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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rangers stand firm on 1996 ticket prices

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers announced Tuesday that they are holding the line on most ticket prices for the 1996 season.

Also, discount tickets programs are being extended and expanded.

Ticket prices will range from \$20 for club boxes to \$4 for bleachers. Children 13 and under will pay \$2.

The \$1 discount for groups of 25 or more, half-price night discount for groups of 40 or more on selected nights, and half-price Tom Thumb Tuesday discounts will be extended to the upper boxes in the front of the upper deck of the infield grandstand.

Previously, the group discounts had applied to only to upper reserved, Home Run Porch, left field reserved and grandstand reserved seats; while the Tom Thumb Tuesday discounts had applied to only the upper reserved and grandstand reserved seating.

Phanatic antics' in 1991 cost Phillies \$100,000

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Phillie Phanatic, the wild, cartoon-like mascot who entertains Philadelphia baseball fans, has cost the Phillies \$128,000.

The big green character knocked down a 68-year-old man at a 1991 church carnival, and a Common Pleas Court jury awarded Carl G. Seidel \$100,000 in compensatory damages Monday. The jury awarded Seidel's wife \$28,000 for the loss of his companionship.

The Philadelphia Phillies baseball team, which owns the rights to the Phanatic, was ordered to pay the settlement.

Seidel, now 72, a retired bus driver, called the award "peanuts." He had asked for at least \$525,000 and claimed that the Phanatic committed assault and battery.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

NBA

Rockets 116, Clippers 103
Heat 111, Mavericks 89

UPCOMING EVENTS

A&M Volleyball

The Lady Aggies will host a second-round NCAA match Sunday at 3 p.m. at G. Rollie White Coliseum against the winner of tonight's South Carolina-Hofstra game.

Aggie Football

Saturday the Aggies will face Texas at 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field in the final SWC showdown between the two teams.

A&M Powerlifting

The Powerlifting team will compete in the Longhorn Invitational this Saturday in Austin.

Aggies cruise past UMBC in opener

Tracey Anderson led A&M with 17 points in the win.

By Philip Leone
THE BATTALION

Excellent free throw shooting; Defensive intensity; An inferior opponent.

Those were the keys in the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team's 75-47 thumping of the University of Maryland-Baltimore County Retrievers at G. Rollie White Coliseum on Tuesday evening.

In the regular-season opener for A&M, the Aggies sprinted out to an early lead by capitalizing on UMBC's dismal shooting and by cashing in on the Retrievers' 14 first-half turnovers.

Strong inside play from sophomore center Dario Quesada combined with a 19-0 scoring run helped A&M take a 40-20 advantage into half time. From that point, the Aggies converted 14-of-17 free throw shots to cruise to the easy victory.

A&M Head Coach Tony Barone was pleased with the way his team performed in its season debut.

"This was the most impressive first game out of the box since I've been here," Barone said. "I was also very excited with the level of intensity we had on defense."

"We made them rush some shots, which created some turnovers for us."

After losing by 28 points, UMBC Head Coach Tom Sullivan said his squad did some things well, but was just overwhelmed by the quality of A&M's lineup.

"It was just a tough situation for our kids," Sullivan said. "Defensively, we executed well at times, but A&M was simply flat-out more talented. I recognize the fact that they had an excellent recruiting class, and that showed this evening."

No member of this incoming recruiting class shined more than A&M's junior guard Tracey Anderson.

Anderson, a junior college transfer, led all scorers with 17 points and had five steals in his first game at the Division I level.

After the contest, Anderson was pleased with his Aggie debut and credited the coaching staff's preparation in helping the Aggies tie a school record with 21 steals on the evening.

"On an individual level, I think I played well and helped the team do some things to win," Anderson said. "As far as all the steals, I'd have to say it was due to the scouting report we got from the coaches in practice. We knew just about everything they were going to throw at us on offense."

Besides Anderson, Barone also recognized the play of a number of his younger players, including JUCO transfer guard Derrick Hart and freshman forward Calvin Davis.

"I thought Derrick had an excellent game tonight by applying a lot of pressure on defense," Barone said.

"Calvin Davis came out and really worked on both sides of the ball and hit a couple of three pointers."

"And you can't take away from the way Dario (Quesada) played. He shot well around the perimeter and caused a number of

turnovers on deflections."

With a solid season-opening performance under their belts, the Aggies will pack up and head to Milwaukee to take part in this weekend's First Bank Classic.

In the opening round of the tournament on Dec. 1, A&M will face the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, an opponent that Barone believes will offer the Aggies some stiff competition.

"Wisconsin-Green Bay has made the NCAA Tournament the passed two years, and they'll be a royal pain to play," Barone said. "They're relentless on offense. You'd usually say teams were relentless on defense, but, with all their motion, they're relentless on defense."

"The game should be a quality learning experience for us."

Aggies 75, Retrievers 47

Texas A&M.....40 35 - 75
Maryland-Baltimore.....20 27 - 47

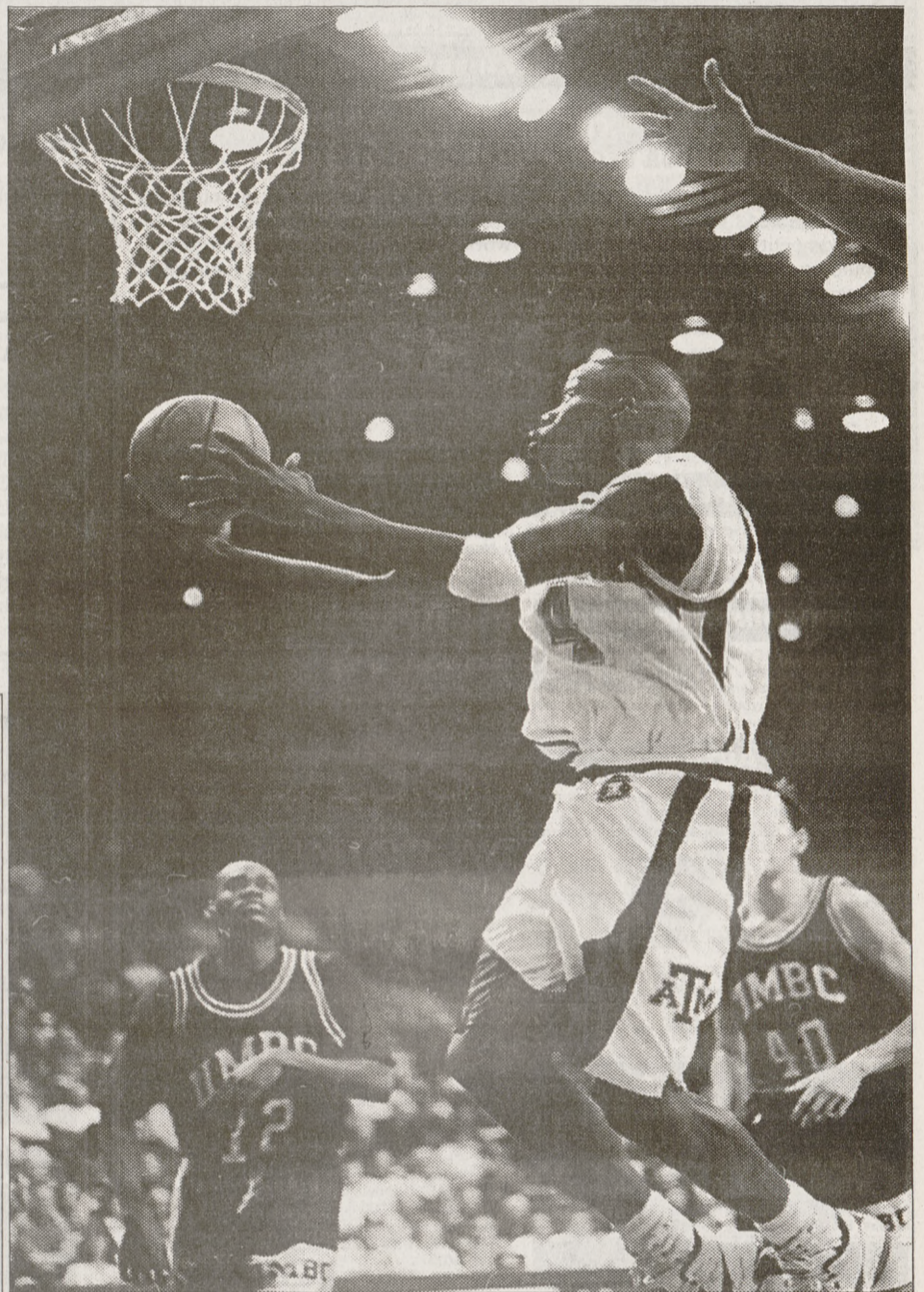
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Thompson, T.	3-8	9-10	7	4	2	1	15
Bellinger, K.	3-4	2-2	7	1	0	0	8
Poisez, E.	0-0	1-2	2	0	0	0	1
Simms, A.	3-4	3-4	7	2	1	0	11
Merritt, K.	4-16	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Hayes, E.	0-1	1-1	3	1	1	0	3
Van Veen, M.	1-4	0-1	0	0	0	0	2
Skalsky, M.	1-1	2-3	5	2	2	0	7
Barber, L.	2-2	0-0	0	0	0	1	0

Totals 14-41 18-23 33 12 6 1 47

Texas A&M	fg-fga	ft-fa	reb	ast	stl	blk	tp
Nottingham, G.	4-6	4-4	6	0	2	0	12
Schleder, M.	1-2	1-2	2	1	0	0	4
Quesada, D.	5-8	0-0	7	2	4	0	10
Kessel, K.	6-9	4-4	3	0	5	0	17
Hart, D.	1-6	3-5	1	9	2	0	5
James, Q.	3-8	0-0	0	6	5	0	7
Davis, C.	2-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	6
Cornelius, J.	3-6	6-6	2	0	1	1	14
Ockey, J.	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0

Totals 25-49 18-21 24 20 21 2 75

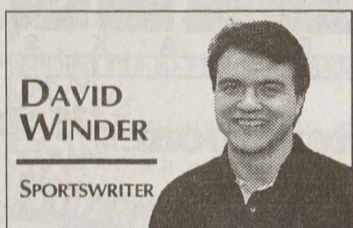
FG percentage: A&M - .510 UMBC - .341
FT percentage: A&M - .857 UMBC - .783
Attendance: 2,056



Evan Zimmerman, THE BATTALION

Texas A&M junior college transfer forward Gary Nottingham goes up for a layup against Maryland-Baltimore County Tuesday night at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Sega tourney brings out the best(worst?)



DAVID WINDER
SPORTSWRITER

For some reason, my mother bought me a Sega Genesis system for Christmas my freshman year in college. She regretted it immediately, because I spent all of my free time playing it. She regretted it even more when I brought it to school last summer. Something about my grades going down, she said. But my grades never suffered from the Sega, mainly because my roommate Jason was always playing it. When I got College Football '96

early this fall, Jason never left the house. Come to think of it, I don't think he ever left our living room. Food and sleep were replaced by Northern Illinois and San Jose State playing it out on the television gridiron.

Me (coming home from school): "Hey Jason! What'd you do today?" Jason: "You should have seen it, man. Today I beat Eastern Michigan 125-3. Then, I was Colorado State, and beat North Texas 89-9. It was a great day."

Me: "I ran into Sandy today and she said that ya'll had a test today. Did you take it today?"

Jason: "How could I take a test when the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers were scheduled to take on the Ducks of Oregon? Class can wait. That's just too good of a matchup to pass up."

So Jason continued to improve

on his Sega football skills. He became so good that he almost lost interest. But then he heard about the College Football USA '96 Campus Championship held at Bullwinkle's Tuesday night.

"Dave, every man has a moment that defines him as a man," Jason said. "I believe my moment will come at this Sega tournament. Then again, it might have come last week when I beat Ohio 137-3 with my eyes closed."

He walked into Bullwinkle's last night and was not fazed by the other 54 teams who would be vying for the championship. He simply whispered "Let's rock" and walked to the registration table.

In the first round, he and his teammate Sunil Kapoor steamrolled their opponents, 73-36. But in the second round, Jason and Sunil went up against two guys

who were Sega professionals. They tried valiantly, but in the end they fell, 54-48.

"This game they play," Jason said. "I do not know it."

When it came down to it, Jason just hadn't spent enough time on the practice couch.

"We probably play more than we should," said Randy Long, a member of the team that defeated Jason "It kind of gets in the way of our studies. But you don't have to put that though, I mean my mother might read this column some day."

She could have read that her son won the tournament, but that honor fell to competitors Joe Devine and Pete Sarafin.

"In our marketing, we've learned that college guys are playing in the dorms, frats and apartments," said Eric Peterson, a rep-

resentative of Electronic Arts, which makes College Football USA '96. "People are having their own tournaments. These people are sports fans who like to play video games."

Kara Sessums, a waitress at Bullwinkle's, was unimpressed by the large turnout.

"It's a little bit on the weird side," Sessums said. "I don't see how you can spend so much time and energy on something like that. It must be a guy thing."

To guys like Jason though, it's a way of life.

"I'm gonna go back to practicing every day until the next tournament," Jason said. "Next year, that trophy will be mine. Never underestimate the heart of a guy who knows that the University of Pacific doesn't match up well with the North Carolina State Wolfpack."

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