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Cornhuskers send Aggies to 12th consecutive loss, 75-58

By JEFF WEBB Staff writer

Two desperate teams faced off last night in G. Rollie White Coliseum, and Nebraska, who was winless in their last four games, easily defeated the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team, 75-58, in front of a largely silent home crowd.

The Aggies only had eight scholarship players available for the game, a product of four season-ending injuries suffered by the team this year.

The first five minutes of each half told the story of the game. Nebraska jumped out to an early 8-0 lead and held A&M without a field goal for the first six minutes of the game.

Nebraska led A&M by six points at the half and came out of the locker room fired up. The Huskers reeled off nine straight points to build a 15 point lead that would continue to grow as the Aggies could not find their shooting touch

"The second half was not a pretty sight for us," A&M Coach Tony Barone said. "We might be feeling sorry for ourselves. That's not good. The coaches are kicked our ass in rebounding. This is a not feeling sorry for themselves. I'm really disappointed if that's the case.

Tyronn Lue probably hurt his bid for an All-Big 12 selection because, despite scoring 23 points, he shot a miserable 8-17 and had six turnovers.

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Both teams had 21 turnovers each, and Nebraska outrebounded A&M 43-28 for the decisive underneath advantage.

"They play so damn hard," Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said. "Kansas State

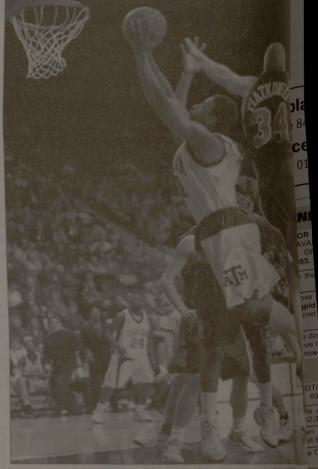
tough place to play, no matter what the attendance is like. Winning on the road in the Big 12 is tough."

A&M shot 37 percent from the field for the game and continued their freethrow-shooting woes by going 8-15 from the line. One bright spot for Texas A&M was their three-point shooting. The Aggies shot 54 percent from beyond the arc and hit five three pointers in the first half alone.

Shanne Jones suffered a poor shooting night by going 3-8 from the field for only 10 points. Freshman Michael Schmidt had 15 points and hit 3 of 5 from three-point land. Brian Barone had a team-high nine assists.

Coach Barone said that he will try to recruit some players from other A&M athletic programs in order to bolster the Aggies' numbers going into their next game at Missouri.

Players from the football team are the most likely candidates to fill roster spots for the Aggies. Barone said he would also have an announcement concerning a current Aggie player tomorrow.



Junior Shanne Jones had an off night scoring, only 10

A&M double-dips Southwest

The Texas A&M Softball Team swept a doubleheader against the Southwest Texas State Bobcats Tuesday, winning 4-0 and 7-4, with strong pitching and timely hitting.

pitcher Ashley Lewis threw a complete game shutout, giving up three hits, striking out 11 and

Aggie third baseman Amanda and drove in a run, and left fielder Stephanie Trumbull went 2 for Amy Vining threw

only walking one.

Whalen went 2 for 4, scored a run 2 with an RBI.

No. 38 women's tennis defeats No. 31 Houston

By AL LAZARUS

The Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team passed its first big test of the season by defeating the University day afternoon at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

UH came into the match ranked close behind them at No. 5

Playing No. 1 singles for the Aggies and winning, 6-3, 6-2, was sophomore Lisa Dingwall. Also victorious in singles play for the Aggies was senior Monica Rebolledo, sophomore Kathryn Scott and freshman Eva Marcial.

nents this season, UH provided a strong challenge until the very end.

Marcial said she had a feeling this would be a difficult contest. "I knew going into the match that

it was going to be a tough one, so it was important for me to win, as well as everybody else," Marcial said.

Coach Bobby Kleinecke said he

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Aggies were up 4-2 secure a victory. Rebuy i this by winning

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The Aggie's next

TRANSFER-MATION

Junior transfer Kim Tarkington has stepped in as the women's point guard tionship with Tarkington, a junior college transfer student, that would be beneficial to

"The relationship between a head coach and a point guard has got to be special," Harvey said.

'She is an extension of me out there on the floor

and there is a lot of pressure that goes with that. At

first, she would hardly even talk to me; she was so

scared of me, but that has greatly improved. We talk

a lot about basketball and we talk a lot about my

expectations. The more we do that, the better a

been her only meaningful one. She was recruited

to come to A&M by a familiar friend. Texas A&M

Assistant Coach Tracy Lange was an assistant at

Westark Community College while Tarkington was

a freshman. When Lange left, she said she would

"I knew her and obviously knew what she was and

is capable of doing, and felt like she could help us

tremendously. I probably started recruiting her

"We had a need for a point guard," Lange said.

Tarkington's relationship with Harvey has not

both of them.

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be back for Tarkington.

A point guard is a dribbler, a shooter and a passer. She initiates the offense, sets the tone of the defense and is then held responsible for her team's performance. Her role is to be the glue that holds the team together. She will be the one who has all the pressure riding on her shoulders.

So when Texas A&M was looking for a new leader, Coach Candi Harvey knew she could build her team around junior Kim Tarkington. She did not even have to look to another.

Harvey said she knew she could form a rela-

Junior Kim Tarkington has stepped in well at

the moment I found out I was going to come here to take this job.

When she (Lange) said she was leaving, I didcoming back to recruit me. Then I started getting

n't believe her," Tarkington said. "She said she was letters and I said, 'Oh my God, she really is.

Harvey said that Lange's part in the recruiting was the deciding factor in signing Tarkington, aside

"The campus visit is about people feeling comfortable with your players," Harvey said, 'and feeling like it's home in all regards. From that standpoint, I thought our players did an excellent job, especially players that knew she would come in here and substantially cut into their playing time, but unselfishly wanted to continue to get good players."

But as nice as the players were, it was the opportunity that caught the attention of Tarkington. "Mainly what I was looking for as a ju-co transfer coming in as a junior was a starting spot," Tarkington said.

Southwest Missouri State had offered her an opportunity to compete with freshmen for their starting spot, but Harvey had other plans.

they said 'Yeah, you've got the starting spot be-

Tarkington's experience adjusting to Texas A&M has not been unlike that of any other junior college transfer. "I like the traditions," Tarkington said. "At first, I didn't really understand them, but now I'm starting to get into it. The main thing is, I'm just amazed at how many people are in one class. At my ju-co we had 50 people, maybe. Now, I'm just worried about finding a seat." All she has to worry about is finding a seat be-

cause we need a point guard.' Kentucky was out

based on distance. There was no way that I could

be that far away from home," Tarkington said.

cause she has already found her place on the team. "Kim is well liked on our team," Harvey said. 'She is shy, but once you get to know her, she de velops real and true friendships. I know it has been awfully scary for her at times. But like every other kid, the longer she stays here, the more comfortable she gets.'

It appears that the only place Tarkington feels even vaguely uncomfortable is behind the threepoint line, where she is shooting 23 percent.

"Right now, she's having to live and die off of penetration," Harvey said, "and in this league that's not enough. You need to be a total player. In the off season, the time she spends in the gym working on her perimeter shooting is going to be huge for her. It's not just about her being the best player she can be for Texas A&M, but also if she has dreams and aspirations of playing professional ball.

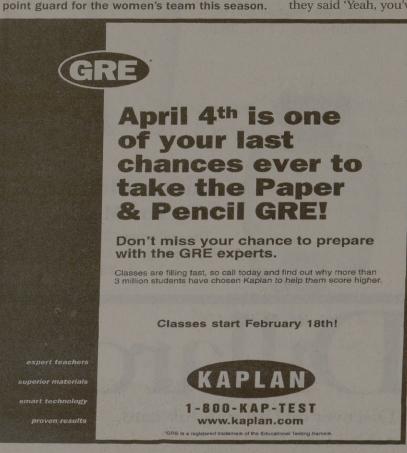
of her friends the coaches.

"In the off season, we'll talk to her," Lange said, "and if that is her goal, she just needs to take the steps in that direction and put herself in a position to get that opportunity. I just hope that when she leaves here, she's made the most of her ability as a player and made the most of her time academically and had a great experience. That will make it all worth while to me.

And apparently it will be worth while to

Tarkington too.

"If I can get in (to the WNBA or ABL) then I'll go," Tarkington said. "But right now, education is the most important thing because basketball won't always be there. I want to stay in basketball, but if I can't play, then I want to go into "I talked to Coach Harvey and Coach Lange and coaching, I think I should give something back and teach someone else.'







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