

Beat Houston 75-64

# Women find winning ways again

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The Women's basketball team bounced back from a devastating loss to Texas Saturday to tag a 75-64 devastator on the Houston Cougars. Peggy Pope raked the boards clean and muscled her way inside time after time in the contest in leading the Ags to the win.

Coach Cheri Rapp's team, as usual, got help from the entire bench as nine players scored in the contest. Pope was the leading scorer and rebounder with 24 points and 10 rebounds before she fouled out late in the game. Lori Foreman pulled down nine rebounds and added 11 points, while Cathy Fuller tossed in 14 points for A&M.

A&M shot a respectable 49 per-



Lori Foreman

cent from the floor and connected on 70 percent of its free throws to outdo the Coogs in both categories. Houston could only manage 39 percent from the field and 47 percent from the line as the Aggie defense forced outside shots virtually the entire game.

For Houston Vickie Finch scored 14 points, Kip Anderson scored 13 and Cheryl Gardley scored 10 to lead the point producers. Finch was Houston's leading rebounder with 10.

The game started with both teams playing deliberately and working for inside shots. The Aggies were more successful in the venture, being able to pass underneath to Foreman and letting Pope muscle in with turnaround jumpers.

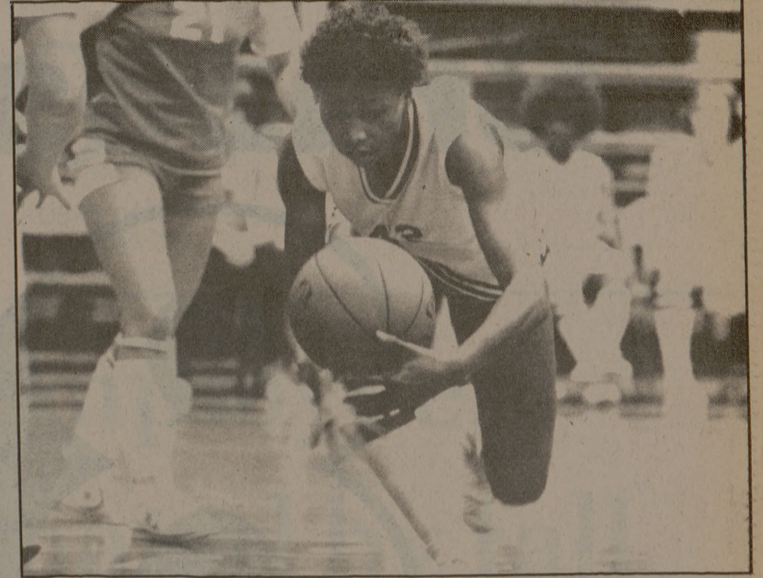


Cathy Fuller

The Aggies went into the locker room with a slim 33-29 lead, but it was already obvious they were in command. A&M came back out ready to run and did. But so did Houston. Again A&M held the upper hand, though, outscoring the visitors 42-35 in the final twenty minutes.

The Aggies will play next in Waco Wednesday immediately preceding the men's game. Both teams will be

playing Baylor with the women's game scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The ladies have five days off before traveling to Lubbock where they will meet Texas Tech in the first half of a doubleheader Monday, game time there is 4:30 p.m.



Peggy Pope grabs loose ball after a missed shot. Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

DePaul still No. 1

# Blue Demons — nation's only unbeaten

NEW YORK — Once again DePaul was virtually a unanimous choice as the top-ranked college basketball team in the country and Oregon State was a strong second, but intense regional play elsewhere caused some shifts among the elite in UPI's weekly balloting.

With 37 of the 42 coaches on UPI's College Board of Coaches reporting, Ray Meyer's Blue Demons collected 36 first-place votes and 554 points to remain atop the weekly list after extending their perfect season with two victories. DePaul downed Alabama-Birmingham 57-54 and Evansville 105-94 to raise its record to 17-0.

Oregon State which routed California 86-55 over the weekend drew one first-place mention and totalled 504 votes to hold on to second place.

But a couple of intra-conference surprises and continued dominance of the East by Syracuse precipitated some scrambling in the middle of the top 10.

Duke scored two triumphs during the week but a 90-84 Atlantic Coast Conference loss to Virginia cost the Blue Devils dearly as they fell four

notches to seventh.

Syracuse meanwhile bolstered its claim as the best in the East with victories over Detroit, Rutgers and Connecticut to move into the No. 3 slot. The Orangemen, 17-1, garnered 373 points to advance two rungs.

Virginia also played a role in determining the fourth-place team. Ohio State, 14-3, rallied for a 70-65 triumph over the Squires Sunday to hold on to fourth place — a spot that seemed gone for sure after the Buckeyes' 72-71 loss to Big Ten rival Wisconsin Saturday. OSU, 14-3 overall and leader in the Big Ten, collected 355 points.

Duke's plummet allowed Louisville, 16-2 after beating Marquette, St. Louis and Florida State, to move up a notch to fifth place with 334 points while cross-state rival Kentucky 17-3 leaped three slots into sixth with 333 points.

Duke, 16-3, edged St. John's by two points for the No. 7 spot despite the Redmen's victories over Manhattan Davidson and Villanova. Notre Dame, 12-2 after a rout of Canisius and a 1-point victory over Maryland, followed in ninth with 310 votes and

Louisiana State was a distant 10th with 154 points.

Leading the second ten was North Carolina, which moved up a slot with ACC victories over Wake Forest and Clemson. Missouri fell from 10th to 12th after being upset by Oklahoma and Maryland's impressive show against Notre Dame was good for a one-spot improvement to No. 13.

The biggest advance of the week was made by Virginia which vaulted from No. 19 to 14. The Squires are 16-4 overall and 5-2 in the ACC — one game back of Maryland.

Weber State, 18-1, moved up a notch to 15th leaving the No. 16 spot to Indiana 11-5. Clemson dropped four spots to No. 17 after a loss to North Carolina and was followed by

Brigham Young and Kansas State — two newcomers to the top 20 — and Purdue in 20th.

Here by sections are the coaches who comprise the UPI major college basketball ratings board:

EAST: Lou Carnesecca St. John's; Tom Young Rutgers; Jack Kraft Rhode Island; Rolie Massimino Villanova John Thompson Georgetown; Jim Boehm Syracuse.

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SOUTH: Frank McGuire South Carolina; Dean Smith North Carolina; Lefty Driesell Maryland; C. M. Newton Alabama; Hugh Durham

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MIDLANDS: Joe Cipriano Nebraska; Norm Stewart Missouri; Joe Hall Kentucky; Ted Owens Kansas; Jack Hartman Kansas State; Gene Smithson Wichita State.

SOUTHWEST: Guy Lewis Houston; Ned Wulk Arizona State; Eddie Sutton Arkansas; Fred Snowden Arizona; Roy Danforth Tulane Abe Lemons Texas.

MOUNTAINS: Jim Williams Colorado State; Frank Arnold Brigham Young; Jim King Tulsa; Don Haskins Texas-El Paso; Lynn Archibald Idaho State; Neil McCarthy Weber State.

PACIFIC: Jim Haney Oregon; Marv Harshman Washington; Dan Belluomini San Francisco; Carroll Williams Santa Clara; Larry Brown UCLA; Tex Winter Long Beach States. (Boldface indicates coaches which have seen the Aggies in action this year.)

# Dr. Samson named to NCAA committee

Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr. of Texas A&M University has been appointed a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Select Committee on NCAA Governance.

The 14-member committee is studying and will make recommendations to the NCAA Council regarding its governing structure, accommodation of women's interests in the association and development of programs and services for women's intercollegiate athletics.

President of the Southwest Conference, Samson is chairman of the Athletic Council and Texas A&M's faculty representative to the SWC.


The committee will study and make recommendations on whether the NCAA can be modified and if it

should be to encompass women's athletics," explained the civil engineering professor.

He said the action is being taken in response to inquiries by NCAA small division members and in anticipation of Title IX equal opportunity for women athletic procedures.

The committee's findings will affect all three divisions of the NCAA, including more than 1,000 member institutions. The panel met in December and convenes again in March. Its final report will be presented to the NCAA Council in April.

Membership of the select committee includes J. Neils Thompson, former NCAA president and University of Texas at Austin faculty member, as an ex officio, non-voting member.



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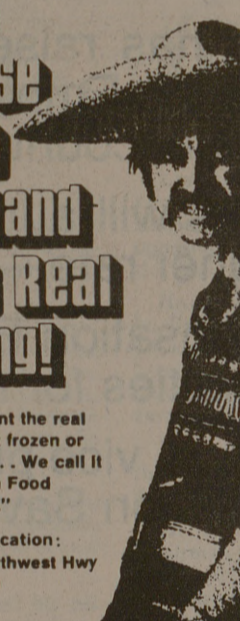
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