

Monday, December 4, 2000

VCU edges Ags, 107-106, in double-OT

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Willie Taylor scored 12 of his 23 points in the second overtime Saturday night, and Virginia Commonwealth hung on for a 107-106 victory over Texas A&M.

The Rams (4-2), led by 10 with 58 seconds remaining in the second overtime before the Aggies (2-3) hit four 3-pointers in the last 35 seconds. The Rams hit 19 of 26 from the free throw line in the second overtime to offset the Aggies' 3-point barrage.

Bo Jones hit a 3-pointer with 12.9 seconds left in the first overtime to tie the game at 84.

In regulation, Jones gave the Rams a 76-74 lead with 10.5 seconds remaining on a three-point play. Jamaal Gilchrist tied the game with two free throws with 2.9 seconds remaining.

The Aggies were 17 of 17 from the line in the second half.

Jones had 29 points and Domonic Jones 20 to lead five Rams in double figures.

Bernard King led the Aggies with 22 points. Carlton Brown tossed in 20 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, leading the Aggies to a 54-37 edge on the boards.

Keith Dean had 17 points for the Aggies, Gilchrist 15 and Nick Anderson 11.

The game had 59 fouls and 87 free-throw attempts.

"I was really proud of our kids' effort," said A&M coach Melvin Watkins. "We didn't quit. We knew coming in that this would be a tough place to play. We are still young, but we're growing up in a hurry."



KING

NCAA split ends Aggies' season

Gibson goes on fire in 3-0 sweep of Houston Cougars

STAFF AND WIRE

Texas A&M vs. Houston in the opening round of the NCAA volleyball tournament was a rematch of A&M's home opener earlier in the season. The only difference was two vastly improved teams that finished in second place in their respective conferences.

However, No. 23 A&M was able to accomplish the same result with a 3-0 sweep over the Cougars Friday night in Stockton, Calif.

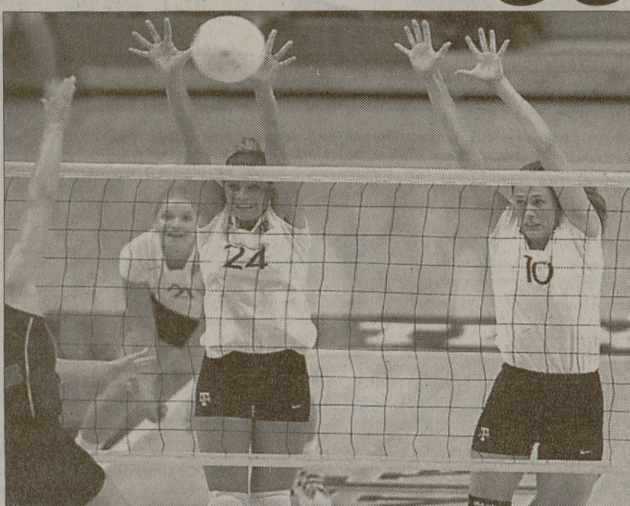
It was the Aggies' eighth straight postseason appearance

and the Cougars' 10th.

Houston was trying to break a five-year streak of first-round losses while A&M was looking for its 20th win.

A&M volleyball coach Laurie Corbelli had been stopped short of a 20-win season just once — in 1994's 19-14 season. Ever since, 20 wins has been a benchmark for Aggie volleyball. A&M improved to 20-8 on the season.

The Aggies were led by outside hitter Erin Gibson, who posted 19 kills and 15 digs in the 15-6, 15-1, 15-8 sweep.



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A&M setter Jenna Moscovic (left) posted only one win in her hometown of Stockton, Calif. before Pacific ended A&M's season in the second round of the NCAA tourney.

Pacific sweeps A&M to prevent postseason run

STAFF AND WIRE

Just one day after No. 23 Texas A&M posted its 20th win of the season, No. 7 Pacific won its 20th straight match to end the Aggies' postseason in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Pacific, playing on its home court in Stockton, Calif., swept the Aggies, 17-5, 15-9, 15-8.

A&M concludes its season at 20-9 while Pacific improves to 28-3.

The Tigers edged out the Aggies with a 17-15 win in a 40-minute first game. After

that, Pacific controlled the momentum and took advantage of Aggie errors to advance to the Sweet 16.

"We couldn't get into a rhythm tonight and that kind of threw us off a bit," said A&M coach Laurie Corbelli. "At some points tonight we looked like the team we could be, but we missed too many serves and I thought our passing really held us back."

The match marked the final showing for A&M's three seniors, Heather Marshall, Christy Clark and Claire Harvey.

A&M women continue winning ways

BY BRIAN RUFF
The Battalion

The Texas A&M women's basketball team found its groove late and won its second game of a three-game home stand by defeating the University of Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners, 67-54, Friday night at Reed Arena.

The Aggies aimed to match last year's 30-point pounding of UTSA and add to their 4-1 record in this young 2000-01 season.

"This team really outplayed us tonight. They wanted it a little more than we did," said A&M coach Peggie Gillom. "I am really proud of the way we came back in the end."

Gillom's Aggies, coming off a 77-47 win over the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions on Tuesday night, started out sluggishly against the Roadrunners. UTSA had a seven-point lead before A&M found its rhythm and went on a 10-point scoring run.

A&M continued to take advantage of its opponent's turnovers, converting 11 UTSA turnovers into 14 points in the first half and speeding up the tempo of the contest.

Despite going only four of 11 from the floor in the first period, forward Jaynetta Saunders, who is third in scoring in the Big 12, led the Aggies with 10 points and four rebounds.

The teams continued to battle for the remainder of the half. With 20 seconds left, Saunders found true freshman forward Janae Derrick near the basket. Derrick made the layup and gave the Aggies a one-point, 27-26.

UTSA shot only 36.4 percent from the floor and went one of four from the free-throw line in the first half.

A&M did not allow the Roadrunners to lead in the second half. The Aggies steadily increased the lead until UTSA went on a seven-point scoring run with eight minutes left in the

half and cutting the Aggies' lead to one point. UTSA did not get any closer to the lead for the rest of the game.

The Aggies pulled away from the Roadrunners in the final minutes of the game to win by a 13 point margin, 67-54.

Saunders posted 11 of the teams final 18 points in the game. She posted a season high 25 points and tallied seven rebounds in the second half, giving her 11 for the game to finish out her third double-double of the season.

"I just felt like if I get the ball, I wanted to shoot it, and they were going in," said Saunders.

The Aggies won their second straight game despite getting out-rebounded offensively, 18-3.

After their win over the Roadrunners (2-4), the Aggies (5-1) will take a week off and be back into action at Reed Arena on Dec. 10 against Illinois-Chicago.



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Brandy Jones drives inside during A&M's 67-54 win over Texas-San Antonio on Friday.

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For more information contact Jason Boyle @ 862-4294.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sport</th> <th>Event Date</th> <th>Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Handball</td> <td>December 1-3</td> <td>Read Court</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>• GOLF</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>GREEN CHARGES</th> <th>WEEKDAYS</th> <th>WEEKENDS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Student Green Charges</td> <td>\$11</td> <td>\$14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Faculty/Staff/Alumni/Retiree</td> <td>\$14</td> <td>\$17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guests</td> <td>\$17</td> <td>\$20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>• Two for Tuesdays at Penberthy Driving Range—Refine your skills at a bargain price! 2 large buckets of balls for the price of one \$6.</p> <p>• Friends Ride Free at the Golf Course—Rent a golf cart for two people at half price \$9. 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