in June, has committed to the

University of Texas.

Van Poppel, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound right-handed power pitcher, chose the Longhorns over Miami, Louisiana State and Texas A&M. He said chances are "pretty good right now" that he will attend college rather than sign a professional con-

'I haven't given too much thought to the pro draft," said Van Poppel. 'I'll cross that bridge when I come to

Van Poppel and Cleburne pitcher Mark Lummus became the fifth and sixth recruits to choose the Long-

Former assistant Rust top candidate for replacement mond Berry was fired Monday as Van Poppel of Arlington Martin, coach of the New England Patriots considered a strong possibility to be the first pick of the major league Manager Pat Sullivan. Pittsburgh dente defensive coordinators in 1989, was and quarterback coach Richard pressured by Sullivan to add those Wood, Sullivan went to Kiam. fensive coordinator Rod Rust, a former Patriots' assistant, reportedly

> The firing came one day before Berry's 57th birthday and after 5½ seasons on the job. He had one season left on his five-year contract.

was the top candidate to succeed

Sullivan had no comment on the firing, but said he would meet with reporters Tuesday. The team released a statement saying simply that Berry had been relieved of his du-

The Steelers said they had given Rust permission to talk with the Pa-

The Patriots were 5-11 last season

and missed the NFL playoffs for the Sullivan he planned to split the ofthird consecutive year. Berry, who fensive coordinator's job between had worked without offensive and running back coach Bobby Grier positions.

But while Sullivan reportedly preferred outsiders, Berry wanted to fill those spots from his current staff.

Last December, shortly after the season, Patriots owner Victor Kiam reportedly offered former San Francisco coach Bill Walsh the job of club president and the power to hire a coach or take the job himself.

When Walsh declined, Berry appeared to be on firmer ground entering the final year of his contract,

which reportedly gave him control over team personnel.

But after Berry is said to have told 1989.

The owner gave Sullivan permis-

sion to find a new coach. "It was time for Pat to step up to the plate and take charge," Kiam

The Patriots were 48-39 under

If Rust, 61, is hired, it would be his first NFL head coaching job. An assistant with four pro teams the past 14 years, Rust was Berry's defensive coordinator for 3½ seasons before filling that position with Kansas City in 1988 and the Steelers in



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