

A&M basketball over the break

## Aggie hoopsters bounce Rice, reject Texas

Texas A&M 67, Rice 64

Brett Murry's two free throws with one second left sealed a 67-64 road victory for Texas A&M over Rice on Sunday at Autry Court in Houston.

A&M, which defeated preseason league favorite Texas earlier in the week, moved to 2-0 in SWC play and 8-4 overall. Rice fell to 8-5 and 1-1.

David Edwards and Chuck Henderson paced the Aggies with 17 points each. Rice's Scott Tynes led all scorers with 20 points.

Rice used a 21-10 run during the last 13:54 of the first half to gain its largest lead of the game at 33-25.

Edwards hit two 3-pointers in the game. The first one tied the game at 42 with 12:12 left; the second one gave the Aggies their first lead of the second half at 45-44 with 10:25 left.

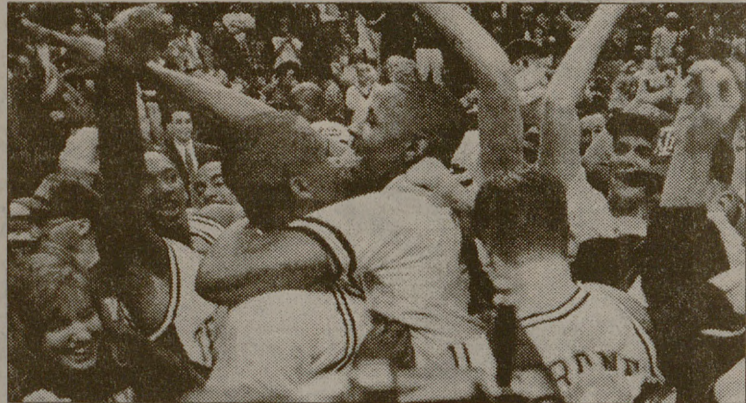
Rice led, 62-60, with 1:14 left when Tynes canned a three-pointer from the top of the key. Twenty-five seconds later, A&M regained the lead when forward Joe Wilbert turned an offensive rebound into a bucket, was fouled by Tynes and made the free throw. That gave the Aggies a 63-62 lead with 0:49 to play.

After a Rice turnover, Chuck Henderson converted a pair of free throws to push the lead to three points with 26 seconds left.

- Associated Press

Lady Aggies 76, Lady Owls 47

The Lady Aggie basketball team turned a tight game with Rice into a blow out by outscoring the Lady Owls, 44-15, during the second half of Saturday's game.



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Michael Smith, Damon Johnson and Tony Barone, Jr. celebrate after defeating Texas, 85-84, on Wednesday at G. Rollie White.

Martha McClelland, Bambi Ferguson and Lana Tucker came off the bench to spark the Lady Aggies (9-3, 2-0) to a 76-47 win and a share of first place in the SWC with Texas Tech.

A&M head coach Lynn Hickey said she was pleased with the way McClelland stepped up to stop Rice's guard penetration on the fast-break while dropping in 20 points for the A&M offense.

Rice head coach Cristy McKinney said she thought the Lady Owls did not do a good job containing McClelland.

"She is a very good player, and we just didn't do a good job defending her," McKinney said. "You can't let her take uncontested shots as we did."

With A&M leading 45-39 midway through the second half, Rice was held scoreless during a six-minute stretch while the Lady Aggies

stretched their lead to 58-39.

Hickey started to delve deeper into the A&M bench, and the Lady Owls never challenged the rest of the way.

Sophomore center Kelly Cerny scored 10 points for A&M, and sophomore point guard Lisa Branch added nine points and eight assists as 12 of 14 Lady Aggies scored.

Junior center Nicki Manzo, 10 points, was the only Rice player to reach double figures.

- Jose de Jesus Ortiz

Texas A&M 85, Texas 84

Texas A&M forward Joe Wilbert blocked an attempted last-second layup by Texas' B.J. Tyler to preserve the Aggies' 85-84, come-from-behind victory on Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A crowd of 5,823 watched the Aggies (7-4, 1-0 in conference) battle back from a seven-point deficit with 2:42 remaining in the second half to beat the Longhorns (7-6, 0-1) in the teams' Southwest Conference opener.

"This was a nice win for our program," A&M head coach Tony Barone said. "I'm proud of our players, and I'm proud of the way they fought at the end of the game."

A&M guard Chuck Henderson played a vital role in the Aggies' late run by making two three-pointers in the last two minutes. Henderson's second three-pointer came with 0:27 left and narrowed the score to 83-84, Texas.

Longhorn guard Tommy Penders, son of Texas head coach Tom Penders, was fouled on the inbound pass by Damon Johnson,

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## A&M football coordinator positions open after break

By Mark Smith

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The Texas A&M football team lost two of its key coaching figures during the holiday break.

A&M's defensive coordinator Bob Davie and offensive coordinator Bob Toledo will not be on the Aggie sidelines next season directing the maroon and white.

Davie announced on Jan. 7 that he would become Notre Dame's defensive coordinator.

Toledo, who had served as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach since 1989, was fired on Jan. 3 by head coach R.C. Slocum.

Davie had served as defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach for the Aggies during the past five years. He was promoted to assistant head coach last spring.

Davie said he had trouble deciding whether to accept the position with Fighting Irish.

"Whenever you have a change like this you're going to experience some mixed emotions," Davie said. "I don't know if people know or care how hard this decision was for me to make, but it was extremely difficult."

"My decision came down to the challenge that Notre Dame presented."

At the end of the past season the A&M defense was nationally ranked No. 1 in pass efficien-

cy defense with 74.9 yards per game, No. 3 in total defense with 247.6 yards per game and No. 2 in scoring defense 10.82 points per game.

Slocum said he believed A&M needed to change its offensive coordinator to help the team develop a more pro-style offensive system.

Toledo, however, defended his direction of A&M's offense.

"I did what I was told to do here at Texas A&M, and I did the best I possibly could do," Toledo said. "We won a lot of games and broke a lot of records and I'm proud of what I did."

During Toledo's career at A&M, the offense broke SWC and school records in 1990 for yards rushing with 3,829 yards and set A&M's total offense record with 5,653 yards.

In 1991, the offense broke the A&M scoring record with 36.6 points per game, and this past season broke a school record with 404 points for the season.

Gary Kubiak will take over the duties of the quarterback coach. Kubiak, who was A&M's running backs coach, was quarterback for A&M from 1979-82 and played for the Denver Broncos for nine years.

Slocum said Kubiak is highly qualified to assume the position.

"Gary's knowledge of the quarterback position is outstanding," Slocum said. "He will be a tremendous asset to our offensive philosophy."

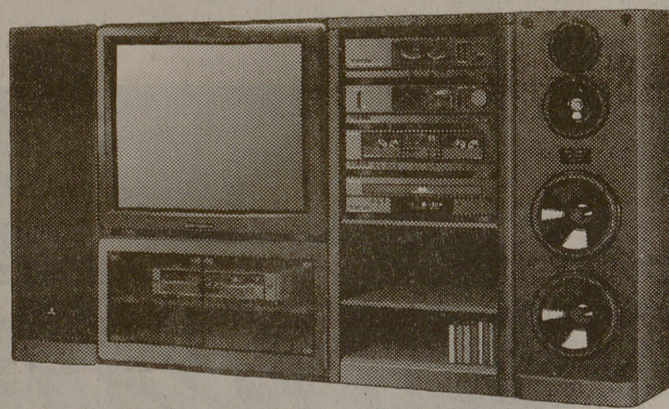
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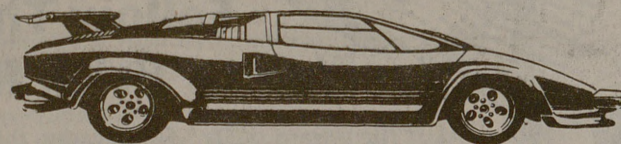
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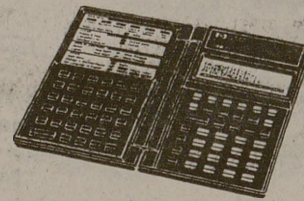
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