

Ag women lose to Tyler JC; take on St. Mary's at 4 p.m.

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Texas A&M women's basketball team will host St. Mary's in full scrimmage at 4 p.m. this afternoon in DeWare Fieldhouse.

On Saturday, the Aggies scrimmaged Tyler Junior College and came out on the short end of the score, 78-66. "It (Tyler) was their second scrimmage of the season and they looked two weeks ahead of us," Rapp said about the Aggies first work outside of practice.

"We played well for only about eight minutes," she said. One reason the Aggies played sloppy was Rapp substituted her players freely. "We are in the process of hunting for a combination of five players who can play together," she said.

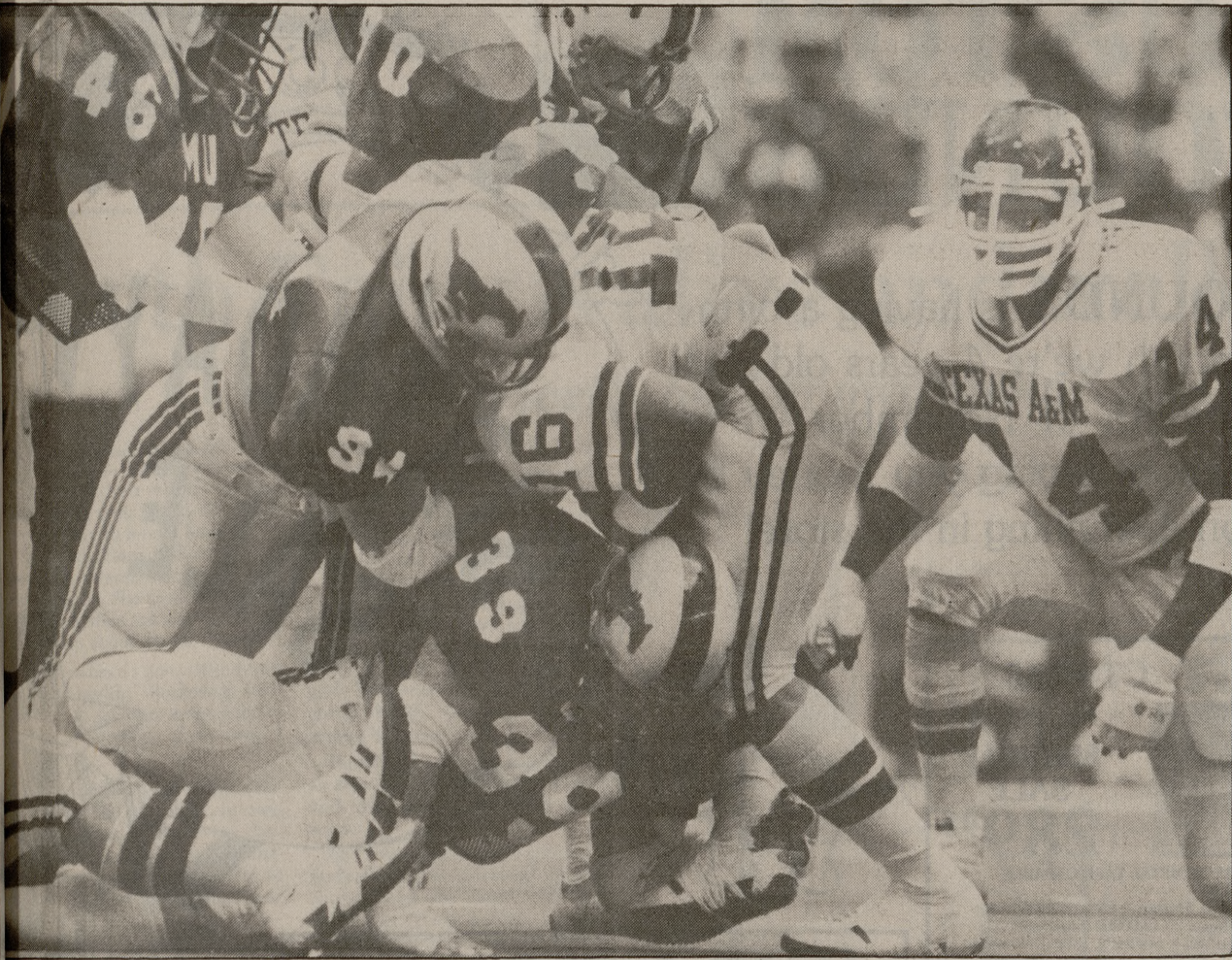
On the whole, the Aggies shot very poorly, connecting on only 20 percent of their second half shots. "We had good shot selection, but couldn't hit them," the second-year coach said, "especially the follow shot off a rebound."

So this week in practice, the Aggies have been doing a lot of work on shooting under the basket. Rapp has also spent a great deal of time this week on the press.

"We had breakdowns on the press because it always seemed one girl was out of place, which resulted in an easy basket for Tyler," she said.

Though the team didn't play well, Rapp singled out two individuals who did. "Trigg Crawford had a real good game and was the only one to shoot very well," she said.

Joyce Bottley, a freshman from Kountze, played a very good defensive game, Rapp said. Rapp said involves over-playing the ball and double-teaming. For today's St. Mary's scrimmage, Rapp says she hopes to see her young team improve on the fast break and the press.



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Excedrin headache No. 4

Texas A&M quarterback Gary Kubiak (16) is swamped by the heavy rush of Mustang players Scott Gibson (94), Jared Moore (90) and Kevin Adams (39) in Saturday's 27-0 loss to SMU. It

was the fourth loss in a row for A&M. Zach Guthrie (74) watches. A&M has a week off this week, and faces Arkansas in Fayetteville Nov. 15.

Running attack fails for Cowboys

United Press International
DALLAS — Dallas coach Tom Landry said Monday that yes, the Cowboys running game was deficient, that no, he wasn't all that worried about it, and yes, measures are being taken to correct the situation.

Despite a 7-2 record, just a game back of the streaking Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC East, Dallas' running game has taken a recent siesta. In three of Dallas' last five games, the Cowboys have gained less than 100 yards on the ground — picking up just 58 against the St. Louis Cardinals last Sunday.

"We knew we were going to have difficulty with the Cardinals' defense," Landry said. "After all they'd trapped the quarterback 12 times the week before."

"Still, it was not a good game, we recognize that from our line. We're disappointed in our overall running game. But they have played well for us in the past and I'm sure they will play well for us in the future."

Tony Dorsett has gained a relatively modest 466 yards this season and fullback Ron Springs, who took over the starting fullback position from Robert Newhouse, has been slowed by an ankle injury and Newhouse is now starting again.

But when it comes to fixing the blame, Landry said there were all sorts of possibilities.

"You can place the blame anywhere you want to," said Landry. "When you don't run, you don't run. You can say you didn't have a good game plan, that you didn't block very well or that you didn't run very well."

"When you gain 58 yards you have to work at it, or not work at it. We can do better in every area and we will do it."

The running attack is currently about the only missing segment the Cowboys need to become a top-flight challenger for the Super Bowl, so it is obvious that Landry will be spending some time on the ground game.

"Our objective this week is to work the running game hard," Land-

ry said. "We have been concentrating a lot in the passing area because of the blitzing and stunting we have seen the last few weeks from San Diego and St. Louis."

"We probably neglected the running game a little. Now we have to get back to the running game. We will review a lot of our plays and cut it down some as far as selection of plays and hopefully this will help."

"A lot of times through season, when you look back in retrospect, you continue to run a play that looks sound to you but it never works on the field. And it ends up with a low

average week in and week out. It seems like a potentially good play, but it doesn't jell into a good play. So we are going to try to do the things we do best."

Dallas loses

United Press International
DALLAS — Brian Taylor and Michael Brooks helped San Diego come back from an early deficit Tuesday night and sent the Clippers rolling past the Dallas Mavericks, 116-

2. Taylor scored 31 points and Brooks, the Clippers No. 1 draft pick, had 24. Guard Phil Smith contributed 19 for San Diego.

Dallas led early in the second quarter by four but a San Diego rush sent the Clippers in front at the half, 55. San Diego moved in front by many as 19 points in the third quarter and Dallas could get no closer than four points in the fourth quarter.

Tom LaGarde, moved from center forward by coach Dick Motta, led the Mavericks with 23 points while forward Bill Robinson had 16. Off Huston and Jim Spanarkel had each.

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