

the sports

NBA playoffs

# Spurs take two-game lead

**United Press International**  
SAN ANTONIO — A free throw by Alan Bristow with four seconds remaining clinched a thrilling 121-120 San Antonio victory over Philadelphia Tuesday night, giving the Spurs a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semi-final series.

San Antonio let a 12-point lead slip away in the third quarter and then lost a 10-point lead in the final period, but a single free throw by Mike Gale and the final charity toss by Bristow sealed the win before the largest crowd ever to see a professional game in Texas — 16,709.

Philadelphia lost a chance to tie the game when, with six seconds remaining and the 76ers trailing by two, Maurice Cheeks misfired on a pass to Henry Bibby.

The ball sailed out of bounds and after San Antonio inbounded the ball, Bristow brought it up court and was fouled. Bristow missed his first foul opportunity, but tossed in the second one to clinch the game. Cheeks made a layup as time ran out

to account for the final score.

Cheeks had scored 12 points in the first period as the 76ers jumped to a 33-28 lead at the end of a quarter. San Antonio fell six points behind in the second quarter, but rallied behind nine points from James Silas and eight from backup center Mike Green to capture a 63-56 halftime lead.

Philadelphia did not lead again, but knotted the score at 110-110 with 2:28 left on a dunk shot by Darryl Dawkins, who led the 76ers with 27 points — 22 of them in the second half.

George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, hit 29 points for San Antonio while Larry Kenon had 27 and Silas 25. Julius Erving, who had cut the deficit to 119-118 before Gale

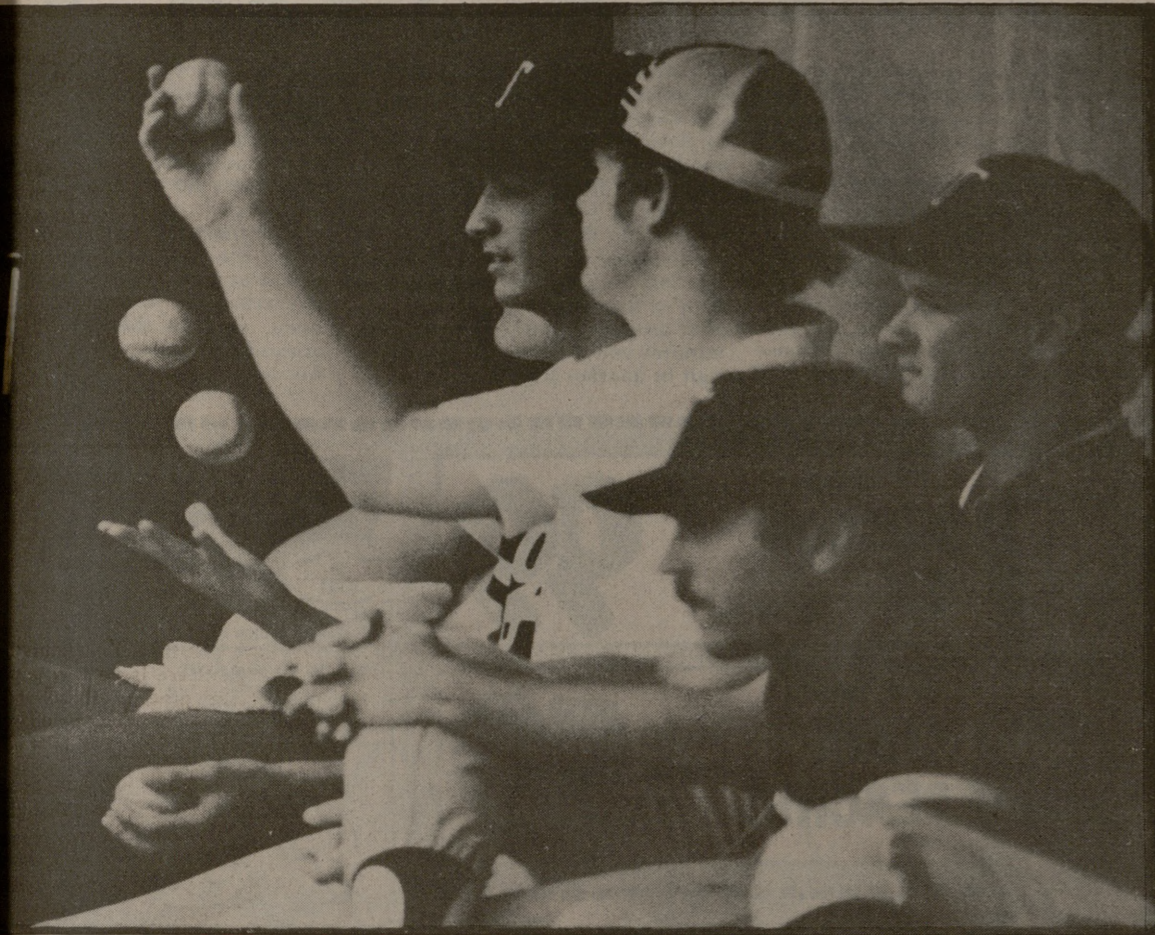
made one of two free shots with 12 seconds left, scored 25 points. Cheeks wound up with 22 and Bobby Jones had 20.

Silas scored 14 of his points in the third quarter to help the Spurs open as much as a 12 point advantage, but he did not score a point in the fourth period.

After Philadelphia tied the game at 110-110, Kenon hit two free throws to put San Antonio in front for good. Moments later Gervin he made a free throw and the lead saw-sawed between one and three points the rest of the game.

Among the critical baskets during the final two minutes was a jump shot by Bristow with 49 seconds remaining to make the score 117-114. Bristow finished with six points.

The series goes to Philadelphia for games on Friday night and Sunday afternoon and, if necessary, the semifinal playoffs will come back to the HemisFair Arena Thursday, April 26.



Up in the air

Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

Just like these baseballs, the Texas Aggies must once again juggle their schedule because of the unpredictable Texas weather. Tuesday's rain forced Texas A&M to cancel its double-header

with St. Mary's. The Aggies will travel to Lubbock Friday to play Texas Tech in a Southwest Conference three-game series. Oh yes, the juggler is freshman walk-on Cliff Ranson.

Aggie notes

## Netters fall to Coogs

The Texas A&M tennis team suffered its second Southwest Conference loss in a row Monday, losing to the University of Houston 7-2, after dropping a 9-0 match with Arkansas Friday.

The Aggies were able to win only one match each in both singles and doubles competition. In the singles, No. 5 seeded Trey Schutz beat Houston's Mike Lushitz, 6-3, 6-1, while the team of Max King and Jim Grubert took the No. 3 doubles match from Cougars Lushitz and Val Manning, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6.

Texas A&M Coach David Kent had mixed feelings about his team's performance.

"I thought we played well in spots, but we need to play equally tough in all matches if we're to have a chance against as good a team as Houston," said Kent. "I was especially happy with the play of Max King who just got back into the lineup for us after being ill for quite a while. I also thought Trey Schutz

played his best tennis of the season."

The Aggies, currently 27-43 in total conference matches and 11-10 overall, take on Lamar in their next match Friday at 1:30 on the Texas A&M varsity courts.

Women's tennis

Texas A&M's women's tennis team should be seeded fifth or sixth for this weekend's TIAAW state championship matches. The Aggies' No. 1 player, Pam Hill, suffered a ligament sprain in her left foot last week but should be ready for the tourney.

The state championship is the stepping stone onto the regional and national championships.

Men's golf

Coach Bob Ellis will take a six-man golf squad to Tyler this week in quest of the SWC tournament championship. Last year the Aggies finished third behind Houston and Texas. Texas A&M's Dave Ogrin was second in individual play last year.

The team title is determined by the four low scores among the six entrants after 54 holes of play. The tournament runs Friday through Sunday.

Women's golf

Coach Kitty Holley said her entire squad is looking good as the Aggie Ladies enter the TIAAW state tournament this weekend in Commerce. The women finished fifth last week in the Lady Cardinal Invitational in Beaumont. Sophomore Kim Bauer tied for first in medalist play with Terese Hession of SMU. Hession won the sudden death play-off.

Track

After scoring an 88-48 victory in Waco last weekend, the Texas A&M men's track team returns to Baylor Friday to compete in the eight-team Baylor Invitational meet.

The field includes Texas A&M, Baylor, Rice, SMU, Missouri, Lamar, North Texas and UT-Arlington.

Prelims start at 1 p.m. Field events begin at 4 p.m. and running events finals state at 6 p.m.

The Aggies also announced the signing of Barton Daniel, the state's top-ranked intermediate hurdler from Spring High School. The 17-year-old senior, who stands 6-3 and weighs 165, has run a 37.3 in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles. He ranks 10th in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 14.0.

## Moncrief honored

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WACO — Arkansas' All-America guard Sidney Moncrief has been named the first recipient of the R.E. "Bill" Henderson Award as the Southwest Conference basketball player displaying the most outstanding sportsmanship on and off the court.

The award, named after the longtime Baylor athletic director and basketball coach, will be presented by the Waco Chamber of Commerce Sunday at a luncheon.

Moncrief this season set Arkansas' career scoring record with 2,066 points and earned all conference honors for the third time.

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