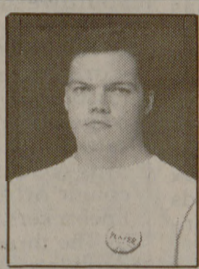


Victory-greedy ADs are ruining college football

There are many who would like to see college football as we know it done away with. It's already an informal minor league feeder system for the NFL, so why not go ahead and make it official?



DON NORWOOD
Columnist

The answer to that question, like every other one the NCAA addresses, will come about only when it can be determined how much money can be made out of the deal. But recent events in the college coaching ranks have proved that at least a few athletic directors around the country think that they are now general managers.

New head football coaches have been named or will be named in the near future at Arkansas, Auburn, Baylor, Colorado State, Pittsburgh, Temple and Tennessee. In case you're counting, that's only two coaching changes less than the NFL had throughout all of the most recent off-season. And this off-season is just beginning, so the number of coaching changes left is anyone's guess.

More disturbing than just the amount of turnover in the NCAA is the fact that of the six recent changes, only the ones at Baylor, Pitt and Temple do not involve questionable circumstances.

Joe Kines was removed from the picture in Arkansas Sunday, just two days after his players carried him off of the field following the Razorbacks' 30-6 humiliation of Louisiana State. Colorado State bid Earle Bruce a not-so-fond adieu last week, even though he has been the only coach in recent history to lead the Rams to a bowl game.

Johnny Majors had his contract bought out at Tennessee despite years of Top 10-caliber football and a recent comeback from life-threatening heart surgery. And Pat Dye completed the inevitable just before Thanksgiving, resigning at Auburn with the dark cloud of an NCAA investigation hanging over his head, as well as his own set of physical problems.

The message the respective athletic directors at Arkansas, CSU and Tennessee have sent is obvious - a head coach with character and loyalty

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Student tickets for Cotton Bowl go on sale Wednesday

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Tickets for the 1993 Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic will be available to Texas A&M students starting on Wednesday at 7 a.m. at the ticket windows in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

More than 5,000 tickets will be available to students at a cost of \$40 each. Students must provide a valid I.D. card with either the all-sports pass or the football ticket fee option for every ticket pur-

chased. A maximum of six tickets can be purchased by one student. No guest tickets will be available.

All eight ticket windows will open at 7 a.m. and will be accessible until the ticket office closes at 4 p.m.

At least half of the I.D. cards used to draw tickets must be either senior or graduate student classification when drawing tickets on Wednesday. On Thursday, half of all I.D. cards used can be of junior classification, provided that

tickets are still available. On Friday, half can be sophomores, and freshman draw on Monday, Dec. 7.

No tickets are currently on sale for the general public.

The Aggies, who finished their regular season undefeated at 12-0, will play in their second straight Cotton Bowl on Friday, Jan. 1 at noon against a yet-to-be-named opponent. The Cotton Bowl and the other members of the Bowl Coalition will announce matchups on Dec. 6.

Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic



Lady Aggies open 1992-93 season tonight

Oklahoma State serves as first test for A&M

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The Lady Aggie basketball team opens its 1992-93 season on the road tonight in Stillwater, Okla. against Oklahoma State at 8:30 p.m. at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

Texas A&M finished last season with a 15-13 record and a 7-7 mark in Southwest Conference play. The Lady Aggies have two starters back from that team, senior forward Yolanda Brown and sophomore forward Twylana Harrison, both of whom were named to the preseason All-SWC second team.

Brown averaged 12.1 points and 7.0 rebounds a game last season and averaged 13.5 points and 10.0 rebounds in the Lady Aggies' two exhibition games this season. Harrison, who also was named All-American in track last season, averaged 8.5 points in the two exhibition games.

The Lady Aggies also have true freshman guard Lisa Branch of Desoto, who led the team with a 14.5 point average in exhibition games. Also, freshman center Kelly Cerny of Corpus Christi (8.0 ppg) and junior forward Beth Burket of Jour-danton (6.5 ppg) are listed as possible starters.

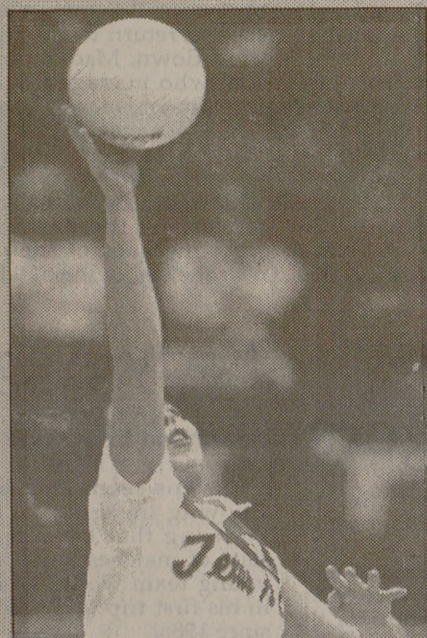
A&M lost its two exhibition games to the Houston Flights by a 76-71 margin, and the Talinn Meents of Estonia, 67-66.

The Cowgirls of Oklahoma State are coming off an 11-17 season in 1991 which was good enough for sixth place in the Big Eight conference.

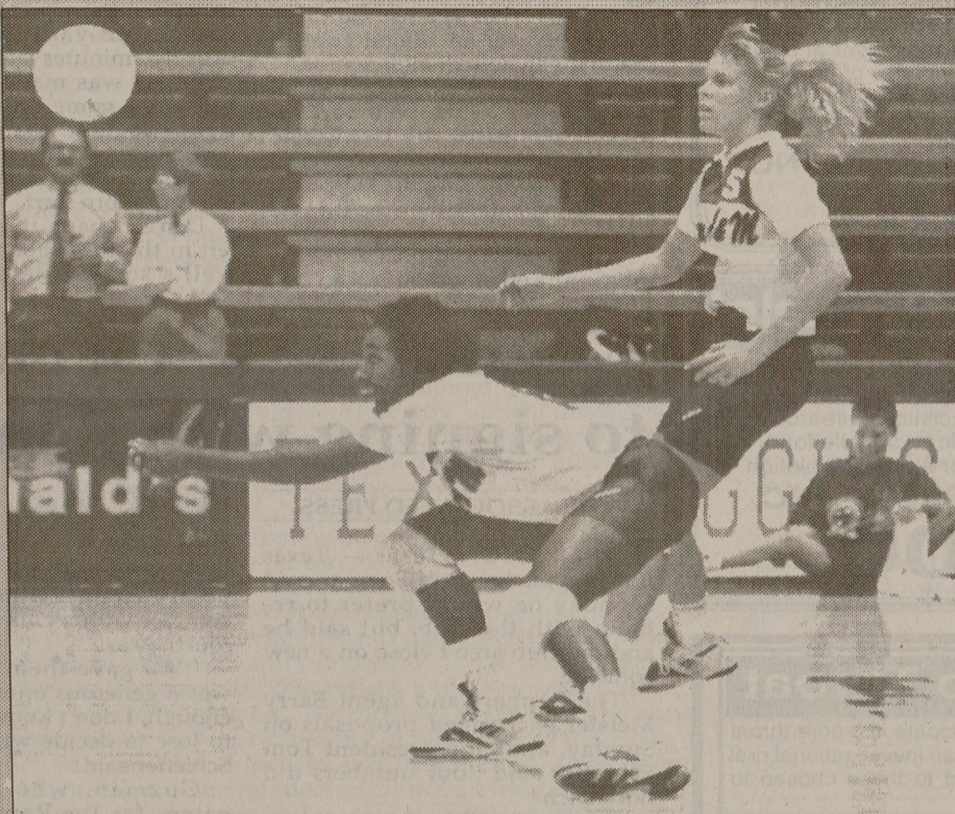
The Czechoslovakian team, Cassovia Kosice, defeated Oklahoma State in an exhibition game, 62-57. In the game, senior forward Lisa McGill had 15 points and 24 rebounds, sophomore guard Regi Briley picked up 13 points.

A&M head coach Lynn Hickey, who enters her ninth season at the helm, also will have the services of freshman center Martha McClelland of Duncanville, who averaged six points a game in exhibition, and senior forward Karol Decuir of Spring, who averaged 4.5 points.

ANOTHER SEASON TO GO



Genny Wood (left) reaches for the ball while **Kim Mitchell** (right) dives for the set as **Karen Richards** stands awaiting the kill.



Lady Aggies get late call to postseason with NIVC bid

By **DON NORWOOD**

Sports Writer of THE BATTALION

Christmas came a month early for the Texas A&M volleyball team as the Lady Aggies received a surprise bid Sunday night to the National Invitational Volleyball Championship in Kansas City, Mo.

Up until finding out about the invitation, the Thanksgiving break was a fairly dismal one for the 16-16 Lady Aggies. They lost two straight matches in the Albuturkey Classic in Albuquerque, N.M., with 18th-ranked New Mexico beating A&M in four games on Friday, and Colorado State sweeping them in three straight on Saturday.

As the Lady Aggies arrived back in College Station following the tournament, they did so with a resigned attitude about a season that was suddenly over. Then came "the call."

When women's athletic director Lynn Hickey relayed the good news to A&M head coach Al Givens, it was, to say the least, a pleasant surprise for the players.

"We were very shocked," senior outside attacker Elizabeth Edmiston said, the excitement still painted all over her face. "I, as a senior, was in a bit of a depressed state (before being informed of the invitation)."

"It's awesome to have another shot." The question of how a team with a .500 record gets to play in a postseason

tourney is easily answered - toughness of schedule. The Lady Aggies played the 15th-toughest schedule in the nation in this season, making that .500 record look a little better. And the Southwest Conference, despite having only six members that field volleyball teams, ranks among the most competitive in the country with three teams in the NCAA Tournament and one in the NIVC.

"I think the reason we ended up getting the invitation was our tough schedule," setter/attacker Genny Wood said. "(The number of ranked teams A&M played) shows that we can play at that level."

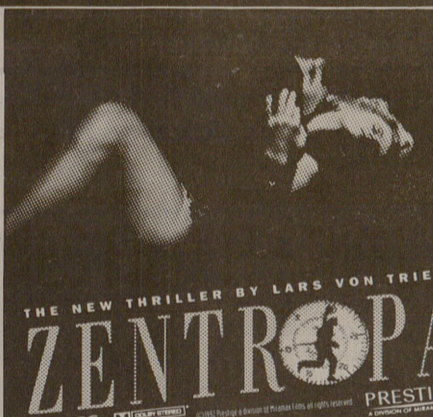
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