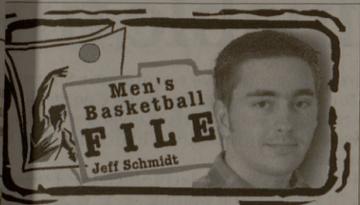


Injuries have made troubled season for Aggies even more unbearable



both steals (9.3) and turnovers forced (19.0).

Big Moanday

Monday's nationally televised game, as part of ESPN's "Big Monday" lineup, was the first nationally televised game since 1994 when A&M played Texas in the Southwest Conference Tournament finals. That game was also covered by ESPN.

Texas Records

With their victory Monday night, the Longhorns tie the school record for consecutive wins at College Station with four and consecutive wins against A&M with nine. Texas Coach Tom Penders is 19-3 against A&M.

G. Rollie White Records

Texas will never have a winning record against the Aggies in G. Rollie White. A&M has a 47-44 advantage in games played there. Next season the Aggies will move into the Reed Arena.

A Sure-Fire Way to Win

The Aggies are undefeated when shooting better than 50 percent from the field.

Oh, Brother!

Texas forward Nnadubem "Gabe" Muoneke is the brother of former Twelfth Man Nik Muoneke.

Sophomore Slump

After being named Big 12 Freshman of the Year last year, Jerald Brown has been in a season-long slump this year. In league play, he is averaging 5.9 points and 3.4 rebounds while shooting only 26 percent from three-point land. Coach Tony Barone said the pressure of Brown being the highest-touted recruit since Rudy Woods is wearing on him.

"We tend to focus on Jerald because he was highly recruited. There is a tremendous amount of pressure on Jerald. He puts too much pressure on himself," Barone said.

This Week's Game

Saturday, Feb. 7, at Texas Tech (10-8, 4-4)

woeful record collected by the Aggies has not
ed the fans to the program. For the first time in
the game against Texas was not sold out. Near-
people missed one of the greatest games in the
of the Texas-Texas A&M rivalry.

And Arrows

ailing Aggies have lost another player to injury.
an guard T.J. Brown will miss the rest of the sea-
son tearing his anterior cruciate ligament in his
game against Oklahoma last Saturday. The Aggies have
lost Dario Quesada for the year with a bulging
his back. Calvin Davis has also been out of ac-
six games with a herniated disk. Brian Barone
broken thumb, but he continues to show his
ess by playing through the pain.

Man Band

me Jones has shouldered the load after the loss
is. With a career-high 32 points against Texas
y, Jones is averaging 27 points in his last three
Jones' previous career high came two days be-
Texas game when he scored 28 points and had
unds.

is creeping closer to a 40-point game which
t happened since 1985 when Don Marbury
n's older brother) scored 41 against Baylor.

tics Of The Week

the season, Texas A&M leads all Big 12 teams in
ve rebounding (16.9 per game), steals (11.1) and
ers forced (20.1). In conference play, the Aggies
rd in offensive rebounding (15.4), and second in

Arizona signs Andy Benes to three-year deal

DENIX (AP) — Acting more like a contender than
pansion team, the Arizona Diamondbacks
d one of the top pitchers from the free-agent
t, signing Andy Benes to an \$18 million, three-
ontract Tuesday.

ona, which joins the NL West this season, has
itted \$113 million to just four players: Benes,
aseman Matt Williams (\$49.5 million for six
shortstop Jay Bell (\$34 million for five years) and
ander Willie Blair (\$11.5 million for three years).
e're thrilled to have Andy Benes," Arizona gener-
anager Joe Garagiola Jr. said. "He is a proven, qual-
I major league starter who wants the ball, will
e ball and, once you've given him the ball, does-
nt to give it back."

es, a 30-year-old right-hander, got a deal with an
e salary that matches Toronto's Randy Myers for
mong pitchers. Benes said he wasn't worried about
an expansion team which has no proven closer.
on't usually envision bad things happening," he
I know that when it's my day to pitch, I'm going
ut and do the best I can, and we'll see whether
seven, eight or nine innings."

ge Fabregas, who hasn't spent a full season in the
s, probably will be the starting catcher, joining the
er part of the team, which also includes rookie first

baseman Travis Lee, who got a \$10 million signing bonus.

"He's an ace," said Fabregas. "I think that's what our
team was lacking — a guy that goes out there every fifth
day, and you know you're going to be in the ballgame."

Benes wanted to stay in St. Louis and continue to
play alongside his brother, Alan, but his \$30 million,
five-year contract with St. Louis was agreed to about 90
minutes after the Dec. 7 midnight EST deadline and
was rejected by baseball officials.

Thwarted in his attempt to re-sign with the Cardi-
nals — forbidden by baseball rules from resuming ne-
gotiations until May 1 — Benes chose the expansion
team because he liked Phoenix as a place for his fam-
ily and because of what agent Scott Boras told him about
the Diamondbacks organization.

"I called (owner) Jerry Colangelo on Thursday and I said,
'I have an idea, and I proposed something,' Boras said. "I
said, 'This is a great deal, it's well below market value. We'll
give you the price; what we want is the flexibility.'"

Benes, who made \$4.85 million last year, will get \$6
million in each of the three seasons, but can terminate
the contract after 1999 and become a free agent again.

He also can earn \$550,000 a year in performance
bonuses: \$50,000 per start from 31-36, \$50,000 for
pitching 210 innings, \$100,000 for 220 innings and an-
other \$100,000 for 230 innings.

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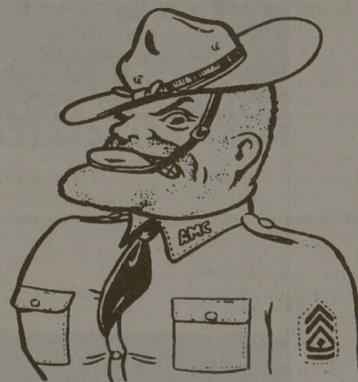
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