

Ags look for back-to-back wins

Women's basketball team heads to Stillwater to take on Cowgirls

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After closing a seven game stretch against nationally ranked opponents Saturday, the Texas A&M women's basketball team now will focus on accomplishing something it has yet to do since joining the Big 12 Conference — win back-to-back conference games.

The Aggies' chance will come Tuesday when they take to the road to face the Oklahoma State University Cowgirls in Stillwater, Okla., at 7 p.m.

A&M (11-10, 3-6 Big 12) broke a five-game losing streak when it defeated No. 14 University of Texas Longhorns at Reed Arena, 70-65, on Saturday.

The Aggies got the victory with an aggressive defensive effort and the clutch playing of several players, led by sophomore guard Toccara Williams' 20 points and junior forward Kim Moore's career-high eight steals.

The victory broke the Longhorns' streak of seven straight wins against the Aggies and helped A&M exceed its conference win total from last season, when it finished 2-14.

"Of course that game was something very emotional for us," said A&M senior guard LaToya Rose. "Coach had told us before the game that it was going to be war, so once we found our groove in the second half, we weren't going to lay down for them."

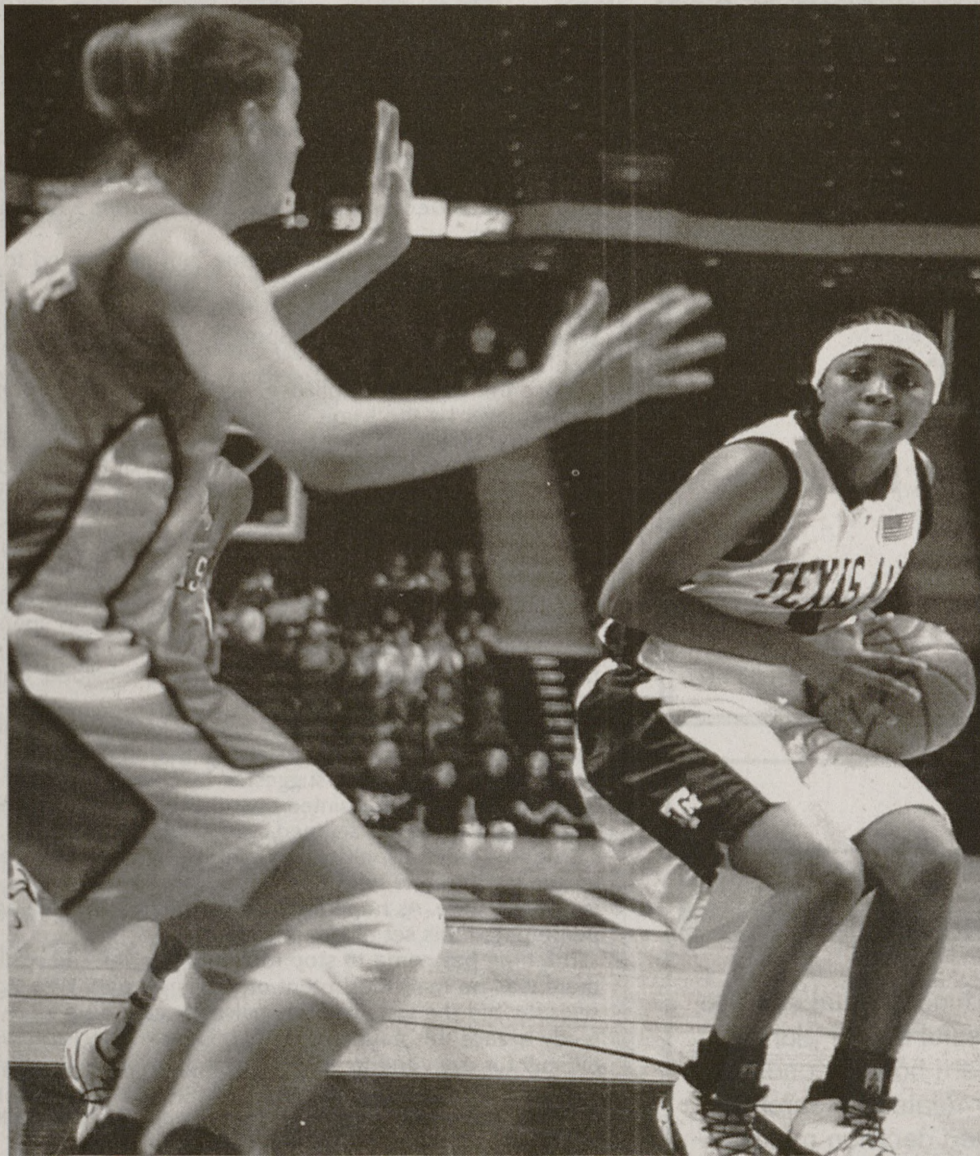
The Aggies need to continue riding on emotions to expand their winning streak as they try to overcome an abysmal history of Big 12 road games.

The Aggies only have managed five wins in their 44 trips since joining the conference in 1996 and have lost 18 of their last 19 road games. Their lone win was against the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., earlier this season.

At this point, however, the Aggies are just pleased to be facing their first unranked opponent in the past three and a half weeks.

"I'm glad [the streak] is over and I'm glad we ended it the way we did," said A&M head coach Peggie Gillom. "I got tired of answering the same question about playing ranked teams."

"Every team in the conference plays the same teams we did. All we can do is take care of our business here at home, and now



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A&M sophomore guard Toccara Williams prepares to take a shot during the Aggies 70-65

victory over the the University of Texas on Saturday at Reed Arena.

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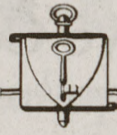
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Oklahoma State (11-11, 3-6) will be trying to snap a two-game losing streak when the Aggies come to town, after losses to the University of Oklahoma at home and an 80-62 loss in Waco to Baylor

University on Saturday.

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