

Exactly what is an Oilers fan to do?

By WILLIAM HARRISON
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GAAAAHHHK! "That was the sound of the Houston Oilers yesterday."
Two morning disc jockeys were taking turns laughing it up over the Oilers' record loss to the Bills the following day, and it was at once obvious how the Bills' torching of the Oilers and the reporters' roasting of the team was about to burn away the Oilers' fan base.

The news of the Oiler's record debacle was everywhere, and it was impossible for any fan to escape the laughter as every hack comedian or sportscaster took their turn trashing the biggest underachievers ever in the NFL.

The best of David Letterman's Top 10 Houston Oilers Excuses included "You try tackling those guys — some of them are huge," "Bills QB kept looking one way then throwing the other" and the number one excuse was "Didn't want to go to Disney World."

Even the blubberous Rush Limbaugh propped up his ego by leaning on the Oilers, playing the team's fight song "Houston Oilers Number One" while showing clips of the game. How 'bout some clips of you on the line going one-on-one against Ray Childress, Rush?

Fuming and lost in despair, fans are no doubt checking to see if they can abandon the option years on their contracts binding them to the Houston Oilers.

Such options might include:
1. Quit Watching Football.

Suddenly listening to the critics who label football as the product of a senselessly violent society, fans may choose to become above it all and

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Lady Aggies squeeze past Tigers

Half-court miss at buzzer preserves A&M's 58-57 victory

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Texas A&M forward Beth Burket posted the first double-double game of her career in last night's 58-57 victory over Louisiana State University, but she saved her best effort for last.

Burket put back A&M guard Lisa Branch's miss with 24 seconds left in the game to give the Lady Aggies a two point lead which they preserved after LSU's Roberta Lacaze missed the front end of a two shot foul opportunity and a half-court prayer at the buzzer went unanswered.

The victory by the Lady Aggies pushed their overall record to 8-5 and sent the Tigers back to Baton Rouge with a 5-7 mark. The loss was LSU's fifth in a row.

Burket was understandably happy with her game-winning shot.

"We knew she (Branch) was going to shoot it so I had to put myself into position to get the rebound," said Burket, who finished the contest with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"I was more in shock. I knew it wouldn't hit the rim,

"I went up early for the rebound and I think the LSU players thought it was going to hit the rim or something," she said.

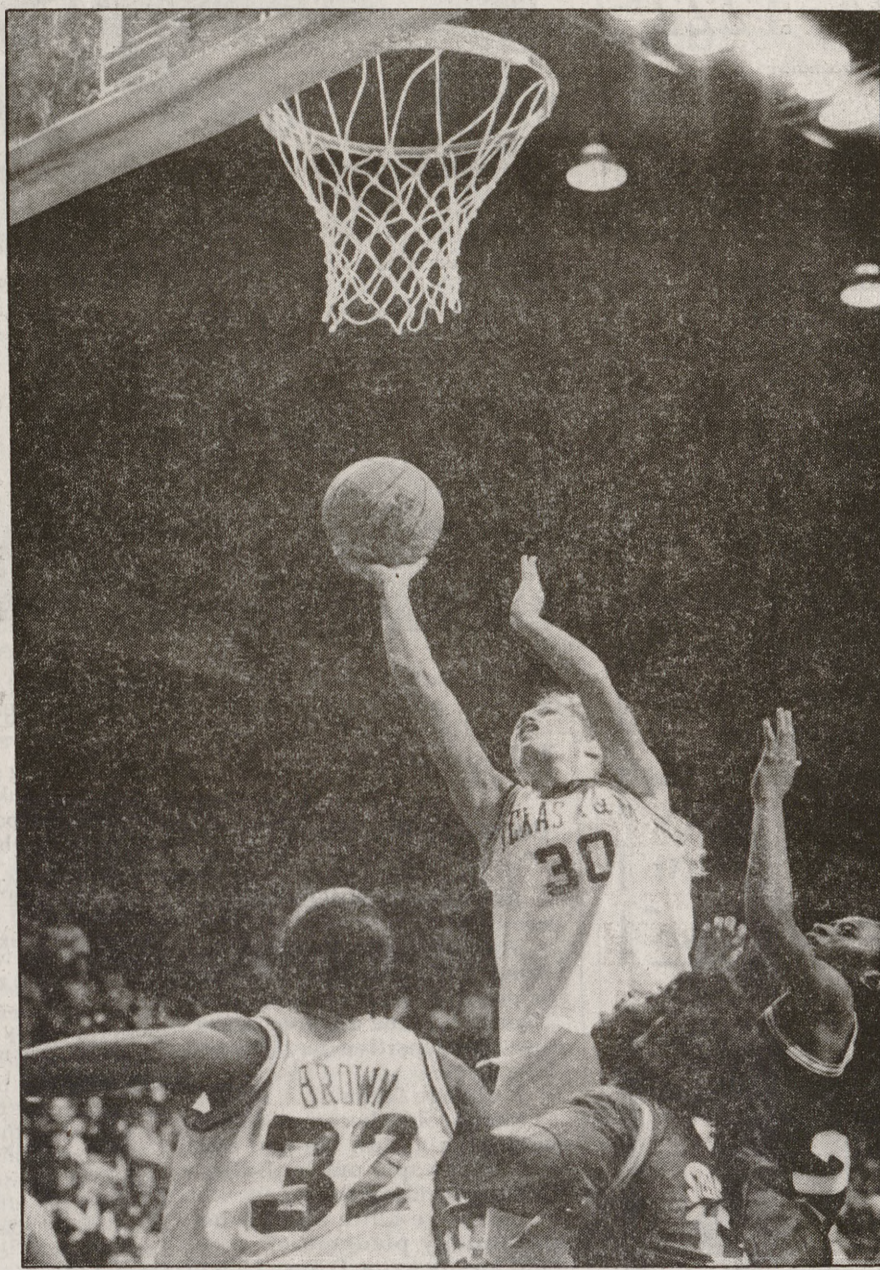
Burket added that the shot was very gratifying for her personally.

"I would have to say it was the biggest shot of my career," Burket said. "We seemed to have the advantage tonight."

But A&M almost saw its advantage slip away in the final seconds. After Lacaze hit her second free throw, A&M tried a long throw down court off the in-bounds play.

A&M guard Donya Canada committed a foul and LSU was awarded the

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Beth Burket shoots the winning basket against LSU in the Aggies 58-57 triumph.

Future for Lady Aggie tennis team looks bright with UTSA rankings

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The spring season for the Texas A&M women's tennis team is starting out as a bright one, as freshman Wilson Pate and doubles partner Angela Nelson of the University of California-Berkeley enter the year ranked first in the United States Tennis Association Girls' 18 poll.

Pate, who is ranked 43rd in the UTSA singles poll, finished the fall season 6-3 in doubles competition and 5-2 in singles play for A&M. The Amarillo Tascosa graduate also owns a 1992 Class AAAAA state doubles championship, and made it to the finals in last summer's National Claycourts and National Hardcourts tournaments.

"Wilson is a rare talent, and this high of a ranking isn't that much of a surprise," A&M head coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "Her doubles skills are very advanced. She probably has the best doubles instincts of any freshman I've ever had. There's no doubt in my mind that she will make a big impact in both singles and doubles this spring."

Kleinecke got an additional boost for the new season, as recruits Nancy Dingwall and Julie Beahm both earned UTSA rankings.

Dingwall is currently ranked eighth in the doubles poll and 34th in singles. She is currently seeking her first singles state title at Houston Stratford after two straight appearances at the state tourney in Austin.

Beahm is ranked 67th in the UTSA singles poll for The Wellington School in Dublin, Ohio. The Central Ohio Player of the Year, Beahm owns three national junior championships.

"I was very pleased with Nancy and Julie's ranking," Kleinecke said. "I think both will be able to come in as freshmen and make an immediate impact on the team. They are two of the top prospects in the nation and have unlimited potential. They will help us get back on track and enable us to compete for the Southwest Conference title."

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