

**A&M hits 66 percent from field**

# Sam falls 94-41 to Ag Ladies

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The team used a full court press at the beginning of the second half to break what spirit the 'Kats might have had left. The Aggies scored 12 straight points before Sam Houston got on the board in that half, and then A&M continued to blitz their opponents. Sam Houston scored

only four baskets in the first 10 minutes of the half.

By the end of the game most of the excitement concerned whether A&M would score 100 points — a mark seldom achieved in women's basketball. That goal, which the crowd fervently pushed for at the

end of the game, wasn't achieved.

The Aggies, now rid of Sam Houston for awhile, must concentrate on a much more formidable foe — the nationally-ranked Texas Longhorns in Austin. Rapp has already been thinking of some type of strategy for use against them.

As far as using a full court press to tire Texas, she said, "I haven't decided yet." Why? "Because Texas

uses it too."

The players are also looking forward to playing Texas. "This was good for us," junior forward Trigg Crawford said, "because we are playing Texas next. It'll get us in shape."

For now, the Aggies can remember the ovation the fans gave them at the halftime of the Arkansas game, a tribute to the highest scoring Aggie basketball team — at least this night.



Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

Peggy Pope (42) gets her hand on a jump ball first in the Aggie Ladies' 94-41 thrashing of Sam Houston State last night. Aggie Lisa Hughes (11) watches the action. Pope scored 14 points in helping the Ags to their fifth straight win.

The crowd — about 6,000 — came mostly to see the unbeaten A&M and Arkansas men play for the top spot in Southwest Conference basketball, and they probably expected to see a nice, demure game of ladies' basketball. Instead they saw the Aggies conduct a free clinic on how to play perfect ball — male or female.

This is the second beating A&M has given Sam Houston in a week. Last Thursday the Ladies won 94-52 in Huntsville.

The Aggies, in winning their fifth straight game, played offense the way it should be played, hitting an amazing 66 percent of their field goal attempts. Leading scorers in the game were sophomore postman Lori Foreman with 15 points and senior Peggy Pope and sophomore guard Kelley Sullivan, each with 14 points.

But this wasn't just a game of good individual effort. The Ladies shared 24 assists — a sign of team play. They also made 83 percent of their free throws as compared to the Kats 55 percent.

The defense was almost perfect. Sam Houston hit a measly 29 percent of their shots from the field and committed 26 turnovers — twice as many as A&M.

Peggy Pope was also a defensive standout, pulling down 10 rebounds, stealing three times and blocking a couple of shots. Junior Tammy Crafton grabbed eight rebounds.

The leading scorers for the 'Kats were Antonette Denley and Sherry Pfister who each scored 12 points. A&M's record is now 11-7, while Sam Houston dropped to 7-13.

The crowd had an effect on the Ladies, who are used to playing in front of tiny crowds composed of friends or the woman's basketball enthusiasts.

"That's the biggest crowd I've ever played before," said Cheri Rapp, head coach. "I think it helped."

But the crowd wasn't the sole reason for A&M's good play — Rapp gave the team some good advice before the game started.

"I told them at the first of the game that we had to cut down on our turnovers," Rapp said. They took her at her word committed only three the whole first half and went into the locker room at the half with a 44-23 lead.

## Maravich signs pact with Boston

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BOSTON — Pete Maravich wanted to be a Boston Celtic the moment he stepped off the campus of Louisiana State University. And it took just five hours Tuesday night for him to achieve that 10-year dream.

The frizzy-headed Maravich who was placed on waivers recently by the Utah Jazz ended his status as pro basketball's most eligible free agent by signing with Boston for the remainder of the season. The deal was wrapped up just five hours after Maravich flew into town to meet

with General Manager Red Auerbach.

The signing not only buoyed the Celtic's chances but dealt a blow to the Philadelphia 76ers: Philadelphia looking for a guard to help replace the injured Doug Collins had talked to the 6-foot-5 backcourt whiz for several hours Monday and given him a physical.

Maravich has not played in seven weeks and will sit out a while until his injured groin heals. That enables the Celtics to work on a deal for the player they must release when Maravich is activated.

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## Montreal gains 2-1 win over NY

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2-1 victory by the Islanders.

the season midway through the second period to give the Islanders their sixth straight win and snap a six-game winning streak for Montreal.

With both teams skating short-handed Harris worked a give-and-go with Wayne Merrick and scored into an unguarded net at 10:23 to snap a 1-1 tie.

"That was very satisfying" said Glenn Resch whose goal-tending in the third period blunted a furious attempt by Montreal to tie the score. "This gives us the confidence we needed so badly. I couldn't write a better script for a team victory."

Billy Harris scored his 12th goal of

Before the Montreal Canadiens and New York Islanders became just pretty good teams in hockey this year a matchup like this would have been priceless.

As it was the two teams put on a show that left everyone smiling Tuesday night. The result: a stirring

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