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Miami agrees to play in '91 Cotton Bowl if invited

MIAMI (AP) — Fifth-ranked Miami will play the Southwest conference champion in the Cotton Bowl if invited, Hurricane officials said Sunday.

Miami athletic director Sam Jankovich announced his intention to accept a Cotton Bowl bid after Orange Bowl officials decided to go with top-ranked Notre Dame against Colorado.



"We expect to receive a bid from the Cotton Bowl, and if we do we will accept it. It should be a great matchup with an outstanding Texas team," Jankovich said.

Cotton Bowl spokesman Jim Brock confirmed Sunday night that an invitation will be extended to Miami.

"We have talked to the University of Miami, and it would be safe to say that on November 24th, which is the official selection date, we will invite the University of Miami. We expect them to accept. It's going to be a great game," Brock said at Texas Stadium, where he was attending the NFL game between San Francisco and Dallas.

"There's been a grin on my face since yesterday. We're happy to get Miami."

The Cotton Bowl's first priority was No. 1-ranked Notre Dame, but the Fighting Irish are headed for an Orange Bowl duel with Big Eight champ Colorado.

No. 14 Texas is the frontrunner for the Southwest conference title, but Baylor and Texas A&M remain in the running for the league championship. Texas beat Houston on Saturday and can clinch the host spot in the Cotton Bowl by winning two of its last three games against Texas Christian, Baylor and Texas A&M.

Jankovich said all parties involved in the bowl decisions were missing out on a great opportunity to determine which team best deserves the national title.

"This would have been a perfect year for the Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, CBS, NBC, Notre Dame and Miami to get together and wait for the end of the season, so the highest-ranked team could meet Colorado for the national championship," he said.

However, Miami still has a chance to make history this bowl season, Jankovich said.

"We have a chance to do something no other team in history has done, and that is to finish first or second for five straight years," he said. Notre Dame finished first in 1946 and 1947, second in 1948 and first in 1949.

"A lot of strange things have happened in the past two weeks, and there's still a lot of football left," Jankovich said.

Davis' Aggies full of life

Roundballers leave St. Pete behind 104-67

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Texas A&M watched Aggie history unfold Saturday night as fans got their first look at the new Kermit Davis Jr.-era basketball team in an exhibition match.

A crowd of 1,462 watched signs of a pulse erupt from an almost lifeless Aggie program as the Sixth Man and Davis' infant team took control of the St. Petersburg AAU Green Wave, 104-67, in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Sophomore guard David Martin guaranteed himself a spot in A&M history books as the first Sixth Man — a plan developed by Davis to enable walk-on players to compete on the court with the scholarship team. Martin chalked up two points, one rebound and three assists in 10 minutes of play.

The Green Wave hit the first shot and continued to jockey for the lead with the Aggies. A&M, led by powerful play from sophomore forward Brooks Thompson and junior forward Rashone Lewis, pulled ahead with eight minutes elapsed in the first half and led throughout the remainder of the game.

Coach Davis said he was pleased with the team's play, but there are areas in need of improvement.

"Defensively, we're a little bit better," Davis said of the team that has been together just four weeks. "And offensively we haven't spent a lot of time working against the zone. They played zone a majority of the time and we struggled against it a little bit."

"But exhibition games are to try and get the nervousness out of some guys and just for our staff to get a feel for how the individuals play."

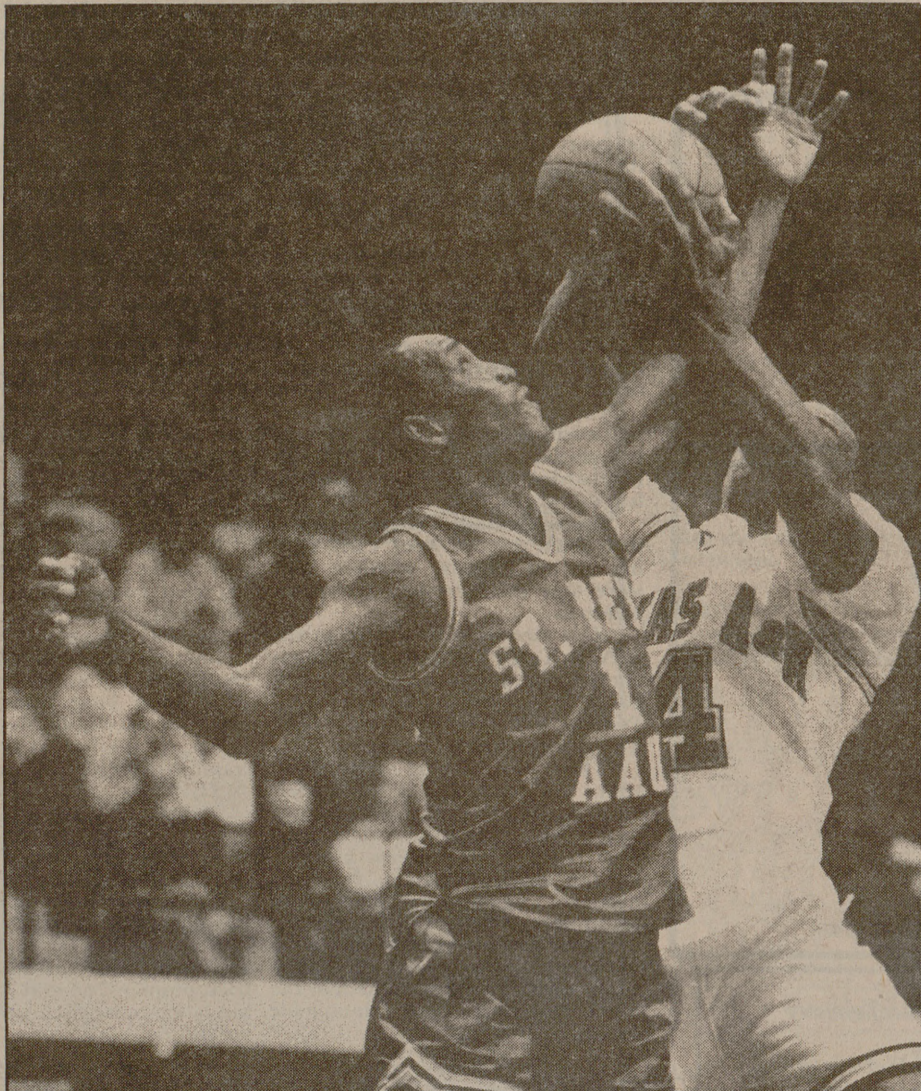
Thompson lead all scoring with 29 points, including three shots from three-point range. He added seven rebounds, six assists and four steals and hit 80 percent from the line.

Lewis, a transfer from Fullerton Junior College, pulled down a game-high 17 rebounds and was second in Aggie scoring with 15 points.

Guard Lynn Suber, the lone senior on the A&M squad, posted 13 points, five assists and four steals in 21 minutes.

Junior forward Shedrick Anderson got into foul trouble early, catching his third call with 11:10 remaining in the first half. Davis said the fouls kept Anderson from playing his best.

"He never really got into the flow of



PHILAN M. EBENHACK/The Battalion
 Texas A&M's Rashone Lewis (4) battles with St. Petersburg AAU's Ed Gibbons in the second half of the Aggies' 104-67 victory Saturday night.

the game because of foul trouble," Davis said. "But he's probably been our biggest surprise since Oct. 15 of guys that progressed better than we thought they would."

Davis said he, the other coaches and the team are glad the season is finally beginning because they now have game films to look back on for instruction.

"Our whole staff always prepares to win games," Davis said. "We're really going to use (exhibition games) to try to get different lineups in and see different people. We tried to have a timetable as to how many minutes we'd play some people, but that didn't work out because we had some guys in early foul trouble."

Davis said he was pleased with the

Martin makes debut as first Sixth Man

By SCOTT WUDEL
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David Martin has something to tell his grandchildren.

The walk-on from Tyler inaugurated the new Sixth Man tradition Saturday in Texas A&M's exhibition game against St. Petersburg AAU.

Though Martin's debut lasted only 37 seconds, it began a tradition that head coach Kermit Davis Jr. hopes will last for decades.

"It's something that in 50 or 60 years people will look back and David Martin will be the first guy," Davis said. "Who knows, we might have a statue out there."

Martin said he was proud to be the first Sixth Man.

"I think it's an honor to start the new tradition here at A&M," Martin said. "There's a lot of great traditions here — and to be the starter of a new one."

"My name will always be there as the first Sixth Man. I'll look back and I'll always remember that."

Martin, who was a walk-on last season, is now part of a group of six non-scholarship athletes who make up this year's Sixth Man. He said he didn't find out he would be the player to initiate the tradition until 20 minutes before the game.

The 5-11 guard ended up playing 10 minutes for the Aggies and recorded two points and three assists.

Davis came up with the idea of a Sixth Man last May in an effort to increase support for the basketball program.

"I really did it on behalf of the student body," Davis explained. "When they announced (Martin) as a guy who comes from one of the finest student bodies in the country, we really meant that."

The Sixth Man player stays in the game until the opposing team scores. However, in Saturday's game, St. Petersburg scored on its first possession, and Martin was taken out on the next possession.

Davis said will continue the tradition at all home games, rotating each Sixth Man in each game. Other Sixth Man players are Steve Bartholomew, Mac Brink, Greg Cook, Chuck Henderson and Brian Linder.



Martin

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