

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Women's basketball team falls to Texas

The Texas A&M women's basketball team recorded its fifth consecutive loss versus the No. 11 University of Texas Longhorns on Sunday.

Kala Bowers and Heather Shrieber led Texas to a 76-50 victory. Bowers was dominant, scoring 22 points in the game. Shrieber added a double-double, putting up 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The Aggies were led by Toccara Williams' six steals, which tied the Texas A&M career record for takeaways. Williams also added a team-high 14 points.

The Longhorns began the game on a 10-0 run and continued to build on the lead throughout the game. A&M was unable to get within 10 points of Texas after 1:02 remained in the first half.

The Aggies' next game will be at home versus Oklahoma. Tip-off is scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Reed Arena.

AFC wins Pro Bowl

By Greg Beacham
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HONOLULU — Ricky Williams' first trip to the Pro Bowl was worth the wait.

The Miami Dolphins' running back rushed for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award in the AFC's 45-20 victory over the NFC on Sunday.

The AFC had six interceptions while beating the NFC for its sixth victory in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Williams also caught three passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6 halftime lead.

"What's fun is how laid-back everything is," Williams said. "It's always great to get in the end zone, but it's especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching."

Williams got the AFC off to a fast start. After Miami teammate Jason Taylor intercepted Jeff Garcia's pass near midfield

on the opening possession, Williams broke an 18-yard run on the AFC's first offensive play before scoring easily three plays later.

Garcia, making his first Pro Bowl start, threw three interceptions in the first 17 minutes.

Philadelphia's David Akers set a Pro Bowl record by kicking a 53-yard field goal against a strong crosswind in the second quarter.

There was even a shoving match, something rarely seen in the friendly exhibition. San Francisco center Jeremy Newberry got a personal foul for shoving New England's Richard Seymour in the face during the final minute of the first half.

On the final play of the half, Oakland's Rod Woodson intercepted McNabb's pass near the goal line and started a return featuring several laterals, a fumble — and at least one illegal forward pass, negating it all. The return stretched 97 yards before Taylor flopped into the end zone for a touchdown that didn't count.

West carries NHL All-Star contest

By Alan Robinson
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SUNRISE, Fla. — Dany Heatley did something that's almost impossible to do in an exhibition like the NHL All-Star game — he made it dramatic and exciting.

Heatley, a not-so-well known star from a last-place team playing in his first All-Star game, joined hockey greats such as Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux by scoring a record-tying four goals Sunday, though he couldn't prevent the Western Conference from beating the East in the first All-Star shootout in NHL history.

After a 5-all regulation tie set up the fourth overtime All-Star game, the West won 6-5 when Markus Naslund, Bill Guerin and Paul Kariya scored in the shootout against goalie Patrick Lalime. Only Heatley — of course — scored for the East against goalie Marty Turco.

Though Heatley put the puck in the net five times, the NHL announced several minutes after the game he would be credited only with four goals — the fifth player to do so.

Heatley, a 22-year-old overshadowed at times on his own Atlanta Thrashers team by Ilya Kovalchuk, matched Gretzky (1983), Lemieux (1990), Vincent Damphousse (1991) and Mike Gartner (1993) as the only players in the All-Star game's 53-year history with four goals.

After getting his fourth goal with six minutes still remaining in the second period, Heatley flashed a typical hockey player's missing-tooth grin, then spent the rest of the fast-moving and relatively low-scoring game trying to get his record fifth goal.

His linemates, who usually included home-ice star Olli Jokinen of Florida and Washington's

Jaromir Jagr, tried to get it for him too, repeatedly giving him the puck every time he hit the ice.

The relatively quiet fans in Office Depot Center began to realize what was happening, too, and picked up the noise level whenever he touched the puck.

He didn't get that fifth goal in regulation, but he did set up Jokinen's first career All-Star goal midway through the third period. Jokinen, a late addition to the game when Lemieux pulled out last week with a sore groin, also had a memorable debut with a goal and three assists.

Heatley's big game came only one year after he played in the Young Stars game, held the night before the All-Star game.

Fittingly enough, his big game highlighted an afternoon in which the NHL's young stars — for a change — truly did overshadow the traditional names such as Roy, Roenick, Lidstrom, Forsberg and Jagr.

Marian Gaborik, who at 20 is nearly two years younger than Heatley, had a goal and two assists to lead the West's first victory in the All-Star game since 1992 — when it was still known as the Campbell Conference.

There were some impressive efforts in net, though, especially considering the All-Star score was 14-12 with a World vs. North America format two years ago. Martin Brodeur of New Jersey allowed only a goal and Lalime and Turco gave up only a goal each until the shootout.

And the old-timers weren't entirely left out, either — the 39-year-old Al MacInnis also scored for the West in his first All-Star appearance in three years, as did longtime stars Mike Modano of Dallas and Peter Forsberg of Colorado. Jagralso had two assists for the East.

Tech

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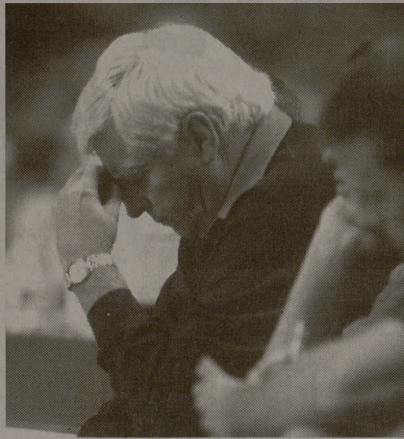
Knight dunk right there."

King, who scored a game-high 18 points, said that after Wright's dunk, he knew A&M would win the game.

"I almost turned a flip," King said. "I thought he was going to lay it up, but he dunked it. I almost ran off the court because it felt like the game was over. (The dunk) should be on (ESPN) Sports Center."


Wright has now scored in double digits in his last 16 outings, and finishing the game Saturday with 15 points and 10 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season.

Knight's next chance to reach 800 wins will come on Wednesday night in Lubbock against Nebraska. Knight trails Dean Smith of North Carolina (879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky (876) and Jim Phelan of Mount St. Mary's, Md. (826), who are the only three coaches in Division I history to reach the 800-win plateau.



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