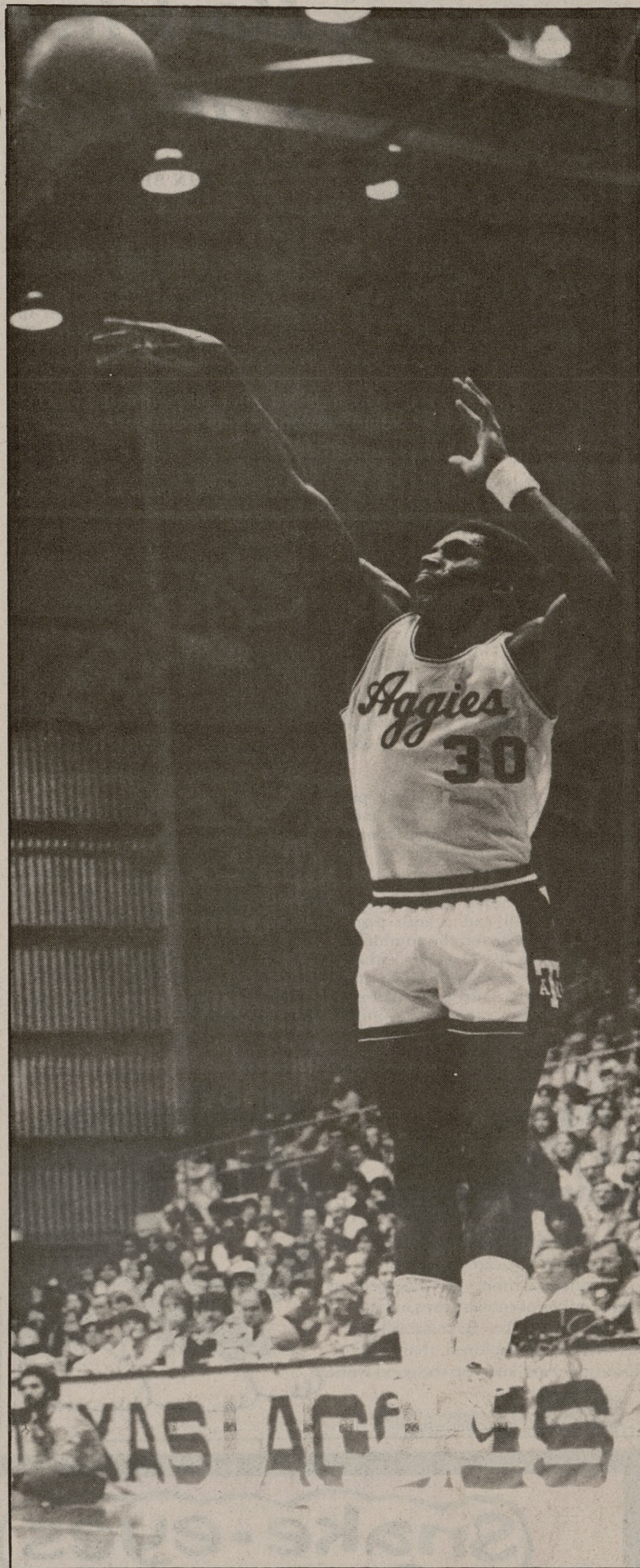


# Sutton eyeing Dallas NBA job?

United Press International  
DALLAS — If Eddie Sutton had wanted to deny categorically he is interested in coaching the Dallas entry in the NBA, he could have done so any number of times during the past few weeks.  
But he hasn't.  
Instead, he has said something like this:  
"My job right now is to get our boys ready for the Southwest Conference tournament."  
That, clearly, is not a denial. And earlier this week he only increased speculation that he might be thinking about changing jobs next year when his Arkansas Razorbacks swept through Dallas in what turned out to be a losing effort against the SMU Mustangs.  
Sutton's overwhelmingly successful six-year career with the Razorbacks has made him a likely target for professional franchises seeking new coaching blood, and it just so happens that he is a long-time friend of Norm Sonju, the man who is putting together the Dallas club.  
Sonju has said he would like to have Sutton as his team's coach and Sonju was in the crowd Monday night when the Razorbacks met the Mustangs.  
"I think the Dallas franchise will,

in time, be one of the great ones in the NBA," Sutton said following the SMU contest. "But I don't think there is any doubt that it is going to be tough for a couple of years."  
"I've had opportunities before in the NBA and the only reason I might consider Dallas is that I believe they are going to build the franchise the right way."  
"I get the impression that they are going to build through the draft and be very careful in selecting the right type of person as well as the right type of player. There are a lot of spoiled young men in the NBA who are tough to coach."  
"But I think Norm wants to get the right kind of young man to play on the Dallas team."  
Sutton has clearly done his homework on a possible move to the NBA.  
"I have some friends who have gone from college to the pros and they say they had to go through a period of adjustment," he said. "There is not as much time to practice for one thing. And with an expansion team you might lose as many games in a short period of time as we have in Arkansas in six years."  
"But I think college coaches have made an impact in professional basketball."



David Britton (30) lofts his shot over a TCU player in the Aggie's last home game Tuesday night.

Staff photo by Lynn Blanco

# Aggies finish in sixth in golf tournament

By RICK STOLLE  
Sports Reporter

The Texas A&M golf team finished sixth with a 918 in the Lamar Intercollegiate tournament Tuesday in Beaumont. Brad Jones had the Aggie low score with a 220 in the two-day, 4-hole tournament.

Jones tied for fourth overall with a four-over-par score. Rounding out the Aggie scoring were: Matt Til-

linghast, 229; Jay Kent, 234; Kel Devlin, 235 and Mike Dawson, 239.

"We really didn't have a good tournament," said Bob Ellis, Texas A&M golf coach.

Ellis said even though the team played a lot of golf and hit many balls to get prepared for the tournament, it needs more work.

"They need more competition to get them ready to play winning golf," said Ellis. "It was the first competition of the spring. I think with more experience they will do better later in the year. It was a case of not being intense enough."

The University of Houston won the team title with a score of 877. They were followed by Centenary, 887; TCU, 909; Lamar, 913; the University of Texas, 916; the Aggies, 918. The individual title was won by Fred Couples of Houston who shot an even-par 216.

The Ags' next competition will be Feb. 28-March 1 at the Cowboy Intercollegiate at Guadalupe, Mexico.

# Rockets lose, coach falls below .500

United Press International  
OAKLAND — Forward Purvis Port connected for 27 points to power the Golden State Warriors to a 115-105 National Basketball Association victory over the Houston Rockets Wednesday night.

The loss dropped Houston below the .500 mark with a 30-31 record in the season. The Rockets are in a battle for a playoff position with the Dallas Mavericks and New York Knicks.

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# On national signing day Signees stay with SWC

United Press International  
With all the ceremony of a presidential news conference, linebacker Jeff Liding jilted the University of Oklahoma Wednesday and signed to play his college football with the Texas Longhorns.  
"Jeff is going to make people forget Tommy Nobis," said Texas assistant coach Charles Lee. "There's no doubt about it. He's the best high school linebacker in the United States."  
The signing of Liding by Texas coach Fred Akers in ceremonies at Tulsa's Union high school highlighted a successful day for the Longhorns, who, along with Texas A&M, cornered a glittering horde of high school prospects.  
Wednesday was the first day on

which a high school student could sign a scholarship agreement binding within the entire NCAA. After signing such an agreement a player cannot transfer to another NCAA school without losing a year of eligibility.  
Texas had signed an impressive list of running backs to Southwest Conference scholarship agreements a week ago and they all honored their commitments Wednesday.  
Terry Orr, a running back from Abilene Cooper who was perhaps the most widely recruited player in Texas this year, ignored a heavy rush by USC during the past week and signed with the Longhorns early Wednesday.  
But the signing of Liding was the big one for Texas.  
Texas A&M signed up all the pros-


pects that had committed last week. But in addition the Aggies came up with Mark Lewis, the talented tight end from Houston Kashmere, and Keith Guthrie of Tyler John Tyler, perhaps the most sought after lineman in the state.  
There were no known major defections in the Southwest Conference, although defensive back Raymond Polk went to Colorado after signing with both the Buffs and the SMU Mustangs.  
Other recruiting highlights included a planned visit to Texas A&M next weekend by Billy Cannon, Jr., son of the famous LSU running back who is now an orthodontist in Baton Rouge. Cannon is reportedly leading toward the Aggies, although professional baseball teams also regard him as a prospect in that sport.


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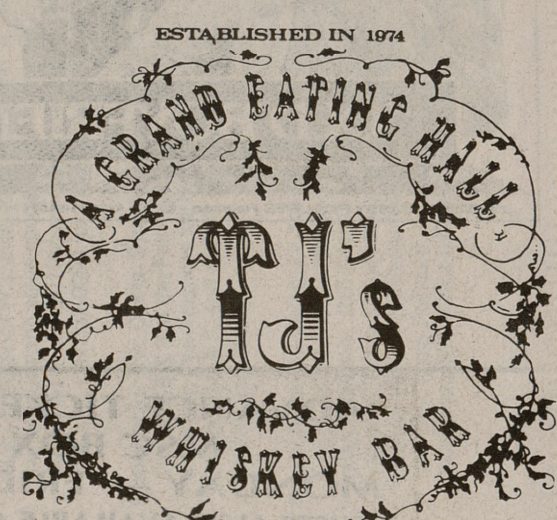
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