

Edwards, Wilbert make all-SWC team

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Guard B.J. Tyler, the heart of the runnin' Texas Longhorns quick tempo offense, was named The Associated Press Southwest Conference Player of the Year in balloting by the league's coaches.

The Port Arthur senior, who transferred from DePaul, led coach Tom Penders' club to the regular SWC title as he averaged 23 points, six assists and three steals per game.

Tyler also led the SWC in successful three-point shots, averaging four of them per game.

Tyler was the leading vote getter on the mythical All-SWC team picked by the coaches.

He was joined on the first team by Austin senior Albert Burditt, who averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game to give the Longhorns and strong inside presence to go with Mr. Outside, Tyler.

Joining the pair of Longhorns on the first team were Jason Sasser, who averaged 20 points and nine rebounds for the Texas Tech Red Raiders as a sophomore out of Dallas; junior Kurt Thomas of Texas Christian, who averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds; and a tie for the fifth spot between Texas A&M teammates junior Joe Wilbert, who averaged 15 points and six rebounds, and senior guard David Edwards, who averaged 12 points, five rebounds and seven assists per game.

Texas A&M's Tony Barone, whose Aggies faded at the end of the regular season with three straight losses but tied Texas Tech for second place, beat out Penders and Tech's James Dickey for SWC Coach of the Year honors.

Lady Ags want 'revenge' on Baylor

By Nick Georgandis

THE BATTALION

Although somewhat dampened by a season-ending blow-out at the hands of Texas Tech, the Texas A&M women's basketball team completed a breakthrough season on Sunday, finishing in second place in the Southwest Conference with a 20-6 overall record (11-3 in the SWC).

The Lady Aggies now hope to take their program to new heights, starting today, when they open SWC Tournament play against Baylor at 2 p.m. at Moody Coliseum in Dallas.

A&M swept the season series with the Lady Bears, defeating them 92-78 at G. Rollie White Coliseum in early February, then edging them last week in Waco, 90-87.

Head coach Lynn Hickey said that having played Baylor so recently should help the Lady Aggies succeed against them again.

"A good thing about it is that our game plan against them should be pretty fresh in everyone's minds," Hickey said.

Baylor is led by sophomore guard Mary Lowry, who is leading the conference in scoring average, and erupted for a SWC record 54 points earlier this season against Texas.

The recent series between the two teams promises to make today's match-up a hard-fought game. Sophomore guard Lisa Branch said revenge will probably be on both teams' minds today.

"On their part, the fact will be that we beat them twice this year,



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Texas A&M center **Martha McClelland** (middle) hustles for the loose ball during the A&M-Baylor game in G. Rollie White on Feb. 2. The Lady Aggies open the Southwest Conference Tournament against the Lady Bears.

for us, it will be that they put us out of the tournament last year," Branch said.

Baylor is probably not the only team in the SWC that has revenge on its mind when the Lady Aggies are mentioned.

The Lady Aggies 11-3 conference record was the best ever for A&M since conference play began in the 1982 season.

The Lady Aggies opened up

the season with five consecutive victories, before falling to Oklahoma. Later in the year, A&M ran off eight straight wins, including huge home wins over the University of Texas and defending national champion Tech.

During the regular season A&M has at times been dominating, winning games by 20 or more points eight times.

Branch said that the regular

season has been a real testament to the team's desire to succeed after last year's early departure from the tournament.

"What we've done this year has been great for the program," Branch said.

"It started with the loss to Baylor last year in the tournament, and since that game we've all been determined to become a better team."

Detroit drops Rangers, 6-5

The Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Shawn Hare blooped a two-run single and scored in a four-run seventh inning Tuesday, leading the Detroit Tigers over the Texas Rangers 6-5.

Doug Davis hit a three-run homer in the seventh for Texas, the

Rangers' ninth homer in five games.

With the score tied 2-2, Danny Bautista singled off Matt Whiteside, stole second and continued to third on an error. Milt Cuyler walked and stole second before Hare's single down the left-field line.

Jeff Kunkel's homer made it 5-2. Skeeter Barnes doubled and scored on a single by Rico Brogna.

Houston takes Atlanta, 7-4

The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Rookie shortstop Orlando Miller had a pair of hits and drove in two runs Tuesday, pacing a 10-hit Houston attack in a 7-4 exhibition victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The Astros took a 5-4 lead with a three-run sixth off rookie Terrell

Wade (0-1) on RBI hits by Scott Servais and Miller and a run-scoring grounder by Andy Stankiewicz.

Houston added two more runs in the eighth on Miller's run-scoring single and Todd Winston's RBI grounder. Earlier, the Astros got RBI hits from Steve Finley and Luis Gonzalez.

Big Eight television deal not done

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Signed contracts aren't yet in hand, which is hindering television negotiations for the proposed merger of the Big Eight Conference with four members of the Southwest Conference, officials said.

But officials from schools involved say the expanded conference has solid commitments to continue their organizational plans.

The governing boards of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor Universities approved their offers of membership to the Big Eight in late February.

James Corbridge, chancellor at Colorado, said he was pleased with the arrangement with the Texas universities. Corbridge was chairman of a Big Eight planning committee and headed the four-chancellor subcommittee that worked on the expansion.

He said some participants want a detailed contract and solid revenue projections to be available before they will make an absolute commitment.

The problem is a television network will not negotiate with a conference unless the network knows exactly what the conference has to offer, Corbridge said. The addition of the Texas universities to the conference gives the expanded league 16 percent of the nation's television sets, compared with 8 percent in the six states of the Big Eight, he said.

Texas school officials say there is no immediate need to worry that something might fall through.

"As a lawyer, I'd have to say nothing is solid as a rock," said Ross Margraves of Houston, chairman of the Texas A&M Board of Regents. "I would have to say that, yes, it is a done deal as far as Texas A&M is concerned."

Bernard Rapoport of Waco, chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents, agreed.



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