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Ladies beat SMU, 63-56

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The Aggie women's basketball team jumped to a 15-point lead over SMU before the Mustangs were able to find their range Wednesday night, but the Aggie ladies hung on to take a 63-56 win.

Head coach Cherri Rapp was not greatly pleased with her team's effort, though. "We just played very sloppily," she said. "We took SMU a little too lightly."

"We just weren't mentally ready to play. After we beat Texas Tech (on Monday) we thought we were great," said Rapp. "We never really have played consistently."

There were some bright spots, though. "Lori Foreman is playing better," Rapp said. Indeed, Foreman scored 26 points for A&M in the game. Peggy Pope's 10 points was the next highest figure for the Ags. Foreman connected on 12 of 16 shots

from the floor for a blistering 75 percent. She also had five rebounds and a blocked shot.

Cathy Fuller was the Aggies leading rebounder with eight. Lisa Hughes and Kelley Sullivan each had six rebounds. Hughes passed out eight assists in the game.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs proved not quite the team they have been proclaimed to be by the Metroplex area sports. They did not play badly but could not even keep up with a faltering Aggie attack. Carol Blauvelst led Mustang scorers with 18 points and Kim Nowak was the Pones' leading rebounder with six.

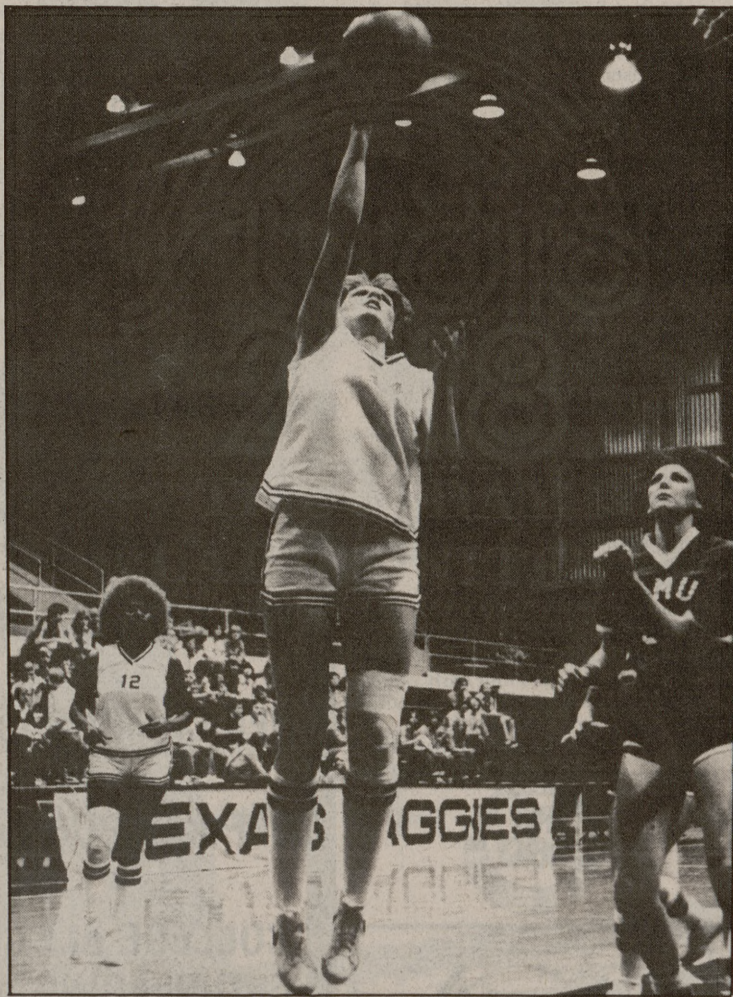
A&M hit 46.8 percent of its shots from the field but could only hit 56.5 percent of the free throws awarded the team. "Our free throws are just terrible," said Rapp. "We missed the front end of several one-and-ones. You ought to get two missed attempts every time you miss the

one of those."

SMU, after hitting a miserable 30.4 percent from field in the first half, improved its shot selection in the second half and ended the night with a figure of 44 percent. From the charity line they hit 75 percent. The Aggies outrebounded them 36 to 27 and more than doubled their number of assists, 16-7.

The Aggies will play in the Mean Green Classic this weekend in Denton. They will play Texas Women's University in the first round of the tourney and if they win will play the survivor of the North Texas State-Arkansas matchup.

A&M has also been seeded third in the 14-team state tournament. The Ags will open play in College Station against the University of Texas-Arlington on Feb. 16. The game will be played immediately following the afternoon men's game vs. Texas.



Center Lori Foreman scores two of her team-leading 26 points to help the Aggies to a 63-56 win over SMU last night. Lola Baker (12) provided the assist. Photo by Brian Blalock

Longhorns take another big win over Horned Frogs

United Press International
FORT WORTH — LaSalle Thompson and John Henry Johnson combined to score 25 points in the second half Wednesday night to break open the game and carry the Texas Longhorns to a runaway 90-62

victory over the TCU Horned Frogs. Texas beat TCU by 30 points when the two teams met in Austin earlier this season. This time the Longhorns opened a 10-point lead midway through the first half, but the Horned Frogs rallied to trail by only four at intermission, 35-31.

The Longhorns opened a nine point advantage early in the second half, but TCU cut the lead to five points and had a chance to move to within three before turning the ball over.

Then, for the next five minutes, Texas outscored TCU, 16-4, to put

the game out of reach. Thompson and Johnson scored 11 of the 16 points.

Texas increased its Southwest Conference record to 7-5, moving to within a half game of third-place Texas Tech. TCU, in last place, slumped to 2-10. The Longhorns are 14-8 for the year and TCU 7-14.

Johnson scored only four points in the first half and Thompson was held scoreless. But Johnson finished with 17 and Thompson scored 12. John Danks led Texas in scoring with 22.

Eric Summers paced the Horned Frogs with 17.

Ricky Barry hits record seven triples

United Press International
HOUSTON — Rick Barry set an NBA record with seven three-point goals and hit two free throws with three seconds remaining Wednesday night to clinch a 115-114 victory for the Houston Rockets over the New Jersey Nets.

Moses Malone scored 28 points and Barry added 27 to help the Rockets choke off a New Jersey rally in the final quarter.

Barry hit on seven of 10 three-point attempts to erase the previous NBA high of five three-pointers. The NBA is in its first season of using the three-point goal.

Roger Phegley scored 23 of his 25 points in the second half for the Nets, but, with Houston leading by only two at 113-111, a jump shot by Phegley was blocked by the Rockets' Thomas Henderson.

Barry picked up the loose ball and was fouled to set up his game-clinching points. New Jersey cut the final deficit to one with a three-point goal by Roger Smith at the buzzer.

The game was tied at the half, 57-57, but Houston took a seven-point lead going into the final quarter by holding the Nets to seven field goals in the third quarter.

Rudy Tomjanovich added 20 points for the Rockets and former Rocket Mike Newlin hit 18 for the Nets.

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Hayes gets parole

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements announced Wednesday he had granted parole to former Dallas Cowboys star Bob Hayes, and that he had urged the former all-pro receiver to use his experience to help youngsters refrain from drug use.

If Hayes is set free in March, as recommended by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, he will have served 11 months of a 5-year sentence. He pleaded guilty last summer to a drug charge and before sentence

was passed a long string of character witnesses — including Cowboys coach Tom Landry — testified in Hayes' behalf.

Clements said the circumstances behind Hayes' parole application were not unique. He also said he talked with W.J. Estelle, the director of the Texas Department of Corrections, before signing the parole papers and that there had been no efforts from any quarter to prevent Hayes' release.

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