

# 3rd-ranked Horns zap Ladies, 78-46

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It just wouldn't have been imaginable for both Texas A&M basketball teams to register victories over the Texas Longhorns in their Super Drum Saturday, so with that in mind, the Aggie Ladies dropped a 78-46 decision to the vastly superior Longhorn women.

The Longhorns, unbeaten, ranked third in the country and just off a convincing win over Stephen F. Austin the night before, got off to a slow start, but outscored the Aggies 22-4 over a seven minute span in the first half to take a commanding 53-23 half-time lead.

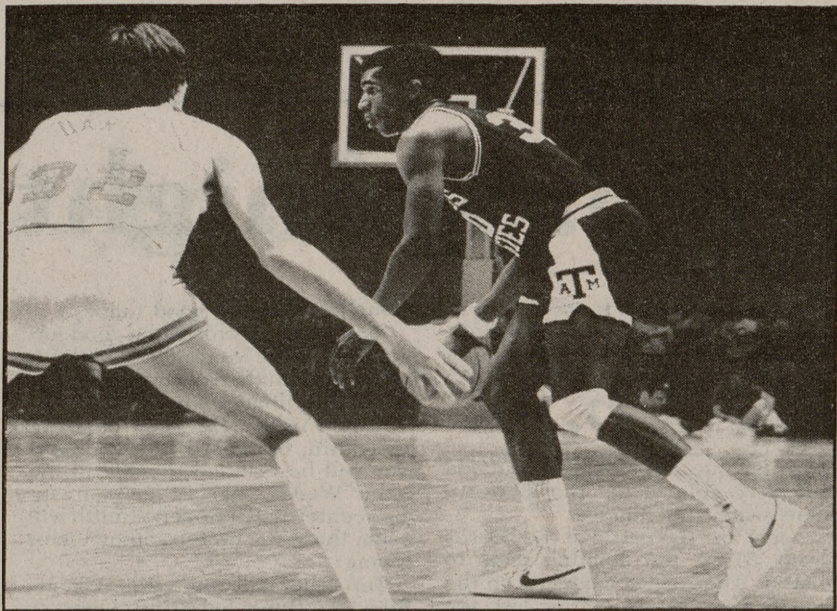
Kelley Sullivan hit a short jumper to cut the Longhorn lead to 21-15 with 11:30 to go in the first period, but then the Longhorns, using a pressing defense and taking advantage of miserable shooting by the Aggies, put their blitzkrieg offense to work and put the game on ice by intermission.

"Texas has a real fine team," said head coach Cherri Rapp, "and it's no disgrace to get beat by them. I'm disappointed because we didn't play better, but this doesn't mean we don't have a good basketball team."

The Aggies, who had been shooting at a 45.7 clip for the season, had a hard time even hitting the rim in the first period, connecting on only nine of 34 shots for a less-than-spectacular 26.4 percent, compared to the Longhorns blixtering first half percentage of 61.5 percent (24 out of 39).

"We didn't shoot well and we didn't handle the ball well," said Rapp, "but Texas had something to do with that. They are a fine defensive team."

In the second half, Longhorn head coach Jody Conradt cleared her bench and the fired up second teamers outscored the listless Aggies the remainder of the contest, 24-23. The 22-4 1st period spurt seemed to take the life out of the Aggies, who never looked like the team that routed Sam Houston State last Tuesday night.



Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

## Great Britton!

David Britton, Texas A&M guard, drives against Texas' John Danks in Saturday action in Austin. The Aggies won the televised contest 56-53 to remain undefeated and in first place in the Southwest Conference. The Aggies host Houston tonight at 8 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

## Two games tonight

Texas A&M's women's basketball team will be trying to bounce back from Saturday's disappointing loss to Texas tonight when they host the Houston Cougars.

Meanwhile, the men's team will be gearing up for another game in their search for Southwestern Conference gold.

The Aggie women had a five-game winning string snapped by Texas Saturday, 78-46. The ladies are currently ranked fifth in the state and a win over the Cougars would certainly help

their chances of moving up.

The men, riding a seven-game winning streak, could make their way back into the national polls with a strong win over Houston.

The women will play at 5:30 p.m., while the men will start at 8 p.m. The men's game is being televised on cable television to a select market.

The doors to G. Rollie White Coliseum will open at 5 p.m. and, as with all home games, the doors will close when the Coliseum is filled.

## Looking toward Olympics

# Kerr top 400 prospect

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Aided by a second place finish in the 400 meter dash at the Vitalis U.S. Olympic Invitational Meet in New York's Madison Square Garden last weekend, Leslie Kerr has become one of Texas A&M's leading contenders for a berth on the 1980 United States Olympic team.

Having run only three indoors so far this season, Kerr has shattered the previous school indoor record of 48.5 seconds twice. He was clocked at 48.23 on his first attempt, and cruised to a 48.1 in New York.

"I was real excited about my performance in New York," said Kerr, current Southwest Conference indoor record holder. "With this being an Olympic year, I need this kind of national exposure."

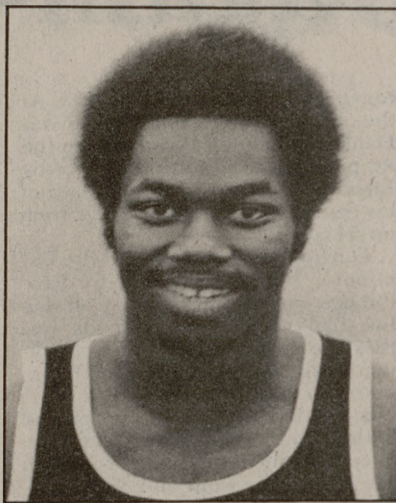
Possibly an even faster time eluded Kerr at this meet as first place winner Mike Cameron of UTEP who won in 47.3, did not have to run against Kerr, since the finals were held in two separate heats.

Assistant track coach Ted Nelson feels Kerr, "has a good chance of making the Olympic team. But, there are about 10 excellent quarter-milers in the U.S., so it is going to be tough to make one of the three spots on the team."

The threat of competition doesn't deter Kerr, though, as he continues his twice daily workouts, getting in shape for the long spring track season ahead.

"To be the best, you've got to devote the time to it," Kerr said. "It (running) has to be the main thing in your life."

The quarter-mile oval has played a dominant role in Kerr's life over the past five years. It provided him the opportunity to compete in the World University Games in Mexico City (where he placed fourth), and to come to Texas A&M. He was the first



Leslie Kerr

the sprints, became the class AA 100-yard champion his junior year, and was both the 100- and 200-yard dash champion his senior year.

"When he came here, he was a good sprinter, but not quite good enough to be a consistent winner. After we saw him run the 400, we knew that was where he should be," Nelson said.

Kerr had little trouble adjusting from the one-lane track at Snook to the eight lane-all weather tracks of most major colleges. During his freshman year, he lost only three races, and became the SWC outdoor champ.

"Being from a little school, I wanted to show everyone that I could make it," Kerr said.

With the list of accolades he has already accumulated under his belt, it is a safe bet to say that Kerr has "made it."

Although recruited by many colleges while a high school senior, it was the poultry science farm that proved to be the key factor in Kerr's coming to A&M.

While in high school, Kerr participated in a co-op program at the poultry science farm, and it was during his work there that he was able to meet enough people and see enough of the University to convince him to come and join the Aggie track squad.

Kerr still has continued his interest in agriculture. The junior is majoring in poultry science. He is the first to admit, though, that his studies have taken a backseat to his track career.

But to Kerr, it is all part of the game. "If you really want something, you must be willing to pay the price," he said.

With his eyes toward the Olympics, Leslie Kerr seems willing, only time will tell if he is able.

## Haffner leaves Ag position for Georgia coaching post

Texas A&M University offensive coordinator George Haffner will join the University of Georgia football coaching staff, Georgia Coach Vince Doolley announced Saturday. Haffner will again be offensive coordinator.

Haffner, who coached at Texas A&M for one year, replaces Bill Pace, who is going to Tennessee as an assistant head coach.

"We are pleased to have George join our staff to head up our offense," Doolley said. "He is regarded as one of the best offensive coaches in the country."

Haffner, 38, played quarterback and defensive back at McNeese State, and had coached at Florida State, Pittsburgh and Iowa State before coming to A&M.

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**CAUGHT IN THE ACTION** this week were the sideline supporters of K-1's Fish basketball team. Throughout the game against the M-1 Meds Fish, the guys on the sidelines did yells and cheered the roundballers on the court. Vivid support and good sportsmanship was evident during the entire game. Bert Garcia, Tom Van Dyke, Bryan Wendt, Roberto Garcia, Mike Makar, Kenneth Doman, and Robert Peterson can take credit for being the Aggie Spirit behind the Kayo-K's Best victory over M-1 23-9.



Table Tennis entries for this spring close Tuesday.

## The Game Of The Week

H-2 had a hard time making baskets against the S-2 Marauders, but they gave S-2 a hard time on the courts. It was over a minute after the initial tip-off before Keith Austin made the first score of the game for S-2.

Ed Gardener, Doug Heard, Dan Roffee, and Doug Trawick led the H-2 anti-Marauder strategy. S-2's every score was challenged by an

H-2 work-out. Austin tallied the next four points and assisted Michael Branum for the next score off the backboards.

The game moved extensively across the courts and Trawick scored two points for H-2 with 39 seconds left in the half. S-2 lead at the Half 20-2.

The action quickened and roughened in the second half hustle for points. H-2 tried a valiant come back as Gardener racked up eight points and Chris May scored two points. H-2 held S-2 to only five points in the second half. The final score showed S-2 victorious 25-14.

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