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Aggies fall short, 44-38, extend losing streak to 12

From Staff and Wire Reports

A win was just out of reach again for first-year coach Tony Barone and his A&M team. SMU's Chad Allen hit four free throws in the last 15 seconds Tuesday to carry Southern Methodist University to a 44-38 Southwest Conference victory over Texas A&M in the lowest scoring game of the year for both teams. The Mustangs improved to 4-5 in the SWC and 10-11 overall, while Texas A&M, losing its 12th consecutive game, dropped to 0-8 and 3-16. The loss marked the eighth time this season that the Aggies have lost games in the final seconds after trailing by at least eight points.

In a game in which both teams shot poorly, the Aggies rallied from a 12-point deficit but couldn't produce when it counted.

Reserve Matt Haralson scored five points to pull A&M within a point at 37-36 with 3:42 to play, but the Aggies couldn't make another field goal while SMU hit seven free throws.

Mike Wilson led SMU with 14 points and 12 rebounds. David Edwards led the Aggies with nine points.

Barone, still without a league victory in his rookie season in the SWC, said he was pleased with his team's

effort.

"I can live with this," Barone said. "In fact, I was fired up. We had three walk-ons and two starters out there at the end and almost won the game. We had great effort."

The 38 points was the second lowest scoring game in history for the Aggies, who scored 36 points against Texas Tech in 1966.

A&M hasn't lost 12 games in a row since the mid 1950s. The Aggies lost to SMU 73-69 at College Station earlier in the season.

SMU held the Aggies to their lowest scoring first half of the year as the Mustangs clamped a tight man-for-man

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ANTHONY ANDRO Sportswriter

Media, society forget athletes are human, too

When is an athlete not an athlete? When he or she is a human being.

Too often in today's society athletes are seen as super-human beings. But they're really not that special. They have physical gifts that make them stand above everyday people and are able to perform feats that most of us aren't capable of doing.

Is this any reason to be worshipped or idolized? Sure. But not to the level that today's athletes are watched.

It seems that everywhere Michael Jordan goes, there is a camera on him and he can do no wrong. Everyone wants to be another Michael Jordan. He's perfect.

Wrong. A Chicago sportswriter, Stan Smith, wrote a book "The Jordan Rules," last year that showed Jordan in a different light. Smith said Jordan was a temperamental player who got upset when he didn't get his way on the court.

Doesn't everyone get a little upset when they don't get what they want? The difference is the media tries to focus on all the negative things athletes do as well as the positive. It is almost as if the media makes the athlete. If someone likes an athlete, they will talk or write positively about the athlete. If the media finds faults in an athlete, those faults will be shown in a negative light.

The public believes what it sees and reads, so it is the media's job to try and promote a positive public image — something they don't seem to do nowadays. But it didn't used to be

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Home wet home for A&M baseball

SWT game to be made up today

The Battalion News Services

Texas A&M's doubleheader against Southwest Texas State has been rescheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. at Olsen Field.

The Aggies, 1-2, were originally scheduled to play the Bobcats Tuesday but rain forced the game to be postponed.

This is the fourth time a game has been rescheduled because of inclement weather.

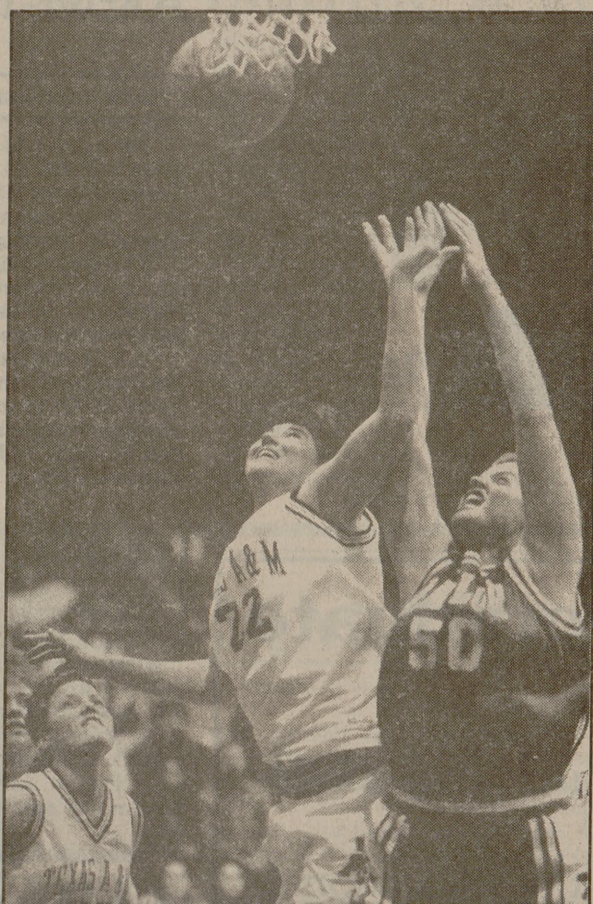
A&M's opening game against Stephen F. Austin was supposed to be played in Nacogdoches on Feb. 3 but poor field conditions moved the game to College Station.

That day local rain pushed the game back two days before the postponed game was also rained out. A&M and SFA will makeup the game when the Bearkats return to College Station for a game already scheduled for April 14. A doubleheader has been scheduled with the time to be announced at a later date.

A&M was forced to begin its season against Southwest Conference opponent Rice last weekend and lost two of three games.

The Aggies will leave Thursday for Tucson, Ariz., for a three-game series against the Arizona Wildcats. The series begins Friday and will last through Sunday.

A&M will return to Olsen Field on Feb. 18 for a doubleheader against Mary Hardin-Baylor.



SONDRA ROBBINS/Special to the Battalion

Senior forward Dena Russo has helped the Aggies fight to stay in the race for the SWC championship.

STRETCH RUN

Lady Aggies jockey for position with Mustangs, SWC leaders

By Anthony Andro The Battalion

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team finds itself in a strange position — challenging the leaders in the Southwest Conference race.

Boasting a 5-3 record in SWC play, the Lady Aggies are preparing for the final stretch of conference action.

Texas Tech sits atop the conference standings with an 8-0 record. The University of Houston sits at 5-2, and Texas and the Aggies are nipping at the Cougars' heels with three SWC losses each.

Tonight, the 13-8 Lady Aggies host Southern Methodist University, 4-4 in SWC, 12-7 overall, at 7:30 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum. This Saturday, A&M welcomes the Lady Longhorns to the Coliseum in another battle of conference championship contenders.

A&M coach Lynn Hickey said the next several games are

a critical stretch for her team's chances of postseason action.

"I think we're in real good shape," Hickey said. "This is the time of year when we have to be mentally ready when we go on the floor because it's going to be the little things that make a difference."

Hickey knows that this game will start a crucial stretch for her team.

"There are some key games over the next two weeks," she said. "There will be a fight to the very finish."

"The tournament will be a major challenge. No one can say they will definitely be the champion. Every team has to be respected."

Earlier this season, the Lady Aggies defeated SMU 69-66 in Dallas. Yolanda Brown led the Lady Aggies in that game, scoring 15 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the game. Brown, a junior forward, is averaging

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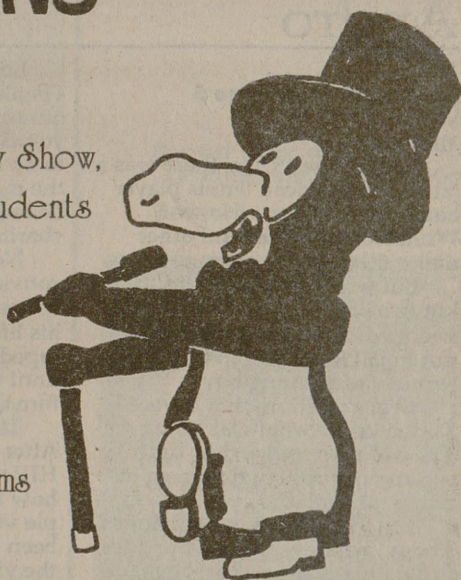
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