

Sports are not life and death events

Since this past Sunday, my hours have been filled by pondering why the Los Angeles Dodgers sent a hand-written envelope to my residence in Houston.



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Sportswriter

I am an Astros fan, not a Dodgers fan, and the two breeds usually don't get along. Nor had I ever been to Los Angeles, except once when my family's flight home stopped at the airport for an hour in 1984.

And yet, there was the envelope on my desk when I got out of class today. Upon opening it, I found a Dodgers' schedule, a typed postcard with an inspirational message from Dodger center fielder Brett Butler, a Dodgers' bumper sticker and a little packet all about Dodger stadium and the Dodgers' organization.

This did not clear up my confusion at all, until about an hour later when I realized, I did know someone with the Dodgers, their manager, Tommy Lasorda.

Well, I don't actually know Tommy, but last summer I wrote a letter to Lasorda after seeing him in an interview on television.

It was in July, right after Hall of Famers Roy Campanella and Don Drysdale died within two weeks of each other.

Lasorda, asked to comment on Campanella, whose playing career ended when he was paralyzed in a car wreck, had responded by saying, "I don't know where Campy is right now, but I'll tell you one thing, he's walking."

I don't know why, but something in Lasorda's words really moved me.

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One more game ...

By William Harrison

THE BATTALION

Twenty-five games down, one game and one tournament left.

The outright Southwest Conference Championship is a wasted dream for the Texas A&M men's basketball team after two consecutive losses against SWC foes A&M was favored to beat.

A&M has already posted its best mark since the 1986-87 season at 17-8.

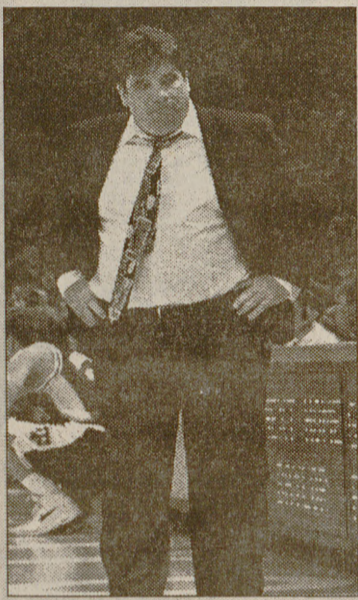
But A&M still stands at the same place it has each of the past years since '87, including A&M coach Tony Barone's 6-22 first season. This year, 25 games are gone again and a championship banner will hang most probably in someone else's arena.

If you were in Tony Barone's shoes, how would you motivate your team for one more game?

Barone says the key is found in the short range - to recognize what went wrong, put the slump behind the team, and concentrate on this last game, at home against Texas Tech.

He said the Tech game offers an outlet for a new, if it be late, beginning.

"For the first time this year,



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we didn't handle a lead well, and we lost our poise," Barone said. "We have to look at the short range situation. It'll be the last game for our seniors who have had a tremendous impact on our program this year."

A&M senior guard Chuck Henderson echoed his coach.

"We've got to come out next game and just try to put these last two games behind us," Henderson said. "It's my last home game since I'm a senior, so I'm going to come out and play as hard as I can."

Barone's task is to spur his team on, achieve momentum during Saturday's game for the looming SWC tournament, a

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Lady Ags squeak by Baylor

The Associated Press

WACO — Texas A&M's Lady Aggies blew an 18-point lead, but pulled away late for a 90-87 victory Wednesday night over Baylor to remain in a tie for the Southwest Conference lead.

Lisa Branch and Martha McClelland scored 17 points each for A&M, tied with Texas Tech for the league lead with an 11-2 record. For the season, the Lady Aggies are 20-5.

Mary Lowry scored 27 points, Amber Seaton 23 points and Erica Knight a career-high 21 points for Baylor (13-12, 4-9).

A&M led at the half, 51-37, and widened the lead to 18 points at 64-46 with 15 minutes remaining in the game. But Knight scored seven points in Baylor's 14-6 run that cut the margin to 10 at 70-60 with just over 11 minutes left.

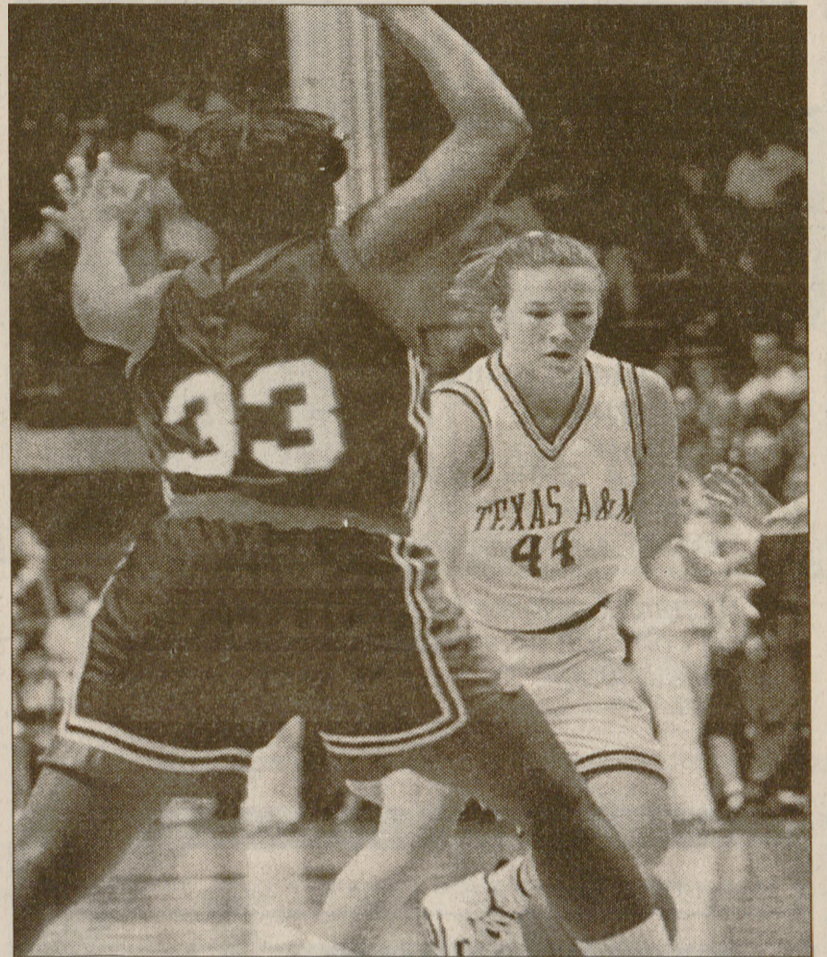
Baylor's Kelly Donaldson hit a driving layup at 2:00 to knot the score at 84-all.

McClelland hit a short jumper, but Knight answered with a jump shot to tie the game again, at 86-86.

Once again, the Lady Aggies went aside to McClelland for a layup that gave A&M an 88-86 lead. Seaton could have tied the contest again, but made only one of two free throws.

Bambi Ferguson rebounded for the Lady Aggies and got the ball out to Andrea Williams, who was fouled. Williams made both free throws for the 90-87 lead.

Lowry missed with a desperation 3-point attempt at the final buzzer.



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Lady Aggie junior forward Cami Williams (44) drives down the court against the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. A&M won the Feb. 5 game 67-64. Wednesday the Lady Aggies defeated the Baylor Lady Bears 90-87 in Waco.

Location of Kerrigan assault trial unknown

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Where will the Nancy Kerrigan assault case be prosecuted, Portland or Detroit?

That question has gained new significance with a report that Oregon authorities want the case moved to Michigan and Detroit prosecutors say it should stay in Oregon.

Norm Frink, the Multnomah County chief deputy district attorney, would not confirm such a dispute exists, but repeated that discussions continue and no decision has been made on where any further charges will be filed.

"The bottom line is this: We're

talking with Wayne County (Mich.) and we're talking with federal authorities," Frink said Wednesday.

A grand jury in Portland is considering whether Tonya Harding should be charged for her role in the Jan. 6 attack, which took place at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit. The grand jury's final report is due March 21.

As for the report that Oregon authorities want the case moved to Detroit, Frink said, "We're not going to comment on any thinking we may have, which may change from time to time."

Harding was back on the ice Wednesday for the first time since returning from her eighth-place

finish in the Olympics. She skated for an hour at a suburban mall rink.

A few reporters and photographers were on hand and tried to follow her as she went to a mall department store after the workout.

"Don't follow me. Just go away," she told them. "You've had your fun."

Harding wants to compete in the world championships this month in Japan, but the U.S. Figure Skating Association has a hearing scheduled for March 10 in Colorado Springs, Colo., to determine if her association membership should be revoked. Such an action would ban her from the world event.

The skater denies knowing about the attack ahead of time, but said she learned about it later and failed to alert authorities. Harding won the national championship in Kerrigan's absence. Kerrigan went on to win a silver medal at the Olympics in Norway.

Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, has pleaded guilty in Oregon to racketeering for his role in the attack.

Harding's sometimes bodyguard Shawn Eckardt, Shane Stant and Derrick Smith have been charged with conspiracy in Oregon and have confessed to participating in the attack. They could be indicted in Portland or have their cases shifted to Detroit.

No. 6 Aggies fall to Bobcats

The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — Mike Tofte's three-run home run sparked a five-run third inning as Sam Houston State defeated No. 6 Texas A&M 8-2 on Wednesday.

Steve Prihoda allowed just two runs and six hits in eight innings to get the victory for Sam Houston State (9-5). Prihoda is 3-1 for the year.

Justin Atchley took the loss for Texas A&M (10-4).

Richard Hare of SHSU and Rich Petru of A&M also had solo home runs.

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