

# Aggies outduel Southern

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The Southern Jaguars came into G. Rollie White on Monday night fresh off a victory over Texas College and looking for to a second victory over a Texas team to take with them back to Louisiana. The Aggies on the other hand seemed poised to take their record to a perfect 4-0 and after the way the team had been playing all season there was no reason to believe they would not.

Both teams got off to a poor shooting starts as the defenses seemed to frustrated both teams. Then a light seemed to go on with Southern as they reined down three pointers and fast break points all over the Aggies to take a 31-18 lead at the 7:16 mark of the first half. The Aggies struggled to get back on

Just when the Aggies thought that they had gotten back into the game the Jags ran off seven points to take a lead of 43-37 at half time.

"We gave them confidence early in the game," Barone said, "We were hesitant at first and then became frustrated when our shots were not falling."

The real story of the first half was the incredible shooting of Southern as they shot 50 percent from the field as compared to the 32 percent the Aggies shot in the first half.

The beginning of the second half proved to be much of the same for both clubs as the Jags continued their hot shooting and their impressive press break while the Aggies continued to struggle with their shooting and just getting a decent look at the basket. With fourteen minutes left in the game and Southern leading by a score of 57-48, Schmidt put up a three pointer that missed but was rebounded and dunked back home by sophomore Jerald Brown. After that play the Aggies would begin a furious come back that would see them come all back to win the game by a score of 80-67.

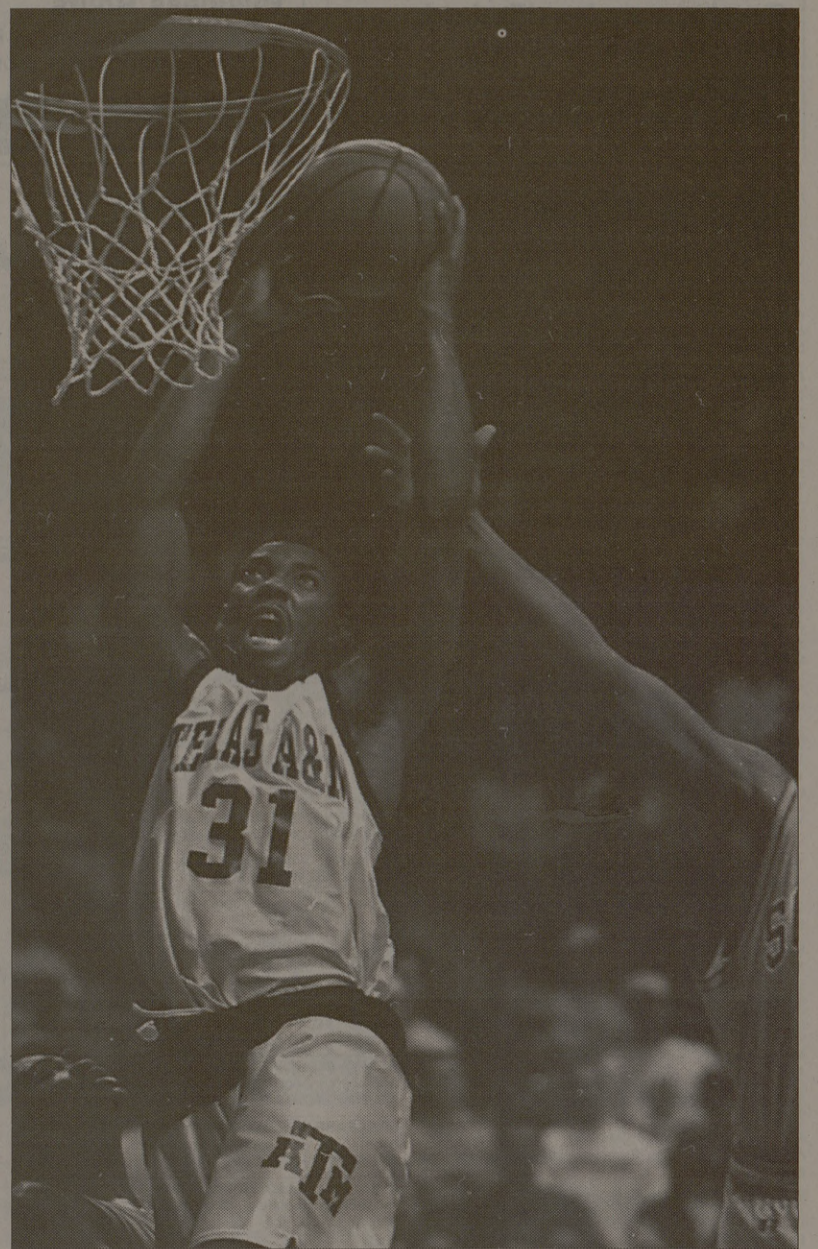
"Coach told us at halftime that if we did not come out with some intensity in the second half that we were going to be in some trouble," Jones said.

"We stepped up our rebounding tonight," Brown said, "Last year we may have lost that game, but that is where our maturity comes in"

The key to the Aggies victory came after the first five minutes of the second half when they did not allow any transition points. That was opposed to giving up twenty points on the break in the first twenty five minutes of the game to Southern.

The Aggies comeback was keyed by strong play from Brown, Jones and Barone as they all added to various aspects of the game.

Brown added a career high of 15 rebounds while throwing in 13



Junior forward Shanne Jones goes up for a dunk during the Texas A&M Basketball Team's 80-67 win over the Southern Jaguars at G. Rollie White.

points. Barone dished out a career high nine assists and Jones lead the team with 25 points to go with his seven rebounds.

"I was pleased with the way our

kids found a way to win tonight," coach Tony Barone said, "This was a great learning experience for us tonight because we know what we did not do well."

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JERALD BROWN  
A&M GUARD

Southern's fast breaks as well as the efficient breaking of the Aggie press by Southern took them to that lead.

The Aggies began their comeback behind the strong inside play of Juniors Calvin Davis and Shanne Jones. With score 31-18 Davis put back a rebound for two followed by a Jones drive to the bucket to bring the score to 31-24. The Aggies improved defensive play also helped to close the gap as freshman Michael Schmidt and sophomore Brian Barone gave the Aggies some much needed help off the bench. The Aggies then came back all the way to tie the game on a crowd electrifying Schmidt three pointer to bring the score to 36-36.

## A&M lands home game for NCAA first round

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The news that Texas A&M Volleyball Team had waited for all season finally came on Sunday night. The mews was not unexpected, or a surprise but rather one more step in this team's ultimate goal to prove that they rank among the best volleyball teams in the country.

The Texas A&M Volleyball Team will join 53 other of the best volleyball teams in the country in the NCAA tournament to determine the 1997 national champion.

The Aggies finished up the 1997 regular season campaign with a 24-7 overall record as well as posting a 15-5 record in the Big 12 which has proven itself as one of the best conferences in the country.

There is little doubt that this team is proud of its accomplishments.

"I feel really great about our 24-7 record," coach Laurie Corbelli said, "We play in one of the best conferences in the nation and the victory over Colorado in the last match of the season has really got this team excited."

"We were competitive in every match we played this year," Senior outside hitter Kristie Smedsrud said, "We feel great about the year that we had and now we start of brand new the NCAA tournament."

The Aggies finished up the season this past weekend with a victory over the Colorado Buffaloes in what turned out to be a wild weekend of Big 12 play.

The first place Texas Longhorns lost both of

their weekend games and fell to a number 14 ranking in the Volleyball Magazine poll behind the number 13th ranked Texas A&M Aggies. Even with the poor play by Texas, they hung onto the first place in the Big 12.

Only a two game difference separates Texas, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas A&M in the final Big 12 standings.

The Aggies will meet Hofstra University on Thursday night following the match between Temple and Michigan scheduled for 6 p.m. Others in the east region include No.1 seed Penn State and No.2 seed BYU.

The Big 12 made a very strong showing by placing six teams in the tournament. Besides the Aggies, Nebraska, Kansas State, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado all received bids to the NCAA tournament.

## Dear John,

Former Texas coach John Mackovic did not get a fair chance in Austin

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the question many want answered. Since honor dictates you cannot make excuses, I'll help you a little bit.

Defense is apparently the problem. It may be the departure of cornerback Bryant Westbrook and safeties Chris Carter and Taje Allen to the NFL. Replacing a secondary is no easy task. Once again, you can ask R.C. about that one. Chris Akins was a defensive tackle designed by God to stop the run. When Akins and Casey Hampton, the other starting defensive tackle, both went down with knee injuries in the UCLA game, that signified the demise of the Longhorn run defense for the season. Skip Hicks is an animal and Cade McNown isn't leading the nation in passing efficiency for nothing. Where was the blame on defensive coordinator Bobby Jack Wright for the Bruin debacle?

Receivers were thin this year also. Sure-handed tight end Pat Fitzgerald and wide-out Mike Adams were also gone, and the last threat, receiver Wane McGarity was injured for the season leaving James Brown no targets to keep people from piling on Ricky Williams.

That brings up another point. UT faithful can wave goodbye to Williams. He guaranteed that if John left, he would go too. The players rallied around you, John. Perhaps it might be due to the success in the classroom. When you arrived in 1991, only 11 of 22 seniors graduated. In 1996, 18 of 21 got their degrees thanks to your concentration on academics. Isn't that the reason we're all here? What is the real measure of success in college athletics? Your players graduated. You won conference championships. One 4-7 season, and you're not afforded a grace period? Texas has sold its soul to college football, John.

I'm sorry you had to be a casualty. However, there is one reason I'm glad you're gone. The juniors on this campus got our first taste of victory over our hated rivals Friday. I was starting to get worried. For the last two years, you certainly earned our respect in College Station.

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Maybe it was the win over Nebraska last year. That was something. A gutsy fourth and one call deep in your own territory and you end up beating the sacred cow in college football by a mere 10 points. I still remember beinguddled around the television with other Aggies rooting for the Longhorns to win some respect for the Big 12 South. It was one of those days I won't soon forget.

Yeah, you lost to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl, but many lost to the Pitty Lions last year.

Perhaps it was the three consecutive conference championships you won or shared. Beating Nebraska was something, but beating us two years ago was special. You ended our lengthy home winning streak. You knocked off your most hated rival on their playground when they were a nationally ranked contender. I won't forget. I'm sure Leeland McElroy

still remembers as well. The year before you shared the four way tie for the South-west Conference Championship when we were on probation. I guess three in a row wasn't good enough for those in Austin.

Why did your team play so poorly this season is

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