

## Defense carries A&M against powerful OU

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With the 18th-ranked Oklahoma Sooners in town for a mid-week showdown with the rebuilding Texas A&M squad, expectations of the Aggies weren't very high.

Although the final result, an 81-65 A&M loss, may not look impressive, the Aggies (1-2) sent a word out to the 4,657 in attendance and to those who enter G. Rollie White Coliseum this year. Don't come expecting to see a blowout or to get an easy victory, because these Aggies won't be pushed around.

The Sooners' 81 points is 18 below their season average and A&M head coach Kermit Davis Jr. said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"I really liked our effort," Davis said. "Defensively we did a good job getting back and we hardly gave up any transition baskets."

After Oklahoma (3-1) jumped out to a quick 9-1 lead, A&M clawed its way to within within two, 22-20, with 7:28 to go in the half. Sophomore guard Brooks Thompson stole an in-bounds pass, took it for the easy layup and was fouled in the process.

The Aggies watched their opportunity slip away after Thompson missed the ensuing free throw. Oklahoma guard Terry Evans hit a three-pointer, Brent Price hit another on its next possession and Jeff Webster was good for two to put OU up by eight, 30-22.

The Sooners took a 38-30 lead into halftime and, after A&M forward Anthony Ware brought the Aggies to within six, OU dominated the offensive boards and made seven-of-eight three-pointers. OU's

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A&M's Rashone Lewis and OU's Terrence Mullins get tangled while going for a rebound during Wednesday night's game.

biggest lead would grow to 19 as the game wound down. Center Shedrick Anderson converted a three-point play to seal the final 16-point margin.

Anderson paced the Aggies with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Thompson and Issac Brown added 12 points each, while senior Lynn Suber scored 10. Anderson said the Sooners' big men took a lot out of him.

"They had good inside players," Anderson said. "They had two, three, four big guys and they were really wearing me down. Our goal was to show that we're a quality team, so we feel kind of satisfied with the effort, we just couldn't pull it through."

Thompson said he didn't see the game as a moral victory, but all in all, it was good for the team.

"We don't really take it as a victory," Thompson said. "It may give us a little respect around the nation as being a hard defensive team that can compete with the Texas' and the Houston's."

Sooner forward Kermit Holmes led all scorers with 27 points, while grabbing 13 rebounds. Terrence Mullins scored 15 and Price and Jeff Webster hit 12 each.

Holmes said he knew from the outset that he would need to be at the top of his game, because the Sooners were without injured starter Brian Sallier.

"I knew coming in to A&M without Brian making the trip we would have to step it up a notch inside," Holmes said. "We expected A&M to play us tough since it was their home opener."

Davis, making his regular season coaching debut, said the Sooners won the game on the boards and because of the Aggies' lack of depth.

"They beat us badly on the boards and I thought that was the big key," Davis said. "No question we got tired out there. We're limited depth-wise and when you get tired you have a few more turnovers and the ball starts slipping through your hands."

## SWC, Dallas recommended to host 1994 hoops tourney

DALLAS (AP) — The Southwest Conference and the city of Dallas have been recommended to serve as official hosts of the 1994 NCAA Midwest Regional basketball tournament.



The recommendation of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Committee is subject to approval of the NCAA Executive Committee, which meets this weekend in Kansas City.

The NCAA Executive Committee has never overturned a site recommendation of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee.

The 1994 Midwest Regional would be played at Reunion Arena March 25-27, with the winner advancing to the NCAA Final Four in Charlotte, N.C. Other regional sites for 1994 are Miami (East), Knoxville, Tenn. (Southeast) and Los Angeles, (West).

The SWC played host to the 1990 NCAA Midwest Regional at Reunion Arena, with conference members Arkansas and Texas meeting in the championship game. Arkansas defeated Texas 88-85 to advance to the 1990 Final Four in Denver.

"We're very excited and honored that the Division I Men's Basketball Committee selected Dallas and Reunion Arena to again play a major role in what has become perhaps the premier sporting event in the country," said SWC Commissioner Fred Jacoby.

The 1994 event would be the fifth time Reunion Arena and Dallas play host to the NCAA basketball tournament.

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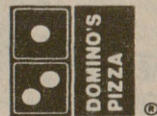
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