

SPORTS

Remote control takes a beating during NCAA's

He's been training since last year for that one shot at being the best. Day after day he has pushed himself to the limit just to be prepared for whatever obstacles might come his way. There is no money or trophies to win, only personal satisfaction.



DAVID WINDER
Sports Writer

Time does not stand still for this gentle giant, for he knows one day he will have to retire from the competition he loves so much, but not this year. March Madness has arrived once again, and with a remote control in hand my father will try to watch every college basketball game televised.

It used to be easy back in the early 80's, because the networks would only show one game a week. But gradually, they've added double-headers and ESPN and now you can see a basketball game any time you want by just turning on your TV. Starting this week, over 200 teams will compete in 25 conference tournaments to determine who gets the automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament. Almost 190 games will be played in a span of seven days, and my Dad will try to see them all. It really doesn't even matter whose playing.

Dad: "David, let me see that remote control. There's got to be something better than this on."

Me: "Wait just a minute, Dad. ABC News found a living dinosaur in the African jungle and they're about to make world premiere broadcast."

Dad: (Wrestling remote from my hands) "I'll switch it back if there's not a game on, okay. Just let me see what's on ESPN."

Announcer: "Welcome, everybody, to tonight's game as the Middle Southern Idaho Baptist State A&M Weiner Dogs battle the Uni-

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A&M takes two from Black Bears

Aggies improve to 17-2 in 1993

By WILLIAM HARRISON

The Battalion

Texas A&M sent the University of Maine back to the cold Sunday after stifling a Maine rally to come out on top 6-5, winning the weekend series two games out of three.

Maine's three-run, game-tying rally at the top of the ninth inning was all for naught after A&M pinch-hitter Brian Bittiker knocked in the winning run over Maine left fielder Bill Champi's head to close the game out.

The Black Bears played their first games of the season at Kyle Field, previously practicing indoors at home in Orono away from the bitter cold and three feet of snow.

Maine coach John Winkin, whose team went to the College World Series five times in the eighties, welcomed the opportunity to face the talented third-ranked Aggies, who ended the series with an overall record of 17-2.

"It was a great experience for us, because we were playing one of the better teams in the country, and facing excellent pitching all the way," Winkin said.

"It was good for us. I thought we played pretty well."

A&M coach Mark Johnson said that Maine was a tough team that executed plays very well, and was encouraged that A&M held their poise against a program

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BILLY MORAN/The Battalion

A&M's John Curl grabs a pickoff throw from pitched Trey Moore as Maine second baseman Todd Livingston dives back to first base in Sunday's series finale at Olsen Field. The Aggies took two of the three games, improving their record to 17-2.

A&M shocks Rice out of first, finishes at 10-16

Johnson scores 21 as Aggies snap Owls' win streak at Autry Court, prepare for SWC Tourney

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Damon Johnson scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half Saturday night as Texas A&M upset Rice 82-76, denying the Owls a share of the Southwest Conference title.

The loss, which snapped Rice's 11-game home winning streak, handed Southern Methodist its first outright league title since 1987-88 and the first under head coach John Shumate.

The Aggies victory also makes them the sixth seed in next weekend's SWC Tournament in Dallas while relegating

Rice to the No. 2 seed.

The Owls (17-8 overall and 11-3 in SWC play) will face Texas (10-16, 4-10) in the first round. Texas A&M (10-16, 5-9) will play Houston (19-7, 9-5) in the first round.

Texas A&M, which led 17-3 in the opening minutes of the game, used tough defense and hot shooting for a 34-16 halftime lead. It was the Owls' lowest first-half total all season.

Rice shot only 15 percent from the field in the first half while the

Aggies hit 57 percent.

Rice battled back at the second half, chipping away at the Aggies' lead until Marvin Moore's basket with five minutes to go brought the Owls within 58-51.

But Texas A&M fought back, taking a 70-56 lead with 2:20 left before a late charge pulled the Owls within 73-66 with 1:31 remaining. The closest Rice got was the final margin with 11 seconds to go.

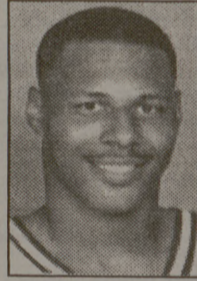
David Edwards scored 16

points and Chuck Henderson added 13 points and 7 rebounds for Texas A&M.

Moore led the Owls with 18 points, while Adam Peakes contributed 17 and Scott Tynes 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The first round of the SWC Tournament begins Friday at Reunion Arena in Dallas, with the championship game scheduled for Sunday.

In their two previous games, Houston defeated the Aggies 81-69 in College Station and 78-51 in Hofheinz Pavilion. Johnson led A&M with 23 points in the first meeting, with forward Lance Broderick scoring 21 in the second.



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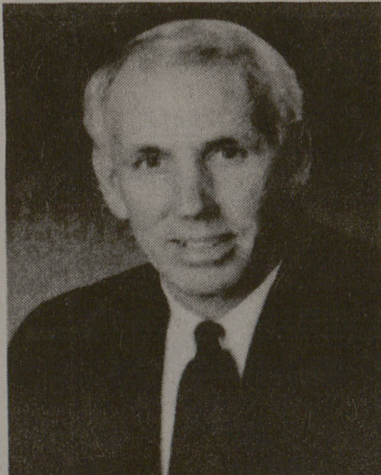
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