

Aggie Ladies ready for season

By CAROLYN BLOSSER

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M's women's basketball team will play its first regular game of the season tonight against the University of Texas at Arlington in Arlington.

Even though it's the beginning of the 1979-80 season, the Aggie Ladies already have had their share of injuries. Von Bunn, a senior from Victoria, is out for the season with arm and elbow trouble and it is uncertain whether she will be able to play out her fourth year of eligibility next year.

Tammy Crafton, a 6-foot junior forward from Iowa, broke her hand in practice and will be out for a month. Pat Werner, a 6-foot senior from Angleton who plays post, is coming off foot surgery and it will be a while before she can play at full strength.

It looks like a dismal picture at first glance, but A&M coach Cherri Rapp says her team's strong point is depth - something the Aggies will need to stay ahead this season.

Rapp is entering her first year as A&M's head coach, replacing Wanda Bender who resigned in March. Rapp coached at North Texas State for three years, and earned All-America honors three times as an undergraduate at Wayland Baptist University. She was an alternate on the U.S. Olympic team in Montreal in 1976.

Rapp purposely chose a hard schedule for her team this season, which includes games with such national powers as Louisiana Tech, Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Louisiana State University and Wayland Baptist.

"I think we can learn a lot from playing strong teams," she said. Rapp said that A&M's region of

Texas and Louisiana is probably the strongest in the country. Last year's regional winner, Louisiana Tech, went on to finish second in the nation, and all of Tech's players are returning this season.

She said the key to the Aggie Ladies' success this year depends on ball handling.

"We need to improve our ball handling," she said. "I think that will determine how good a team we turn out to be."

Anchoring A&M at post this year will be 5-foot-10 senior Peggy Pope from Carthage, last year's leading scorer.

"Peggy plays taller than she is," Rapp said. "She has a real high vertical jump, is a good rebounder and scores well under the basket. She plays like she's 6-2."

Also lending strength to the inside will be sisters Lori and Cathy Fore-

man from Guymon, Okla. Cathy is a 6-foot-1 freshman, and 6-foot-2 Lori came with Rapp from North Texas State.

Lori is extremely quick for her height and a good defensive player, Rapp said. Cathy, who hasn't played much offense having played guard in high school, has been working on her shooting.

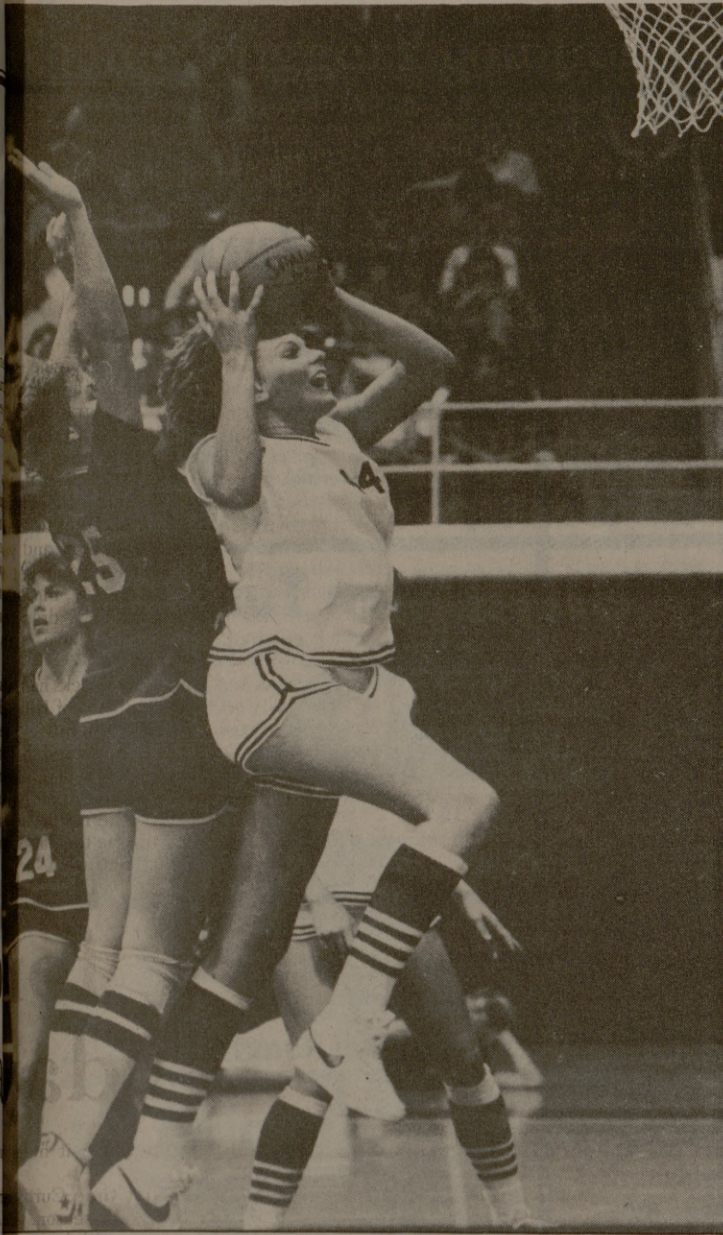
Pat Werner will also add depth to the inside when she's healthy to play.

Playing forward for A&M will be Tammy Crafton, Trigg Crawford, Susan Kimbro, Lori Pye and Cathy Fuller. Crawford, a 6-foot junior

from College Station, shoots well off the fast break and will also help A&M in rebounding.

Kimbro is a 5-foot-10 senior from Kyle who "thinks when she plays," Rapp said. Fuller, a senior from Weslaco, was A&M's best percentage shooter last year.

Seeing action at point guard will be seniors Lola Baker and Lisa Hughes, sophomore Kelley Sullivan and freshman Lisa Key. Baker and Hughes are both good outside shooters, Rapp said. Sullivan has improved on defense and is expected to see a lot of playing time, she said.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper

Foreman flying high

Texas A&M sophomore Lori Foreman gets up and pulls down a rebound against Southwest Texas State Saturday in an exhibition game at G. Rollie White Coliseum. The Aggie Ladies play their first regular game of the season tonight against the University of Texas-Arlington in Arlington.

Women ruggers compete

Texas A&M's women's rugby team won two games and lost one in the eighth annual Ozark Rugby tournament last weekend.

The Aggies defeated the Ozark ladies 14-4 and Oklahoma 4-0, but lost to the eventual tournament championship team from St. Louis, 10-5 Aggies.

The Aggies will travel to Athens, Ga. to play in the annual University of Georgia Ruggernaut. The Aggies are the only Texas team invited among teams from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington D.C. This will be the last tournament of the season for the 10-5 Aggies.

Franklin boot deflates Pokes

United Press International
IRVING, Texas — With time running out in the first half at Texas Stadium Monday night, the Philadelphia Eagles faced a third down, needing 10 yards for a first, on the Dallas Cowboys' 42.

A pass by Ron Jaworski fell incomplete and the Eagles also were called for illegal motion.

Dallas coach Tom Landry ordered his team to turn down the penalty, bringing up fourth down at the 42.

Seeing that, rookie place kicker Tony Franklin — holder of 18 NCAA records — dashed up to coach Dick Vermeil and said:

"Let me try it."

So Vermeil, with his team already in front by seven points, gave Franklin a shot at making a field goal of 59 yards.

"I just didn't think he could kick it that far," Landry said. "That's why we turned down the penalty. When he kicked it, it seemed to take something out of us."

Franklin's boot, which just cleared the crossbar, was the second longest in NFL history — the longest being Tom Dempsey's 63-yarder for New Orleans nine years ago.

"I would have traded the one I made for two I missed," said Frank-

lin, who actually missed four others Monday night. "It was a poor exhibition on my part."

"On the long one I decided I wasn't going to try to finesse the ball. I decided I would just kick it as hard as I could. When the ball was getting closer to the goal I started watching the official and when his arms went up I got excited."

Franklin, a third-round draft pick from Texas A&M, is the only kicker in NCAA history to kick two field goals of 60 yards or more in the same game. He booted field goals of 64 and 65 yards against Baylor in his junior year.

Athletes may have taken \$

United Press International
LONDON — The International Amateur Athletic Federation has given British track and field authorities a deadline of Dec. 1 to produce a report about a 1978 meeting in Gateshead, England, at which more than a dozen athletes including world record-holders Edwin Moses and Sebastian Coe are alleged to have been paid.

"The IAAF has made it known that they want these matters cleared up quickly and not dragged on into next year," IAAF Secretary General John Holt said.

The allegations, printed in full by a British newspaper Sunday, come

from a member of the Gateshead council, who said the council accounts showed the athletes received money totaling almost \$20,000, which could not be justified as expenses.

If the charges the athletes were paid appearance money are proved, the IAAF and International Olympic Committee could disqualify them for breaching amateur regulations.

According to British newspapers, among the athletes affected are world-record hurdler Moses and triple world-record holder Coe. The newspapers said Moses received \$1,700 and Coe \$430.



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