

## A&M opens SWC schedule



Photo by Scott D. Weaver

A&M's Chad Broussard argues with an umpire after a called strike out in last weekend's sweep over Missouri. Broussard later was ejected from the game. Broussard leads the Aggies in their SWC opener today against Texas Tech.

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The No. 16 Texas A&M Aggies will open their Southwest Conference slate this weekend when they host Texas Tech. The Aggies (25-7) and Red Raiders (21-11) will square off Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday in a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

Tech opened its conference schedule last weekend when the Red Raiders took two of

three games from Houston.

The series will feature a superb Aggie pitching staff against the hot bats of the Raiders.

Aggie pitchers have combined for a 2.64 earned run average and have allowed opposing hitters an anemic .204 batting average. The Raiders have relied upon hitting — hitting .337 as a team.

A&M will try to keep alive its seven-game winning streak, that started March 13 with

shutouts over Iowa State and St. John's. The Aggies swept a three-game series from Missouri last weekend and took a twinbill from Southwestern Tuesday.

Saturday's victories over Missouri were both dramatic and costly.

The Aggies came from behind to win both games in extra innings, but lost star right fielder Dan Robinson when he col-

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## Horns, Hogs Wild

### Razorbacks tar, feather 'Heels

DALLAS (AP) — Arkansas is like a time bomb. North Carolina found out Thursday night what it's like when the bomb goes off.

Four straight 3-pointers, three of them by Lee Mayberry, triggered a second-half surge Thursday night that carried No. 7 Arkansas to a 96-73 victory in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

"If we blow up and things to right for us, we're very tough to stop," Coach Nolan Richardson said. "And that's what happened to us."

The Razorbacks (29-4), seeded fourth, will play Saturday night in the regional semifinals against Texas. North Carolina ends its season 21-13.

It will be Arkansas' first trip to the final eight since 1979.

Mayberry started the big second-half run with a 3-pointer that gave the Razorbacks a 57-54 lead with 10:37 to play. After George

Lynch made a free throw to bring the Tar Heels to 57-55, Mayberry made two more 3-pointers and Todd Day made another in just over a minute, giving Arkansas a 66-55 lead.

"The streak in the second half of 3-point shots was too much to overcome," said North Carolina coach Dean Smith, who suffered his worst NCAA tournament defeat since a 92-65 loss to Purdue in 1969. "I think it hit us hard and we got impatient trying to catch up, and that was my fault."

Mayberry had eight points in the first half, when he also had three fouls. He didn't

make a basket in the second half until his 3-pointer that started the rally.

Richardson said he used a timeout to urge his sophomore guard to shoot the ball.

"I thought he was

passing up too many 3-point shots he can knock down," Richardson said. "I told him 'I don't care if we win or lose, just put up your shot.'"

The advice paid off. After the Razorbacks went up by 11, North Carolina got no

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### Xavier done in by UT's Blanks

DALLAS (AP) — After firing blanks in the first half, Lance Blanks found the mark and helped Texas shoot down Xavier in the NCAA tournament Thursday night.

Blanks, 0-for-8 in the first half, scored 26 of his 28 points in the second half as the Longhorns rallied

from a 16-point deficit to beat Xavier 102-89 and set up an all-Southwest Conference final in the Midwest Regional.

"I challenged myself mentally at halftime," Blanks said. "I didn't want it to be the last half of my career. I started driving and the shots began to fall."

Texas (24-8) will play seventh-ranked Arkansas (29-4) on Saturday at Reunion Arena. Arkansas, which beat the Long-

horns twice this season, advanced with a 96-73 victory over North Carolina. It's the first time two SWC teams have made it to the final eight of the tournament.

The Longhorns are going because their "BMW" guard trio — Blanks, Travis Mays and Joey Wright — operated on all cylinders. Mays scored 32 points and Wright had 26.

"I drive a Pinto myself, but I think I see why they drive a BMW at Texas," Xavier coach Pete Gillen said. "We couldn't stop

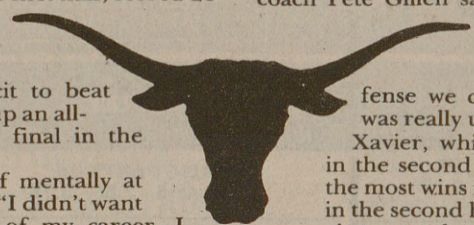
those guys. We tried a zone, a triangle and two and every de-

fense we could think of. Blanks was really unstoppable."

Xavier, which upset Georgetown in the second round, finished 28-5, the most wins in school history. Early in the second half, it seemed like the victory total would be even higher.

Led by their 6-foot-10 duo of Derek Strong and Tyrone Hill, the Musketeers increased their 53-41 halftime lead to 16

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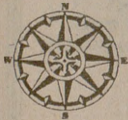
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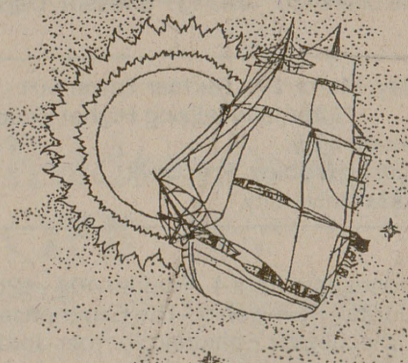
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