

Guns down



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Senior outside hitter Michelle Cole whistles a kill past Texas Tech's Kelly Johnson during A&M's sweep of the Red Raiders Saturday.

OUTLASTS

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first down at the A&M 11-yard line.

Benson capped off the drive one play later, when he scored from five-yards out, giving Texas the eventual game-winning touchdown with more than seven minutes to play.

The Aggies had to punt on their next possession and forced the Longhorns to punt on the next drive, giving A&M another shot at tying the game.

Farris completed an eight-yard pass to Porter on first down, but two plays later, Rawls' brought down the deciding interception that ended the Aggies' upset hopes.

"I am pleased we are going to a bowl," Slocum said. "I look around the country and see a lot of big-time programs that aren't going anywhere."

The No. 3 Longhorns will take on the No. 9 Colorado Buffaloes in the Big 12 Championship game Saturday in Dallas.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Leatherman gives Aggies 77-74 win

The Texas A&M men's basketball team rallied behind senior guard Andy Leatherman's three-pointer with just over a minute left to give the Aggies a 77-74 win over the Lamar Cardinals Saturday in Beaumont.

Leatherman's three-pointer came following Lamar's Tyler Hackstadt's three-point shot that gave the Cardinals a 74-73 lead with 1:30 left.

A&M improved to 2-0 on the season, while the Cardinals fell to 0-2.

Junior guard Bernard King led the Aggies with 28 points and grabbed six rebounds. Leatherman had 10 points, including the game-winner.

The Aggies will return to action tonight when they host Texas A&M-Kingsville at Reed Arena. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

Brown earns Big 12 honors for upset performance

DALLAS (AP) — Colorado's Chris Brown, who rushed for a school-record six touchdowns in the Buffaloes' upset of Nebraska, was named Sunday as the Big 12 Conference offensive player of the week.

Brown rushed 24 times for 198 yards Friday as the Buffaloes clinched the Big 12 North title with their 62-36 victory over then No. 2 Nebraska.

Ags go cold in finals

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Maybe it was coincidence, but when the lights in Reed Arena went out before the opening tip-off of the Texas A&M-Charlotte 49ers women's basketball game Sunday, both teams' shooting touches turned cold as well.

Neither the Aggies (2-2) or the 49ers (3-1) managed to shoot better than 36 percent in the game, but it was Charlotte that claimed a 54-57 victory over the errant Aggies to win the Whataburger Classic at Reed Arena.

Center Adrienne Jordan led Charlotte with 22 points, 16 rebounds and a Reed Arena women's record seven blocks. "Jordan really showed up," said Charlotte head coach Katie Meier. "She was huge, and I mean huge. If she didn't make her shot, I think about 80 percent of the time she got her rebound and put it back in."

Neither team had a field goal until Jordan made a layup with 15:31 remaining in the first half. Jordan scored the 49er's first six points.

"We tried to adjust to her, but we couldn't play it right," said A&M head coach Peggie Gillom. "She just ate our lunch."

Even with the blocks, we would just turn around and put it right back into her."

Despite 15 Charlotte turnovers in the first half, the teams were tied 22-22.

The game stayed close throughout the second half as neither team led by more than six points. Charlotte held the lead for most of the half and the two teams traded the lead four times.

The Aggies took a 41-40 lead with 5:43 remaining when sophomore forward Alaina Johnson made a layup from a pass by senior guard LaToya Rose.

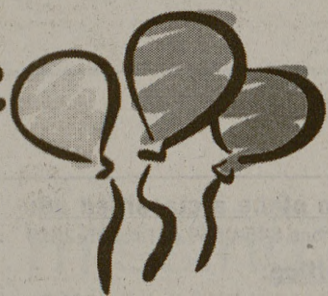
After Johnson's layup, Charlotte held A&M scoreless for the next minute of play and the Aggies never challenged the lead again.

Junior forward Meg Banahan hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to make it a three-point game, but Charlotte's Monica League's free throw put the game out of reach.

The Aggies shot just 63.2 percent from the free-throw line, including only 60 percent in the second half.

"This is a bad loss for us," Gillom said. "This is a loss that we are going to have to learn from. Charlotte was the better team tonight, but we didn't play up to par."

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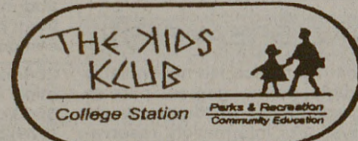
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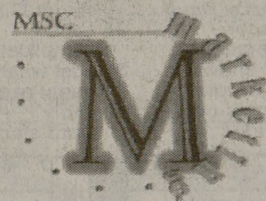
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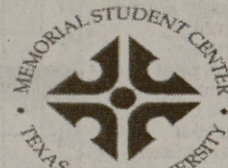
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