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<u>Michelle</u> Bergeron **Sportswriter**

A&M over the hump, headed for CottonBowl

Tt was a little disappointing Saturday to see Arkansas play so well. The Razorbacks have definitely proven that statistics do not win ball games. For a team that has been fairly cocky all season professing blatant joy about leaving the Southwest Conference, I was hoping the Aggies would demolish the Razorbacks. Or at least send them back with some not-so-fond memories of Kyle Field.

Well, that didn't work out as planned. Anyone who thought the Razorbacks had been overrated all season, you're not alone. It was disappointing to see that Arkansas was as good as some of the billing they have received this season.

The Hogs gave the Aggies one of the closest runs this season. It was almost a little too close for comfort. The Aggies closest threat before last Saturday was against Tulsa, and I think everyone would like to forget that one. It is the one oversight that is keeping A&M from going to the Cotton Bowl undefeated. Plus, it kind of blew all hopes of being national champions. What? I think a few other teams took care of that.

A lot of people have said Saturday night's game was boring. Aggie fans have been spoiled by high scoring blowouts all season. Maybe the Razor-

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Lady Aggies falter in final exhibition game, 70-59

By Steve O'Brien

Leone Patterson scored 27 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as a team from Auckland, New Zealand beat the Texas A&M Lady Aggies 70-59 Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

With the loss, the Lady Aggie basketball team ends its exhibition season with a 1-1 record. The Aggies travel to Auburn, Ala., this weekend to begin regular season play at the Auburn Dial Classic tournament.

It was New Zealand's second victory in seven games. The Aggies' loss comes after a 69-60 trouncing of Ft. Hood on Nov. 10.

A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said the team is ready for this



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weekend's tournament.

"I don't think we've taken a step back," Hickey said. "I just think we played a much better team. This is probably a very good thing to happen to us. This weekend, we face the possibility of playing two top 20 teams. One is a top 10

A&M forward Dena Russo had 12 points and seven rebounds as the Lady Aggies surrendered a 31-28 half-time lead. New Zealand out scored the Aggies 42-28 in the second half.

Hickey said the team lost its intensity at the end of the game.

"Statistically, we did a good job on the boards (rebounding)," Hickey said. "But I think we could have done an even better job if we had been a little more intense

throughout whole game." Yolanda Brown led A&M with 13 points and guard Shawn Medlock scored nine, connecting on her only three-point

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Brooks, Klingler get SWC honors

LUBBOCK (AP) Texas Tech corner-back Donny Brooks haunted Baylor as he scored on the 99-yard fumble return and intercepted a pass to set up Tech's go-ahead score in the Raiders' 31-24 upset of the Bears Saturday.

For his efforts, Brooks has been named the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week by The Associat-

Da id Klingler of Houston won AP's honor as SWC Offensive Player of the Week after coming off the bench with bruised ribs and a pulled groin to throw five touchdown passes and lead the Cougars to a 41-21, come-from-behind victory against Rice.

Klingler finished 27-of-37 for 395 yards and became the SWC's all-time leading passer with 8,468 career yards.

Brooks' performance against Baylor earned him the nickname "99" and also made him somewhat of a celebrity among friends.

'A lot of my friends who are playing college football around the state called ne after the game because they saw my name on ESPN," said Brooks, who "came from nowhere to win the starting right cornerback job" this season, according to Tech's media guide.

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But Brooks is quick to give credit to his teammates, namely Steve Carr, who buried his helmet into Baylor's Creig Stephens and forced the fumble that Brooks turned into six points.



KARL STOLLEIS/ The Battalion

Houston Oiler defensive tackle Ray Childress signs autographs Tuesday at a local grocery store. Childress, was a two-time All-America defensive lineman at Texas A&M in 1983 and 1984.

Volleyball team set to play Tech

The Battalion News Services

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie volleyball team will try to improve its Southwest Conference record to 6-4 with a

match against Texas Tech tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:00 p.m.

The Red Raiders are 7-2 in the SWC and are currently ranked 17th in the nation by both the NCAA and Tachikara Coaches Top 20 Polls. A&M is 23-15 against Tech since 1975, but the is 23-15 against Tech since 1975, but the Raiders have won the last five meet-

Tech will be without its starting setter Rochelle Kaaiai, who is out after an emergency appendectomy last Thurs-

A&M head coach Al Givens said he doesn't think Tech will suffer too much because of Kaaiai's absence.

'Although Tech is without her, they won't be losing much ground with Ginger Carter in the lineup. She too is a very good setter, " Givens said.

Givens also said it is important for the Lady Aggies to remain in control.

"We have to be careful that our hitters don't get frustrated," he said. "The key for us will be to block well and

play good side out ball."

The Lady Aggies will be led by middle blocker Amy Kisling, who has taken over the lead in the SWC for hitting percentage.

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