

The Battalion's
BASKETBALL COACH SEARCH

Brown has ability to rebuild a program

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The great ones have the ability to transcend sports. Vince Lombardi, Red Auerbach, Casey Stengel, John Wooden — these men were the masterminds of sport's greatest dynasties. They were leaders ahead of their time who had the ability to get more out of their players than anyone could ever imagine.

The argument could be made that any one of these men could cross the sidelines into any other sport and still get the same results. However, none of these men ever put together a season quite like Lou Brown, one of coaching's all-time greats. In 1989, the Cleveland Indians were a team in transition. Under the new ownership of a former showgirl, the Indians were built to lose.

If you recall, it was the Tribe rather than the Browns who were supposed to leave Cleveland. A deal to move the franchise to Miami was all but signed. The only thing that needed to happen was for the team's attendance to drop below a pre-set number in the stadium lease. Things were bleak for the city to say the very least.

The team's roster consisted of delinquents, a voodoo priest, players past their prime and players who never had a prime. The Indians had poor facilities and even worse means of transportation (duct tape on the propeller of a less than vintage World War II-era plane was the only thing saving the team from a mid-air disaster). However, there was one thing that could not be accounted for — the sheer determination of Lou Brown.

Brown, a mechanic turned baseball manager, demanded the respect of his players from day one. His no-nonsense attitude and blue-collar work ethic set the tone for the entire team. What he lacked in baseball knowledge, he made up for with pure grit.

In an era when athletes have less respect for authority than ever before, Brown fought back. When prima donna shortstop Roger Dorn argued that he did not

have to do any unnecessary calisthenics mandated on his contract.

In the end, Brown took the team of misfits to the top of the American League's Eastern Division. Many of the same problems Brown faced in Cleveland can be found at Texas A&M, making him a perfect fit for the program.

•The Aggies finished last in the Big 12 in one season. Brown took a team from last to first.

He took his team on storied runs in sports, charging up through the ranks to the top. This was not a fluke. He is a great motivator.

•A&M experienced a dance for home basketball. For opening day, announcer Harry Dodge over the empty bleachers claimed, "they love it here in Cleveland."

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— Chris Ferrell, author of "The Last Days of Pompeii"

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AGGIE SPORTS BRIEFS

from staff and wire reports

Texas A&M loses to South Alabama

The No. 38 Texas A&M Women's Tennis Team (8-2, 1-1) lost to No. 17 South Alabama 6-3 at the Omar Smith Tennis Center Tuesday.

The Aggies entered doubles play down 2-4 and lost the first two matches 8-1 and 8-5.

"This was a very winnable match for us," Coach Bobby Kleinecke said, "but I give South Alabama a lot of credit. They make you keep hitting."

Aggie women in Big 12

The Texas A&M Women's basketball team defeated the conference Texas Longhorns 98-86 on Tuesday night to win the first round of the Big 12 Championship Tournament. We will play the Sooners Friday at 10 a.m. in Norman and then play the Huskers on Sunday at 10 a.m. in Lincoln.

The Aggies will facey whated Iowa State University in the round today. An automatic tournament bid awaits the Aggies in the Big 12 Conference Tournament in January. Chap used with a Uni-cases. ing sui-Its an has no ets in ose cas "I thi fig on a The Fis August uplaine J.S. D ebrua from suit f A Fish n. Alt users. stices. know reio men ing ac

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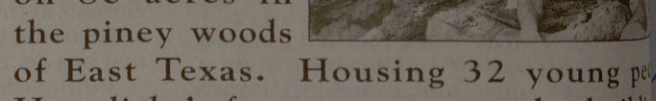
of Longview, Texas, is looking for individual women and men) to fill positions on May 25.

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