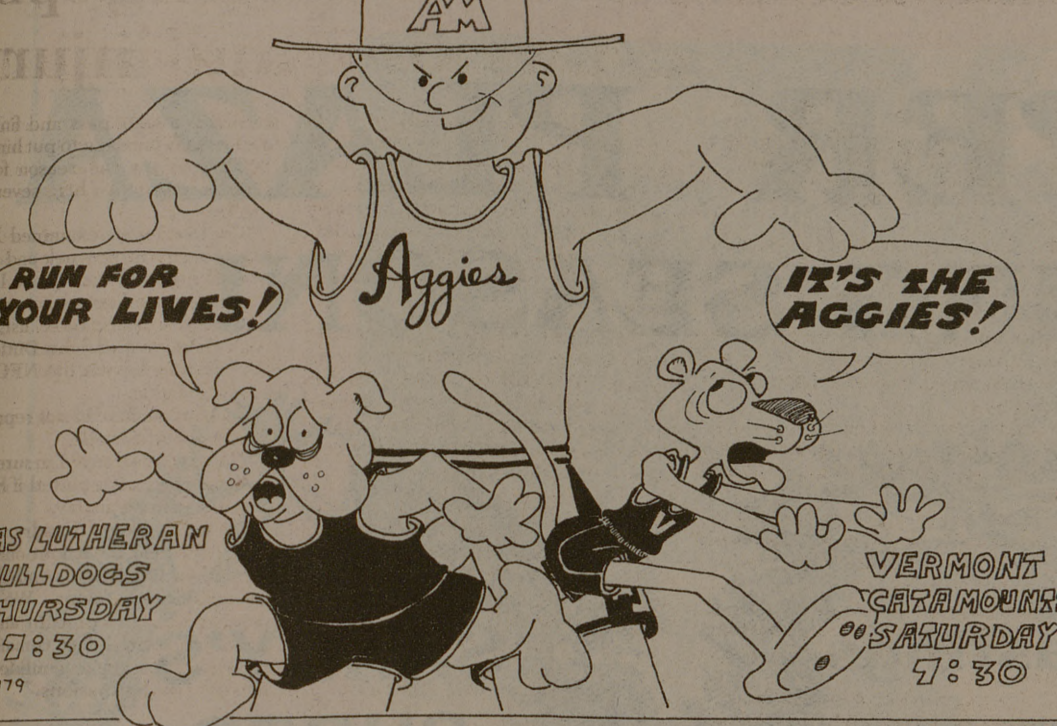


# IT'S BASKETBALL TIME!



## Aggies face TLC after road trip

The Texas A&M basketball team settles in for a four-game homestand beginning tonight when they host Texas Lutheran in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

The Ags will take on Vermont Saturday, Dec. 8; Sam Houston Monday, Dec. 10 and East Texas State Wednesday Dec. 12 before heading for Provo, Utah and the Cougar Classic hosted by Brigham Young.

Coach Shelby Metcalf's crew will take a 2-2 record against TLC today after winning one game and losing two at the Great Alaskan Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska last weekend.

With All-SWC junior forward Vernon Smith on the bench serving a three-game suspension by the NCAA, the Aggies bowed to Iona College 78-62 and Lamar 61-60.

Against Iona, junior forward Rynn Wright was A&M's top scorer with 19 points sophomore center Rudy Woods canned 17 and senior guard

David Britton put in 16. The Aggies were without senior guard Dave Goff in the second half who sat out with muscle spasms.

Goff was back in the lineup against Lamar but A&M still missed Smith as the Cardinals scored the winning basket with two seconds left in the game. A&M had gone ahead 60-59 with 21 seconds left on Steve Syles-tine's 20-foot jumper from the corner. Wright was again the Ags' leading scorer with 21 points followed by Woods with 14.

Smith joined the team for the final game of the Alaska tournament against the University of Pacific and led the way with 28 points as A&M won 82-66. Wright scored 15 and Goff 10 the Aggies evened their season record at 2-2.

Following the four-game homestand, A&M competes in the BYU Cougar Classic on Dec. 14-15 where they will meet LaSalle at 8 p.m. (CDT). The University of Santa Barbara joins the rest of the field to make up the four-team tournament.

On Dec. 21-22, A&M will compete in the Rebel Classic in Las Vegas, Nev. hosted by UNLV. The Ags' first round opponent in that tourney will be North Texas State at 11 p.m. (CDT). Montana is the other team entered in that tournament.

The Aggies wind up pre-conference tournament play on Dec. 28-29 at the Pillsbury Classic in Minneapolis, Minn. A&M will open against Loyola at 7 p.m. (CDT) with the Minnesota Gophers and Rutgers rounding out the field.

Southwest Conference play begins for A&M Jan. 3 against Texas Christian in Fort Worth. The first league contest at home for the Aggies is Jan. 5 when they host Baylor. All of A&M's home conference game will begin at 8 p.m.

The first round of the SWC Tournament is Feb. 25 with the finals at San Antonio's HemisFair Arena Feb. 28-Mar. 1.

## Lakers top Rockets, 116-114, 76ers dunk Spurs, 132-120

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 29 points before he was ejected with 3:44 to play, and James Nixon scored three points in the final 25 seconds Wednesday night to rally the Los Angeles Lakers to a 116-114 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Lakers forward Jamaal Wilkes put two rebound shots with two minutes left in the fourth quarter to give the Lakers their first lead of the quarter at 111-110.

The lead changed hands four more times, the last time when Spencer Haywood stole the ball from Rick Barry and started the Lakers to Nixon's layup and a 115-114 lead. The

Rockets then missed two shots and with one second left Nixon boosted his game total to 26 points with a single free throw.

Center Moses Malone led the Rockets with 30 points and his two free throws with 3:44 to play boosted the Rockets to a seven-point lead and an apparent victory as Jabbar was forced to leave the game due to two technical fouls being called on him.

The Lakers victory was their third straight on the road. Wilkes chipped in 18 points for the Lakers and Earvin Johnson added 16.

PHILADELPHIA — Julius Erving scored 28 points and Bobby Jones added 22 Wednesday night to give the Philadelphia 76ers a 132-120 victory over the San Antonio

Spurs and extend their winning streak to seven.

The Sixers, trailing 80-73 midway through the third period, came to life in the fourth quarter behind the play of Erving, Jones and Darryl Dawkins. They posted a 108-99 lead with 6:42 left when Dawkins shattered the backboard with a slam dunk.

When the contest resumed an hour and 14 minutes later, the Spurs were unable to get closer than six points.

Dawkins had 20 points for Philadelphia, while rookie Clint Richardson added 16. George Gervin pumped in 42 points for the Spurs, 24 of them in the first half, and Kevin Restani 22.

## Comaneci hospitalized

United Press International  
FORT WORTH — Nadia Comaneci, the most well-known gymnast in the world, was admitted to a hospital Wednesday night for treatment of an infected left hand, but the head of the Romanian delegation said he thought Comaneci would try to compete in the World Gymnastics Championships tonight.

Comaneci, who turned in the top individual performance on the opening day of the women's team competition in the championships Tuesday, did so while being bothered by a scratch on her hand.

That scratch turned into an infection and she was admitted to All-Saints Hospital at 7 p.m. EST Wednesday.

Alexandru Mogos, head of the Romanian gymnastic delegation at the world championships, issued a brief statement late Wednesday night, revealing the infection.

"She will spend the night at the hospital," said Mogos. "She will compete today."

When asked whether the infection would affect Comaneci's performance, Mogos said, "We will have to wait and see."

## Green makes Walter Camp team

United Press International  
NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Running backs Charles White of Southern California and Billy Sims of Oklahoma were the top vote-getters on the Walter Camp Football Foundation's 1979 All-American team announced Wednesday.

White, this year's Heisman Trophy winner, last week received the Walter Camp 1979 "Player of the Year" award.

The selection of the 24 member All-American team was announced by William T. O'Brien Jr., president of the organization dedicated to carrying out the ideals of Camp, often called the "father of American football statistics."

The team was selected by college football coaches and sports information directors.

Sims and White were repeaters from the 1978 squad. Defensive end Hugh Green of Pittsburgh and defensive backs Ken Easley of UCLA and Johnnie Johnson of Texas, were also named to the team for the second year in a row.

Joining Sims and White in the camp All-American offensive backfield were quarterback Marc Wilson of Brigham Young and running back Vegas Ferguson of Notre Dame.

The team members will be honored at the annual Walter Camp

Football Foundation Awards Banquet on Feb. 2, 1980 in New Haven.

Another top vote-getter was offensive guard Brad Budde of USC, one of three schools with two players on the all-star squad. Sims and line-backer George Cumby represented the Sooners, while Johnson and defensive tackle Steve McMichael were chosen from the Longhorns.

Also named to the All-American offensive team were: wide receiver Ken Margerum, Stanford; tight end Junior Miller, Nebraska; tackles

Greg Kolenda, Arkansas, and Melvin Jones, Houston; guard Ken Fritz of Ohio State; center Jim Ritecher of North Carolina State, and punter Jim Miller of Mississippi.

Other defensive team members were: end Jacob Green of Texas A&M; tackle Bruce Clark of Penn State; middle guard Ron Simmons of Florida State; linebackers Ron Simpkins of Michigan and Mike Singletary of Baylor; back Roland James of Tennessee, and place kicker Dale Castro of Maryland.



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