

Aggies live by the buzzer, die by the buzzer

"Victory" play gives A&M first conference win, ends losing streak

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WACO — The play is simply called, "Victory." Its purpose on Saturday afternoon in Waco was to give the Texas A&M Men's Basketball Team something that has proven anything but simple for the Aggies to get—a conference road win.

Trailing Baylor University, 56-54, with no timeouts and 2.5 seconds on the clock, the Aggies (8-8, 1-5) ran the play when Jerald Brown tipped Joe White's inbound pass to Chris Clayton, who drained a three-pointer to give Texas A&M a 57-56 victory over the Bears in front of a Ferrell Center crowd of 3,431.

The win ended the Aggies' 25-game conference road losing streak, which dated back to the 1994-1995 season.

Head Coach Melvin Watkins said the play was no surprise for the players.

"We talked about it before we went out there that if we were down, we'd automatically go

right into that play," Watkins said. "And our kids executed, that was the great thing about it."

Watkins said although the Aggies work on the play several times during each practice, he was not happy they had to use it.

"If you have to run that play, you're in trouble," he said. "Although we work on it, it's not something we want to run very often, because it means you're not doing the other things you need to do."

With the game tied at 54, White fouled Baylor's Kish Lewis, sending him to the line for two shots with only 2.5 seconds remaining. After Lewis connected on both free throws, the stage was set for the Aggies' final play.

Clayton, who also hit a game-winning three-pointer earlier in the season against Sam Houston State University, credited his teammates for setting the play up perfectly.

"Joe made a great pass to Jerald, my man went to help, and Jerald kicked it back out to me," Clayton said. "A thing like that, sometimes you get it, sometimes you don't, but we came up big and got

A&M Men's Game Leaders

Points leader:
Clifton Cook (15)

Rebound leader:
Clifton Cook (11)

Assists leader:
Clifton Cook (6)

it today."

Before coming up big in the final play of the game, the Aggies appeared headed for their eighth consecutive loss. After a halftime score of 21-21, the Baylor Bears went on a 8-1 run

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Women suffer close defeat as last-second shot comes up short

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The Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team lost a close contest Saturday falling to Oklahoma State University 70-69. Nearly overcoming a 17 point second-half deficit, the Aggies fought their way back into the game only to see junior forward Kera Alexander's shot roll off the rim as time expired.

Head Coach Peggie Gillom said the last-second ending was tough to take.

"These are killers," Gillom said. "I would rather lose by fifty than have this go down."

The Aggies were led by Alexander, who hit 8 of 9 shots from the field to score 23 points. Gillom said Alexander did not lose the game despite missing the last-second miss.

"I was very proud of Kera this afternoon," Gillom said. "We lose as a team, not by one player."

With just under eight minutes remaining in the game, the Aggies were down by 15

points, but the team surged both defensively and offensively. Sophomore guard Brandy Jones hit a transition three-pointer after forcing a turnover by Oklahoma State leading scorer Jennifer Crow. Junior guard Amy Yates drained two consecutive shots from three-point range to pull the Aggie women within six.

"We knew Amy's game was going to come to her," Gillom said. "She played with great confidence tonight and hit some big shots down the stretch for us."

Both teams traded fouls in the final two minutes, which the Aggies took advantage of. After missed free throws by OSU, Alexander and Yates hit clutch free throws to tie the game at 69.

A foul by A&M guard Kim Tarkington put Crow at the line, who hitting one of two. The Aggies quickly inbounded the ball and passed it downcourt to Alexander who split the defense but came up short.

"It was a tough loss for us," Gillom said. "You

A&M Women's Game Leaders

Points leader:
Kera Alexander (23)

Rebound leader:
Kera Alexander (5)

Assists leader:
Kerrie Patterson (5)
Kim Tarkington (5)

get so close, but you can only get so far."

The physical play of the game also took its toll on the Aggies. Ten minutes into the first half, senior guard Kerrie Patterson had to get three

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GROUPS

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What is Group Counseling and How can it Help?

Group counseling involves about four to ten people meeting with one or two counselors serving as group leaders. Group leaders work to provide a safe, confidential environment where group members are free to discuss their problems and concerns. Through the group, members identify with others who are experiencing similar issues and increase their self-awareness by obtaining genuine and honest feedback.

How much you talk about yourself depends on what you are comfortable with. You can benefit from group even when you are saying little because you will learn about yourself as others talk about their concerns. Make an appointment at the SCS to speak to a screening counselor to help you determine if a group might benefit you.

*** Biofeedback Workshop**
Monday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
One-session workshops designed to give students an introduction to relaxation techniques, including how biofeedback aids in relaxation. Individual follow-up consultation available.
Facilitator(s): Monday-Nick Dobrovolsky & Jeannie Boatler
Thursday-Nick Dobrovolsky & Carlos Orozco

*** Conflict and Loss in Relationships**
Monday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This group is for persons who are currently or have previously experienced conflict in interpersonal or romantic relationships, or who have recently experienced a loss of a meaningful relationship.
Facilitator(s): Brian Williams & Cindy Cook

*** Multicultural Issues & Relationships**
Thursday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group is to increase awareness of multicultural issues and improve communication and self-confidence when dealing with multicultural relationships. Group topics may include but are not limited to cultural shock, cultural/religious/social differences, bicultural/multicultural relationships issues. The group is open to all students.
Facilitator(s): Gisela Lin & Jeannie Boatler

*** Academic Survival Group**
Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
March 24-April 14
For undergraduate students who are feeling lost or confused about their study process. This 4 week post-midterm group explores issues that help all students build better study habits. Topics include balancing time, improving concentration, prepping for different styles of tests, decreasing student related stress, and building testing confidence.
Facilitator(s): Lyle Slack

*** Dissertation/Thesis Support Group**
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
This group is for graduate students who are struggling in the process of writing their thesis/dissertations. Potential group topics are issues of competence, procrastination, anxiety, goal-setting, and bureaucratic struggles.
Co-leaders: Brian Williams & Mara Latts

*** Psychopharmacological Support Group**
Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
This group will provide students an opportunity to relate to and get support from others who are on psychiatric medication. Potential topics include self-esteem issues, family variables, and coping strategies.
Facilitator(s): Steve Strawn & Robert Carter

*** Career Planning Support Group**
Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
March 31-May 5
This group offers support to those experiencing difficulty in making career decisions. Topics may include exploring work values, conflict with parents over choice of major, finding alternative career options. Referral by career counselor is required. Call Marcella; x.157 for more information.
Registration deadline: March 26
Facilitator(s): Marcella Stark & Kelleen Stine-Cheyne

*** Older Than Traditional Age**
Thursday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
This group addresses concerns that differ from those of the traditional undergraduate student. Marriage, divorce, office politics, committee chairpersons, dissertations projects, and dealing with children and spouses are potential topics.
Facilitator(s): Nick Dobrovolsky & Becky Tabony

*** Computer/Internet Addiction Group**
Tuesday 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
This group is for students who spend too much on non-essential computer use such as chat rooms, computer games, surfing the web, reading/responding to email, list servers or news groups, or who are having difficulty making or maintaining face-to-face relationships because of on-line relationships.
Facilitator(s): Carlos Orozco & Kerry Hope

*** International Multicultural Discussion Group**
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
This International Discussion Group is for (1) international students who wish to learn about the Aggiecultures, U.S. cultures and improve their English skills by interacting with native English speakers, and (2) for domestic students who are interested in interacting and sharing their cultural heritages with international students. Begins Feb. 3rd.
Facilitator(s): Gisela Lin

*** Personal Growth Group**
Group 1: Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Group 2: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Group 3: Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group is to facilitate self-exploration and personal growth through interaction with other students.
Facilitator(s): Group 1: Ron Lutz & Jeannie Boatler
Group 2: Ted Stachowiak & Steve Wilson
Group 3: Robert Carter & Becky Tabony

*** Women's Self-Esteem Group**
Monday 5:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Come together with other women and work on becoming the woman you've always wanted to be! Improve your self-confidence, assertiveness, and relationships. Leave your guilt and self-doubt at the door!
Facilitator(s): Mara Latts & Cindy Cook

*** Eating Concerns & Body Image Issues**
Tuesday 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
The purpose of this group is to increase insight about eating problems, explore issues behind the problems and make progress toward recovery. Group topics may include daily eating and exercise behaviors, dealing with others about food issues, developing trusting relationships, expressing feelings, and managing stress. A PHYSICIAN'S RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR GROUP PARTICIPATION.
Facilitator(s): Debbie Rabinowitz & Becky Tabony

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