

Please, pass the chocolate burritos

The dream must have taken place after a late-night dinner of chocolate-covered burritos and tuna fish cookies.

No other explanation is possible. The content is so frightening and so controversial that no one under the age of 18 is allowed to continue reading.

Here, then, is Billy Joe Robidoux's "A Nightmare on Old College Road: The Case of the Vanishing Football Team."

We'll pick things up as Billy Joe is driving back from the Wal-Mart superstore.

He turns on the radio just in time to hear Dave South's shocking announcement: "The NCAA has announced that the Texas A&M football program has been suspended for the next five years, after which time the team will be on probation for fifteen years following reinstatement."

"In light of this tragedy, we will observe one minute of silence, followed by the playing of 'Taps.'"

It got so quiet in the car you could hear Billy Joe's chin hit the floorboard.

"This just can't be!" he exclaimed. "This is worse than the time when someone found a bird's nest in Ann Richards' hair."

His anger soon evolved into a full-blown panic attack. "Goldurnit, we ain't gonna have any football games this fall! What are we going to do to entertain ourselves?"

"Shoot grackles? Does this mean that Bonfire is cancelled? What about yell practice?"

By this time Billy Joe is near hysterics. Life as he knows it is over.

Just as Billy Joe is about to jump off the top of the O&M

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Willie Corrington Sportswriter

Lady Aggies shock Texas Tech

A&M women's basketball seize conference lead with win over Lady Red Raiders, 67-64

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M women's basketball team took a huge stride forward in the Southwest conference race on Saturday night, knocking off fourth-ranked Texas Tech, 67-64, in a game that head basketball coach Lynn Hickey called the biggest win during her tenure at A&M.

The Lady Aggies led the game from the start, but the Lady Red Raiders stormed back to take a 60-59 lead with four minutes to go in the game.

Down 64-61 with just 2:30 left in the contest, A&M scored the last six points of the game to pull off the upset victory over the defending national champions.

Sophomore center Kelly Cerny, who had three rebounds (two offensive) and an assist in the last two and a half minutes, said that after falling behind late by three, the team made up its mind not to lose the game.

"Tech never let down," Cerny said. "But we just told each other, we've come too far. We refused to let (the game) slip away in those last two minutes."

Cerny finished the night with 13 points, five assists and a game-high eight rebounds.

She was joined in double figure scoring by sophomores

Lisa Branch and Martha McClelland, who finished the game with 19 and 16 points respectively.

Playing before a season-high crowd of 3,102, A&M used its own adrenaline rush coupled with the fervent crowd atmosphere, to jump out to a quick start in the first half.

The Lady Aggies led by as many as 12 points in the first half before the Lady Red Raiders rallied to make it a 35-29 A&M lead at halftime.

Although her team turned up on the losing end of Saturday's game, Texas Tech head coach Marsha Sharp was quick to complement the Lady Aggie players and their fans.

"It was a great atmosphere tonight for A&M's program, and one that is well-deserved and long overdue," Sharp said.

"We're always thrilled to be involved in a game like this, but don't get me wrong, it's never my idea of a fun night to come to Aggieland, and have to face that crowd."

The Lady Aggies shot a season-high 52.8 percent from the field against a Texas Tech team that came into the game ranked first in the SWC in opponent's shooting percentage.

Texas Tech stayed close however, by shooting 52.0 percent in the second half.

The Lady Red Raiders were led by junior guard Noel Johnson, who scored 19 points, and whose barrage of three-pointers reduced A&M's lead late in the game.

With the win, the Lady Aggies finished the first half of the season undefeated in conference play for the first time ever.

A&M's schedule doesn't get any easier though as A&M next travels to Austin Wednesday night for a rematch with the Lady Longhorns.

Branch said she believes that although the win over Tech was important, now is not the time for the team to rest.

"I think (the win) is very special, but we still can improve, and we will



Kyle Burnett/ THE BATTALION
Bambi Ferguson, top, defends Noel Johnson on Saturday.



Kyle Burnett/ THE BATTALION
Kelly Cerny, right, battles for a rebound against Texas Tech's Michi Atkins late in the second half of the Lady Aggies' win on Saturday.

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Tech AD apologizes for brawl after Aggies' win in Lubbock

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — A brawl broke out at the end of the Texas A&M-Texas Tech basketball game Saturday, when at least four fans interfered with Aggie coach Tony Barone and his players when they headed for the dressing room after their last-second 89-88 victory over Tech.

At least one fan took a swing in the di-

rection of Barone and his son, Tony Jr., a senior guard for the Aggies, although he didn't connect, witnesses said.

The Aggies remained unbeaten in Southwest Conference play with the victory, achieved on Chuck Henderson's two free throws with one second left. Henderson also hit two 3-pointers in the final two minutes, including one that gave A&M an 87-86 lead with six seconds to play.

Several A&M players, including junior

Joe Wilbert, came to the rescue of their coach and exchanged punches with fans as the brawl continued up the ramp and into the coliseum mezzanine. It took Texas Tech police about three minutes to restore order.

"We had a bunch of (expletive) attack our players," a furious Barone said. "We had no way to get to our locker room after the game except through their students."

"This has nothing to do with James Dickey and his team. It has everything to

do with a lack of police and a lack of administration in running a basketball game when 7,000 fans are in attendance."

No injuries were reported and no arrests were made. Tech police escorted one of the participants outside, but he apparently left the scene when police were called back into the coliseum as the fight spread to the mezzanine.

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