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"I thought it was a game of spurts," A&M Head Coach Tony Barone said. "We got the lead a couple of times and our shot selection was not what I would like it to be. I thought we rebounded really well in spurts. For major college basketball, I think defensively we're playing pretty well."

The Aggies came out of the locker room in the second half with the same intensity they displayed in the first half, exploding on a 20-9 run that helped them take their biggest lead of the game at 54-40 with 10:05 left. A&T then responded with a run of its own to close within 54-49 before a short baseline jumper by Quesada stopped the bleeding.

It was a dogfight from then on, with neither side willing to surrender any easy baskets. However, the Aggies eventually had enough firepower to hang on to win, despite A&T's last-minute heroics.

The officials also continued their whistle-happy ways in the second half, calling two more quick fouls on Davis in the first 25 seconds of the second half. With several starters in foul trouble, Barone went with a smaller lineup to counter A&T's swarming defense.

"We don't go into a game preconceived what we're going to do," Barone said. "If you said to me I was going to play Brian (Barone), Tracy (Anderson), and Steven (Houston) for as long as we did, I would

have said you were crazy, but circumstances dictated it.

"The guys who went in not only played well, they contributed. What you would like from your bench, more than anything, is to make sure your bench doesn't lose the lead. Our bench tonight got us the lead, so that's a big plus for us. I was thrilled with that."

Many of the fouls could be attributed to the Aggies' tough defensive pressure, which Quesada said was much improved from the exhibition games.

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"I think we've gotten much better since the first game," Quesada said. "It's just a matter of playing hard, diving on the floor, getting loose balls — just playing hard."

An excellent first-game crowd of 2,919 fans responded to the Aggies' inspired play with vocal support throughout the game.

"Great crowd — not 'pretty good,' great," Barone said. "And what happens is the kids play to the crowd. You get these people right on top of you in here, it's an intimidating deal. And our kids love to hear the cheers."

Several alley-oop dunks contributed to the fan-friendly atmosphere, as the Aggies have taken to maximizing their athleticism for what has become a standard play.

"We work on that (play) every day in practice," junior forward Shanne Jones said. "It's mainly just routine. Coach Barone allows us more freedom this year. So we feel free to just throw it up there, because we've got the players who can go up and get it."

The entire Aggie team got after it Saturday

Trailing 14-9, the Lady Bobcats capped off an eight-point scoring run when Wilkerson picked up a loose ball and banked it in off the glass on the fast break.

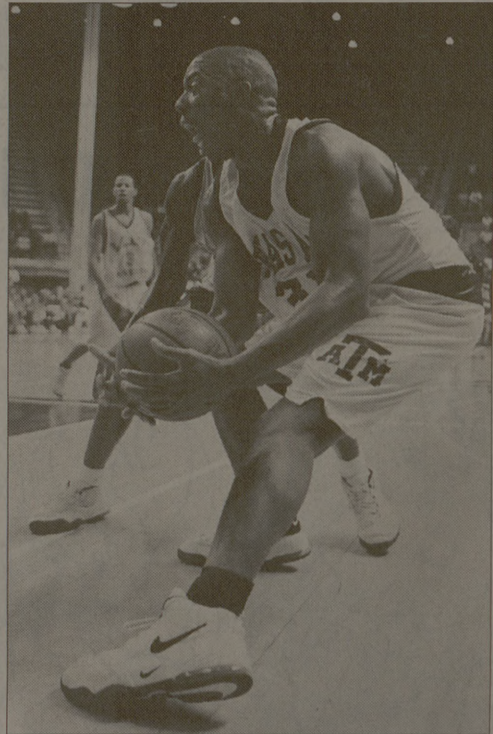
A&M Head Coach Candi Harvey said she was not pleased with the sluggish start.

"In the first half, we struggled," Harvey said. "We didn't get our breaks started at all. We were having to earn everything. We were not in any kind of flow or rhythm."

Trailing 30-24 at the break, the Lady Aggies continued to pressure the Lady Bobcats while igniting their sleeping offense. A&M was 14-of-24 from the floor (.583) and 1-of-4 from downtown in the second half.

Harvey said the Lady Aggies stepped up their play in the second half.

"I'm proud of our effort on both ends of



Stew Milne, THE BATTALION

Forward **Shanne Jones** drives the baseline in the second half.

night, leaving Barone and the coaching staff euphoric about the potential of the team.

"For the first game, I was thrilled, absolutely thrilled," Barone said. "Our enthusiasm was outstanding, the kids were picking each other up; I thought the freshman all played with wonderful confidence. None of them have any fear. Overall, I was totally pleased. I had no negatives about this game."

the floor," Harvey said. "We made a simple adjustment. We continued to play great defense, but we picked the tempo up."

A&M was led in scoring by Rollerson (16), Tucker (15) and Alexander (13). Alexander, playing in her first collegiate game, posted a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds off the bench.

Alexander said she just tried to give it her all. "If I give my team everything I've got, then that's what I expect from them," Alexander said. "If I leave it all on the floor then that's all I can do."

Harvey said even though A&M played sluggish basketball, she is happy any time the team can win.

"It was ugly, but we found a way to win," Harvey said. "For this young basketball team, I think that's huge."

**Giants avenge loss defeat Cowboys, 20-**

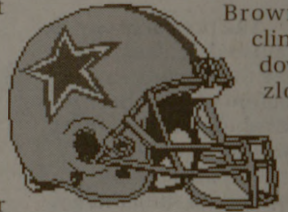
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — It was Barry Switzer's worst nightmare.

Not only did the Dallas Cowboys have that feared letdown against the New York Giants, it was his biggest players who let him down — Deion Sanders, Michael Irvin, Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith.

Sanders, Irvin and Aikman all made crucial mistakes that either led to New York points or took them away from Dallas. New York's defense forced five turnovers and limited Smith to 18 yards rushing and a seat on the bench late in a

20-6 win Sunday.

Safety Tito Wooten had game-breaking play, returning questionable Irvin fumble yards for a touchdown just before halftime for a 13-3 lead.



Brown added a game-clinching 4-yard touchdown pass to Brad Zylowski with 6:10 to play.

Brad Decker had field goals of 45 and 46 yards as the Giants snapped a two-game losing streak, avenging a 27-0 Dallas (7-5) in the second of the season.

**Reedy fired after blowout loss to Oklahoma State**

WACO (AP) — Baylor coach Chuck Reedy was fired Sunday, one day after a blowout loss that left the Bears with their worst record since 1978 and a last-place finish in their inaugural season in the Big 12 South.



Reedy

Reedy was in the fourth year of a five-year deal he received after Grant Teaff retired following the 1992 season. He received a contract extension last year, although details of that deal have been sketchy.

The Bears were thought to be on their way up this year after going 7-4 last season, but mounting injuries and an over-reliance on youth sent the team plummeting to a 4-7 record. They were 1-7 in conference play.

Following Saturday's 37-17 loss to Oklahoma State, first-year athletic director Tom Stanton said he'd make a decision within a

week about Reedy's future.

He acted even more quickly in making the Reedy firing a 12 football coach to lose his job. A news conference was scheduled for Monday in Waco to discuss the move.

"Baylor is determined to be competitive with leading college football programs nationally by using the best available coach," Stanton said in a statement.

Reedy's first head coaching tenure ends with a 23-22 record. The team lost in his only bowl game, the 1994 Alamo Bowl.

"Obviously, I am very disappointed that we will not have the opportunity to fulfill the goal we set four years ago," Reedy said. "I will always be grateful to the University for giving me the opportunity and privilege of serving as its football coach."

"I hope and pray that we represented the university with class and integrity and that the football program is in better shape now than it was four years ago."

Stanton said he would lead an advisory committee to help him in the search for a new coach.

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Forward **Jennifer Burrows** tries to avoid the defensive pressure of SWT Friday.

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