

Money robs A&M fans of coverage

Before this school year, I've never really considered myself a Southwest conference basketball fanatic.



Nick Georgandis Sportswriter

I've always kept up with who the powerhouse team of the conference has been each season, and who the future NBA hopefuls have been, and I've always rooted for the Aggie teams to excel, ever since I decided to attend A&M back in 1976.

But never have I followed the conference race, nor have I

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A&M players work out for NFL coaches, scouts

From staff and wire reports

Seventeen Texas A&M players worked out Wednesday before 63 representatives from NFL teams in hopes of improving their status before next month's draft.

Almost every NFL team was represented, including head coaches Buddy Ryan of Phoenix, Sam Wyche of Tampa Bay and Bill Cowher of Pittsburgh.

"For student-athletes who have pro aspirations, we want to do everything possible to help them achieve that goal," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said.

Among those who worked out Wednesday were Sam Adams and Greg Hill, both juniors who have given up their eligibility.

Women's tennis wins close contest with Bears

By Stewart Doreen

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M women's tennis team narrowly defeated the Baylor 5-4 to keep its perfect conference record.

"We're happy with the win," said head coach Bobby Kleinecke. "Some of the matches could have gone either way."

Texas A&M opened the con-

test by splitting the singles matches with the Bears.

Janine Durham-Burton, Wilson Pate and Lonna Logan collected victories at the one, three and four spots.

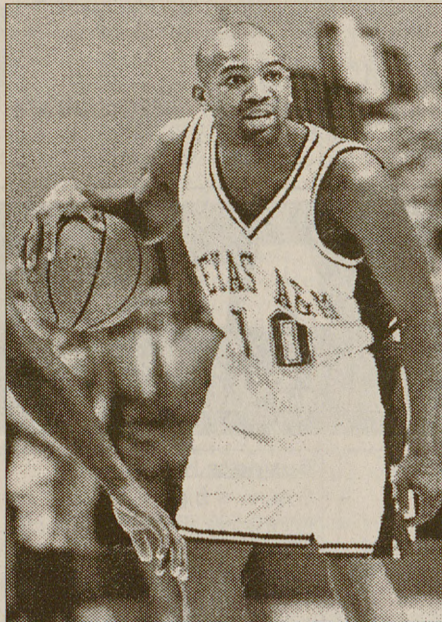
However, it was the loss at the No. 6 spot that grabbed the Kleinecke's attention.

"We've got to have somebody

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Aggies, Edwards corral upstart SMU Mustangs

The Associated Press



William Harrison/The Battalion
David Edwards led the Aggies against SMU Mustangs on Thursday.

DALLAS — Guard David Edwards and forward Joe Wilbert erased a 13-point deficit with a second-half charge that brought Texas A&M an 85-66 victory over Southern Methodist on Thursday in the Southwest Conference postseason tournament quarterfinals.

The Aggies (18-9), who finished tied for second in the SWC regular season, play Texas Tech in Friday night's semifinals.

The Red Raiders whipped Houston 110-86 earlier at Reunion Arena.

SMU finished the season with a 6-21 record.

The Mustangs had defeated A&M 64-57 two weeks ago at Moody Coliseum, but the Mustangs went cold in the second half as they withered under the Aggie full-

court press.

Edwards had his third triple-double of the year with 26 points, 12 rebounds and 14 assists.

He hit 8-of-8 free throws and was 7-of-18 from the field.

Wilbert scored 21 points for the Aggies and Brett Murry produced 14 points and 14 rebounds.

James Gatewood was high for SMU with 14 points.

A second-half 16-2 Aggie run that brought a 45-all tie was capped by a 3-point shot by Edwards.

Texas A&M stretched the lead to 58-51 with 14:33 to go on a 3-point play by Tony McGinnis.

SMU built a 33-20 lead on a layup by Troy Mathews at the 5:29 mark of the first half, but the Aggies cut the deficit to 45-38 on a 3-point shot by Edwards just before the buzzer.

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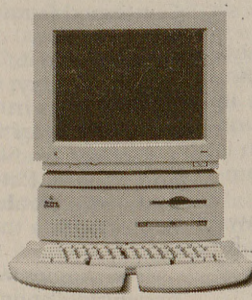
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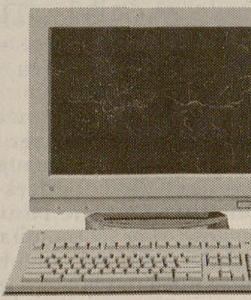
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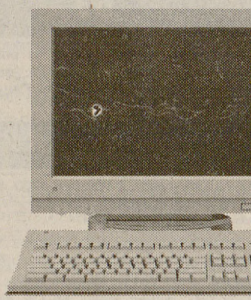
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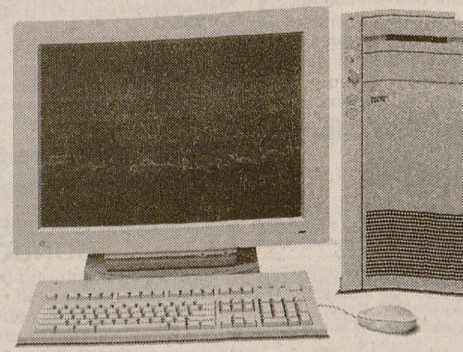
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