

Aggies' losing streak continues

• Skid hits six games as No. 23 Sooners down Ags, 79-72

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The Battalion

The Texas A&M women's basketball team's comeback effort against the number 23 University of Oklahoma fell short as the Sooners took a 79-72 win.

"It's another game you don't want to lose," Coach Peggie Gillom said. "I thought Oklahoma played a good game, but this is the night I think they were ripe for the picking."

A&M's best chance for a comeback win came with 3:06 left in the game. The Aggies were behind 72-63 and made a move for the lead. Sophomore guard LaToya Rose's three-pointer highlighted a 7-1 point Aggie run which cut the Sooner lead to three.

But Oklahoma managed to hold on to the ball to cinch the victory.

Despite the loss, A&M was impressive throughout the game. After finding themselves down by eight points at the half, A&M came out of the locker room and quickly took the lead.

Junior forward Jaynetta Saunders started the half strong by scoring the Aggies' first six points. Junior guard Brandy Jones, Rose and senior forward Prissy Sharpe all contributed to the A&M 12-4 point run that tied the game at 42 before Oklahoma Coach Sherri Coale called a time-out.

Coming out of the time-out, Sharpe was unphased as she nailed a three-pointer to give A&M the first lead of the game since the opening basket.

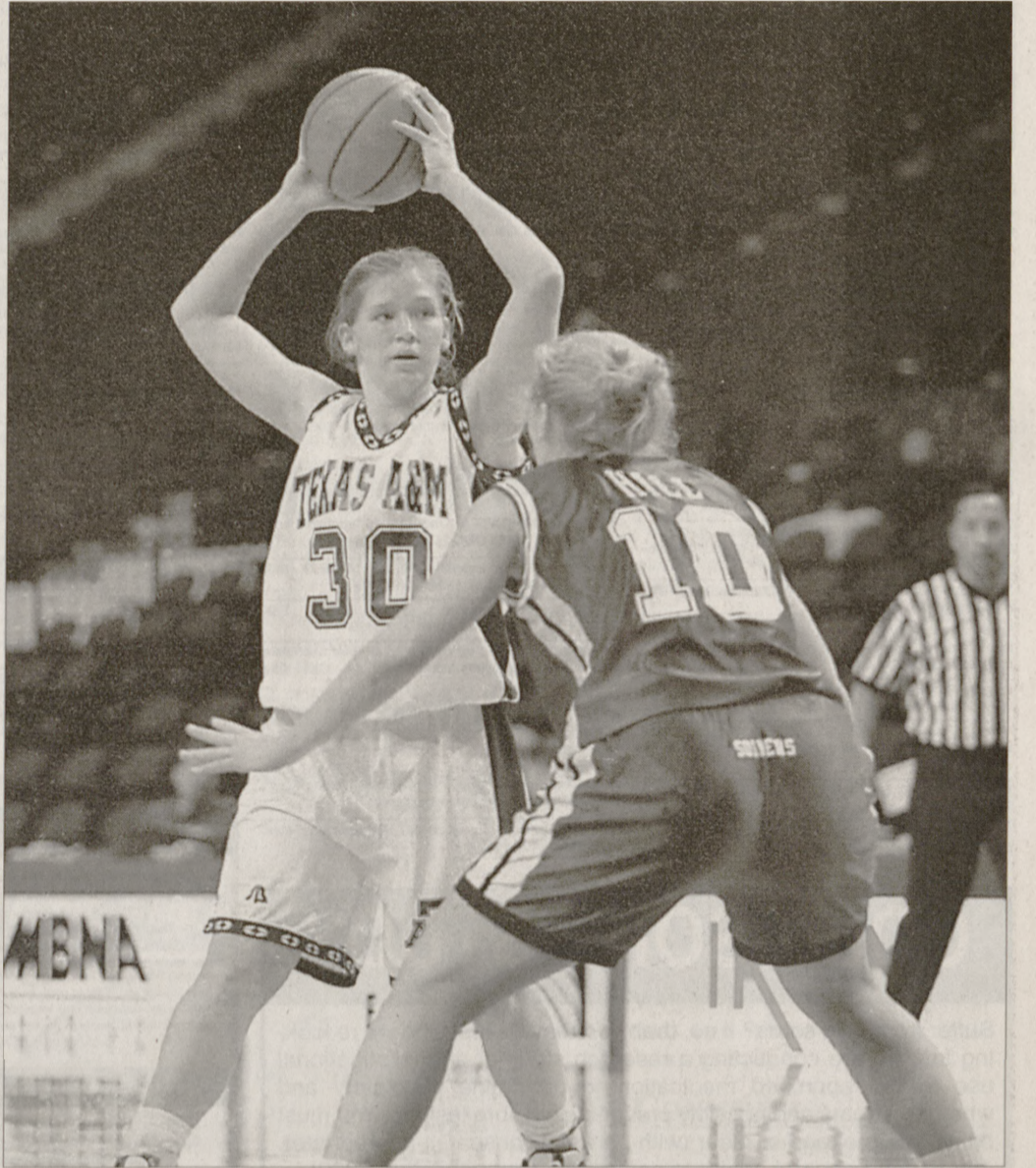
Oklahoma promptly gained momentum by going on a scoring run of their own scoring 14 of the next 18 points.

In the last five minutes, the game turned to the free-throw line. A&M made their last eight shots from the line while Oklahoma went 8-2 at the line.

This is the sixth straight loss for the Aggies, giving them an overall record of 9-8, 1-6 in the Big 12 Conference. Oklahoma advanced to 16-3 and 6-0.

Sharpe had a big night for the Aggies, earning her 34th career double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Saunders led the team in scoring with 22 points.

Oklahoma had a few standout players of their own. The game started out with A&M scoring the opening basket giving them a 2-0 lead. Oklahoma responded



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A&M senior forward **Kera Alexander** attempts to pass the ball over Oklahoma guard **Caton Hill** in the Aggies' loss to the Sooners last night at Reed Arena.

losing streak get to them.

"I don't think our kids have ever been down," Sharpe said. "The team has never, ever lost confidence."

Sharpe said the team is not letting the six game

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ROBERT HYNCEK/THE BATTALION

Super Bowl produces unlikely matchup

Welcome to Super Bowl XXXIV, where two Cinderellas have found their way to the ball, but there is only one prince.



RICH BRAY

Enter the St. Louis Rams, a team that started the season quickly, but was expected to collapse down the stretch. Instead, they went on to a 13-win season and earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

Their quarterback, Kurt Warner, was the surprise success story of the NFL.

Warner spent his college career, not as a football hero, but as a backup quarterback at Northern Iowa. Finally getting a chance to play as a fifth-year senior, he was named the Gateway Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

The NFL did not draft him. He was rejected by the Canadian Football League and was then cut by the Green Bay Packers in training camp.

Undaunted, Warner stocked shelves at a local supermarket at \$5.50 an hour

until he earned spots in Arena football and later NFL Europe. He did well enough on these teams to earn a spot with the Rams in 1998.

When Trent Green went down in the preseason with an injury, Warner came in and led the Rams to the best record in the NFC and ran away with the Most Valuable Player vote.

Their opponents, the Tennessee Titans, are also eager to tell you that they have been underdogs all year.

"We'll always be underdogs," Titans defensive lineman Josh Evans said. "But I'll tell you what - this team has a lot of heart."

Their quarterback, Steve McNair, came out of Division I-AA Alcorn State and was drafted amid controversy in 1995. The so-called experts were uncertain as to whether a player could jump from Division II football to the NFL.

Despite his less than impressive passing statistics due to the emergence of running back Eddie George and the Titans' rushing game (McNair passed for

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in Brief

suffocates
émon toy

OLIS (AP) — A 4-year-old boy suffocated in his crib after a night of playing with a larger King Pokémon toy. The subject of a national recall after a similar death.

ones was found dead at an autopsy determined to be asphyxiation, said Chief Lana Schreiner Lawrence.

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think there will be recommendations those issues," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, epidemiology in the branch of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention conducted one of

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gan's Law

N.J. (AP) — A federal judge ordered New Jersey's sexual offender notification law, known as "Megan's Law," to be shut down until the state can put tighter controls on the information. The judge is responding to a class action suit filed by the state Public Defender, U.S. District Judge Irenas said. The judge failed to implement standards of how the law are conducted.

red state Attorney General John Farmer to review the law. He issued an order that the offender notification law be delayed until the state can appeal.

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