

Arkansas, Texas pull Southwest Conference into AP Top 25 Poll

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jerry Tarkanian, faced with a Soviet threat and the spectre of an NCAA decision, received some good news Monday.

His Runnin' Rebels start the pre-season where they began last season: No. 1 in the college basketball poll.

"I expected us to be rated high because we have four starters back from last year's team," Tarkanian said Monday of his team that won the NCAA championship with a 103-73 rout over Duke.

A panel of 65 sports writers and broadcasters picked UNLV No. 1, followed by Arkansas, Arizona, Michigan State and North Carolina.

Tarkanian said that also was his choice for the top five.

Rounding out the Top 10 in the preseason poll were Duke, Alabama, Indiana, Georgetown and Ohio State.

Tarkanian is busy this week preparing for Saturday's visit by the Soviet national team. The Rebels are 3-0 against the Soviets, the best record of any college team.

"They're a great shooting team," Tarkanian said of the Soviets. "And they've got a whole country to choose from for their team, so they have plenty of talent available."

The fact the Russians are coming is not uppermost on Tarkanian's mind this week. The NCAA Infractions Committee may hand down a decision any day on whether the Rebels can defend their national title.

The committee, in a stunning decision July 20, said the Rebels could not participate in postseason play in 1991. The edict was a final penalty growing out of a 14-year battle between Tarkanian and the NCAA.

The university obtained a rehearing before the committee Oct. 28 and presented a series of four penalty options. They included Tarkanian sitting out postseason play for one or two years plus recruiting and television restrictions.

The committee promised a response to the UNLV proposals "in a

AP Top 25	
The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college basketball poll. First-place votes are in parentheses, last season's final rankings are in bold and 1989-90 record on right:	
1. UNLV (50) 2	35-5
2. Arkansas (5) 7	30-5
3. Arizona (5) 14	25-7
4. Michigan St. (1) 4	28-6
5. North Carolina —	21-13
6. Duke (2) 15	29-9
7. Alabama 23	26-9
8. Indiana —	18-11
9. Georgetown (2) 8	24-7
10. Ohio St. —	17-13
11. UCLA —	22-11
12. Pittsburgh —	12-17
13. Syracuse 6	26-7
14. LSU 19	23-9
15. Oklahoma 1	27-5
16. Georgia Tech 9	28-7
17. Connecticut 3	31-6
18. Virginia —	20-12
19. Temple —	20-11
20. Missouri —	26-6
21. Georgia 11	20-9
22. Texas —	24-9
23. Louisville 16	27-8
24. Southern Miss. —	27-8
25. St. John's —	24-10

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team tipped off its season with a sub-par performance, losing an 86-72 exhibition game to the AAU Olympic Hopefuls, Monday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Head coach Lynn Hickey said the team wanted to use the game as a gauge of where the team stood, and as of now, she said the team's defense and rebounding needs the most work.

"Offensively, we got shots," Hickey said. "I think it's just a matter that will improve with some playing experience. I think the two biggest keys are — we've got to work on our defense and hitting the boards."

A&M scored first, but the Hopefuls (7-0 in exhibition games) jumped out to a 17-8 lead with 11:10 to go in the first half. Then the Lady Aggies went on a 15-6 run to tie the game at 23 with 7:36 left in the half.

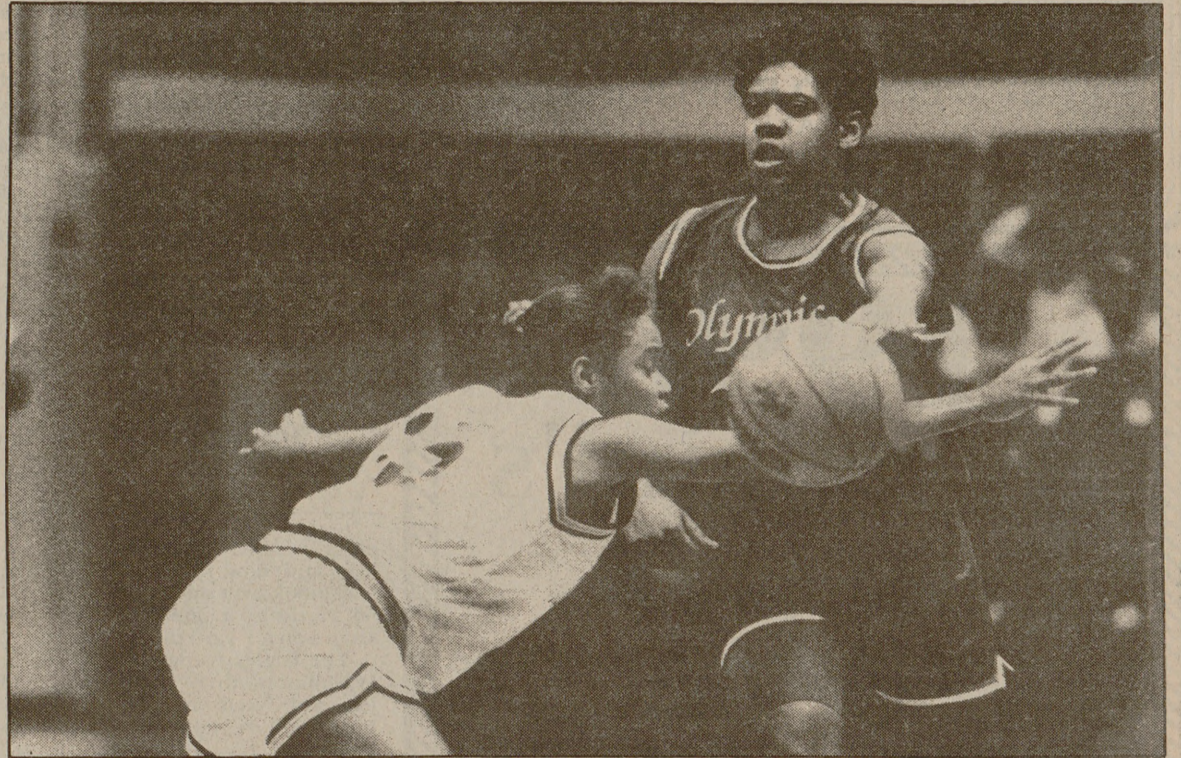
The two teams traded buckets to a 39-39 tie, when the Hopefuls scored 10 unanswered points to take a 49-39 halftime lead. With the exception of an early second-half run, pulling A&M to within five at 58-53 with 14:05, the Lady Ags never were a serious threat in the second half.

When the Lady Ags were within five, senior Yvonne Hill passed out and had to be carried off the court. She returned to the bench with 11:48 to play and re-entered the game with the team down by 10, with 6:05 remaining.

Hickey said the Olympic Hopeful team, which hails from Houston and is made up of former Division I players, was a talented one, and blamed part of the Aggies' loss on their inability to take advantage of the Hopefuls' poor conditioning.

"That was a very fine group of athletes we played against," she said. "The thing I was disappointed in, was that it was obvious that they weren't in very good shape and we never could take advantage of it."

"They just manhandled us physi-



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Texas A&M guard Yatisha Boshia attempts to block a pass by an AAU Olympic Hopeful, but the Lady Aggies were outscored, 86-72, Monday night. A&M's next game is Nov. 23-24 in the Domino's Pizza Classic in G. Rollie White Coliseum on campus.

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Hickey compared the AAU's talent to that of the best in the Southwest Conference, but added that the talent is not as well nurtured as the best in SWC.

"The top two teams in the conference probably don't have that kind of talent person-to-person," Hickey said. "Now the top two teams in the conference are going to be a lot better organized and in a lot better shape, but that's one of the best groups of athletes we're going to face."

The lack of defense was the one thing that drove Hickey up the wall.

"We tried to play them in zone," she said, "but they've just got too many three-point shooters and when we played them in man, they just cleared the floor up so well. Our post-defense was about zero tonight."

"All those things are workable and things that can be improved on."

The Lady Aggies lack a force in the paint this year, Hickey said, so the team will have to rely on its speedy guards and play next to perfect defense to stay competitive.

With this being the first time the team has gone up against outside competition, Hickey said she's not too worried, but admits the team has a way to go.

"The purpose of tonight was to find out what we've got to work on," she said. "It just turns out that we've got lots of things to work on."

Earnesta Grace of the AAU team and formerly of Pepperdine, led all scorers with 22 points and teammate Donna Roper, formerly of A&M chipped in 20. Yatisha Boshia led the Lady Aggies with 19 points.



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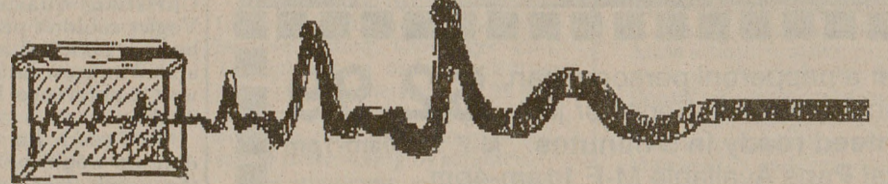
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