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In the field of athletics, there is a code of honor, tempered by discipline, morality and, yes, at times, pain - on a team and a sometimes very personal level.

As a journalist, albeit an amateur, it is my charge to bear solemn witness to this

human drama of sport, which mir-rors life in its trials, failures and ocasional transcendent victories powered by the human spirit over the agony of defeat.

**HARRISON** 

Sports Writer

So it falls that this column is dediated to one Jerome T. Coyle from Granite City, Illinois who has not one or two, but three words for us

Perforated Plastic Baseball. Or, as we laymen know it - wif-

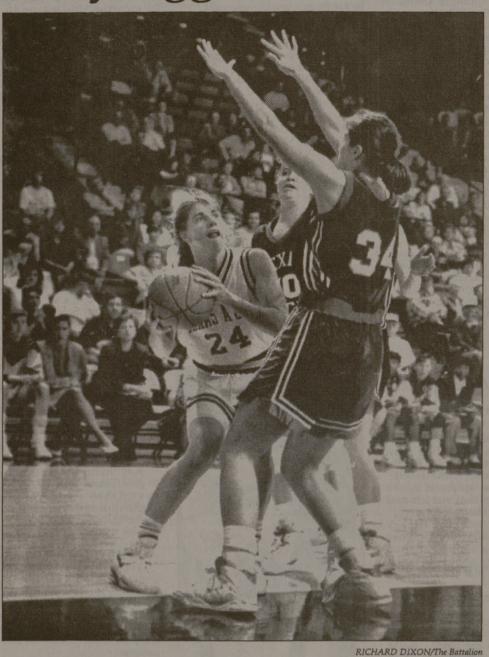
Coyle recently sent The Battalion a news release from his wiffleball compound in Illinois, no doubt in the middle of spring training, to heighten awareness for the game to which he has dedicated the last ten years of his life.

As Founder and President of The United States Perforated Plastic Baseball Association, a non-profit ormaking wiffleball a world-class or-ganized sport. ganization, Coyle is dedicated to

In his ground-breaking release, Coyle voices plans to divide the USPPBA into twelve regions of inde-pendent city leagues, with regional

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# Lady Aggies end home season on down note



Senior Aggle guard Karol Decuir looks to pass the ball past the Red Raider's Cynthia Clinger (34) and Stephanie Scott. Decuir scored a career high 12 points in the finale.

## A&M loses to seventh-ranked Lady Raiders, 89-59, in G. Rollie White finale

By MICHAEL PLUMER

Swooping into G. Rollie White Colise-um Wednesday night, the seventh ranked Texas Tech Lady Red Raiders overpow-ered the Lady Aggies by a score of 89-59 in Southwest Conference action.

The Red Raiders were led by senior forward Sheryl Swoopes who just missed a triple-double with 28 points, 10 rebounds, and nine assists. For good measure, she added six steals.

A&M was led by senior forward Karol Decuir, who was playing in her final home game. She scored a career high 12

A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said that she was pleased with the Aggies' first half effort but there was a small problem in the second stanza of play.

"In the first half, we did an excellent job of executing the game plan and staying competitive which is something we wanted to do," Hickey said. "But in the second half we completely lost our assignments and we couldn't buy a basket. That was the difference.

A&M led for most of the first half, building a six point lead with a little under seven minutes left to play. But then at the blare of an official's whistle, the rug was pulled out from underneath the Ag-

Junior center Teri Bartlett was called for an intentional foul on Tech guard Noel Johnston, who hit one of her free throws. The Lady Raiders were awarded the ball, and center Michi Atkins promptly completed a three point play.

A&M's lead had been sliced to two,

and then Swoopes asserted herself. Held to just two points for the first 15 minutes of the half, she reeled off seven consecutive points and A&M was caught in her avalanche of points.

"She is a great player and I thought

(sophomore center) Debbie Biermann did a good job of playing her for awhile," Hickey said. "Since we were behind, we had to start playing her man-on-man and she was able to take off.

"Sheryl is the best player I have ever

Swoopes said she was able to take advantage of her quickness as the game wore on to register the impressive num-

bers she did. bers she did.

"At first, no one could score,"
Swoopes said. "Their bigger girls got tired and we started executing in the second half like we were capable of doing. That was a good feeling."

A couple of A&M players did not leave the game with such a good taste in their mouth. Decuir was joined by Yolanda Brown in making a final appearance at

da Brown in making a final appearance at G. Rollie. Since the Aggies did not register the win, Decuir said it was a bittersweet departure.

"I was not as emotional as I though it would be," Decuir said. "I was pretty happy with my effort but I wish that we could have won. I did get my career high but that is lessened somewhat because we

Hickey expressed her happiness with Decuir's effort.

"This was a great thing for her because she finished on a high note," Hickey said. "I was impressed with her overall play. It is disappointing for her, I'm sure, to end on a losing note.

Decuir said that it will not be very hard for A&M to pinpoint where the game was lost.

"In the second half, we weren't communicating or getting back," she said.
"Not talking at all really hurt us."

"Everything they did, we let them do."
Tech started the second half by ripping
off a 20-5 run, which was keyed by
guards Krista Kirkland and Noel

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