

## SPORTS IN BRIEF Women golfers finish eighth

PARRISH, Fla. — The Texas A&M women's golf team struggled to a final-round 312 on Tuesday and finished eighth at the Central District Invitational at River Wilderness Country Club.

A&M freshman Nicole Melton closed with a five-over-par 77 after rounds of 70-74 on Monday and finished tied for sixth in the individual standings with a 54-hole total of 221.

Melton was five strokes behind tournament champion Stacy Snider of Michigan State, who carded an even-par total of 72-71-73=216 on the par 72, 6,109-yard course.

Tournament host Michigan State won the team title by 11 strokes with rounds of 296-292-296=884, with four players finishing in the top five.

Ohio State and Purdue tied for second at 895, followed by Michigan (903), Oklahoma (904), Baylor (910), Kent State (910), Texas A&M (294-306-312=912), TCU (915), Indiana (928), Northwestern (938), Nebraska (938), Texas Tech (939) and Missouri (939).

Also for A&M, senior McKenzie Dyslin tied for 31st with rounds of 77-76-76=229, freshman Liv Briggs tied for 31st at 74-75-80=229, senior Jennifer Cates tied for 41st at 73-81-79=233 and senior Anna Jonsson finished 68th at 85-81-82=246.

The Aggies play host to the Verizon Mo'morial March 4-5 at Briarcrest Country Club in Bryan.

## Buffaloes too much for Aggs to handle

### Four Colorado players score in double digits as men's basketball falls, 92-77

By Doug Fuentes  
THE BATTALION

In its last home game of the season, the conditions seemed right for the Texas A&M men's basketball team to come away with a victory.

Despite being mired in a seven-game losing streak, the Aggies were facing a Colorado team in the midst of a five-game losing streak. Throw in the fact that it was Senior Night, and things could not have set up better for A&M.

But as has been the case for the Aggies all season, things did not go their way as four Colorado players scored in double digits, including three with more than 20 points, as the Buffaloes handed the Aggies a 92-77 loss at Reed Arena on Tuesday night.

The Aggies were led by junior guard Bernard King, who scored a season-high 32 points, but it was poor defense down the stretch by the Aggies that cost them the game.

"We were pretty bad defensively," said A&M head coach Melvin Watkins. "Some were tough shots but the majority we just didn't do a good job. They gained confidence as the game goes on and when you don't play defense, teams will gain confidence."

The one thing A&M could not afford was to let Colorado gain confidence, but that is what it did. The confidence translated into a 53.6 percent shooting night from the floor for the Buffaloes including 63.6 percent in the second half.

Colorado's mixing of inside and outside shots translated into a balanced scoring attack. Blair Wilson led the Buffaloes with 24 points, including 5-for-9 from the 3-point arc. David Harrison led the inside assault for Colorado, scoring 20 points.

"In the last couple games, I haven't played as hard as I should have," Harrison said. "Tonight I just tried to read the defense. The game plan tonight was to score more points and play defense. That was our game plan and it worked well."

After trailing 38-31 at halftime, the Aggies attempted to scratch back into the game. They managed to make it a five point game with 7:59 left in the game, when a lay-up by sophomore guard Jesse King made it a 64-59 game.

The Buffaloes, as they did all night, quelled the Aggies rally, knocking down its free throws and out-hustling A&M for loose balls.



A&M junior Bernard King has his shot contested by Colorado's Mookie Wright during the Aggies' 92-77 loss to the Buffaloes on Tuesday night at Reed Arena.

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## Continued losing ways have taken toll on Aggies

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In its 92-77 loss to Colorado on Tuesday night at Reed Arena, one thing became clear about the Texas A&M men's basketball team — a season of losing finally caught up with it.

For a game that the Aggies had good reason to think they could win, there is no other reason why they came out flat as they did.

With 9:02 left in the first half, A&M was only 5-for-23 from the field. With 7:40 remaining in the half, it had only upped its shooting to 6-

for-25, en route to 33.3 percent in the half — not exactly numbers that help a team trying to win a home game.

"I just never know which team is going to show up for us or who's going to show up for us," said A&M head coach Melvin Watkins. "I think Bernard (King) has been pretty

consistent, but after that, it goes and comes."

As has been the case for most of the season, the team was carried on the shoulders of junior guard Bernard King against the Buffaloes.

King scored a season-high 32 points and shot 12-of-22 from the floor — more than 50

percent. Take King's numbers away and A&M only shot 36.7 percent.

Defensively, the Aggies were not much better.

Colorado shot 53.6 percent from the floor, including 9-of-16

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