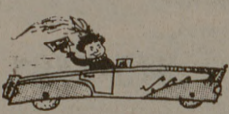


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## Control of Astros up to courts now

United Press International  
HOUSTON—Legal action by the limited owners of the Houston Astros to dissolve a partnership that has John McMullen as its controlling officer has put control of the club in a federal judge's court.

McMullen, owner of the team since July 1979, denied through a spokesman late Thursday that the partnership had been dissolved, despite a proxy statement he was given earlier in the day saying a required 60 percent of the limited partners approved the breakup.

McMullen refused requests from the limited partner's representative, Edward Randall III, to sell his 34 percent.

Randall then had an attorney file a federal court lawsuit accusing McMullen of mismanagement.

McMullen was the lone defendant. Randall, an investment banker, was the only plaintiff named.

"The morale of the Houston Astros Baseball Club has been shattered by the mismanagement of the Defendant," the lawsuit said.

A Monday hearing was scheduled before U.S. District Judge Carl O.

Bue. Lawyer Joe Jamail will seek to have a court-appointed receiver take over the club's assets.

The lawsuit did not mention McMullen's Oct. 27 firing of General Manager Tal Smith. McMullen replaced him with former New York Yankees President Al Rosen.

Those involved in the takeover are known to want Smith back.

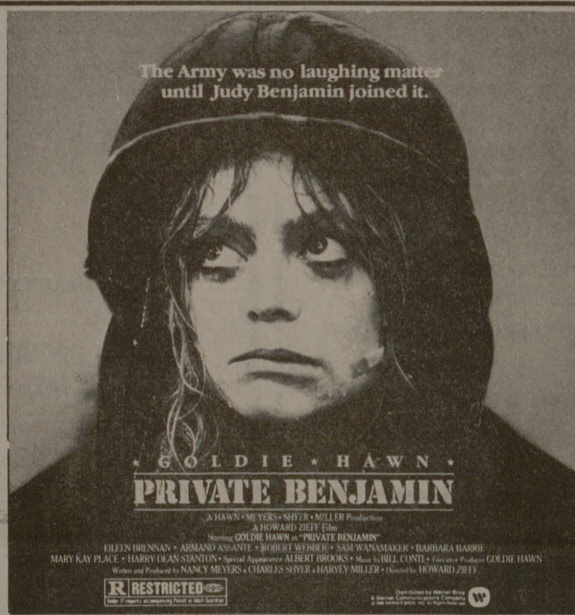
A McMullen spokesman said "three or four" limited partners met with McMullen Thursday evening, and it was reported they were negotiating for the purchase of the 34 percent McMullen controlled. The talks lasted into the night.

An employee who works in the Astrodome executive offices said McMullen was visibly shaken by the events and repeatedly said the minority partners were "mean and nasty people."

"The General Partner (McMullen) has engaged in acts of mismanagement of the Partnership affairs that have brought great damage to the interests of the Partnership, and to the Limited Partners," the lawsuit said.

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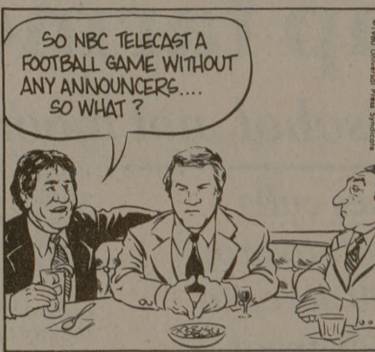


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## Aggies to unveil 'Wall'

By JON HEIDTKE

Battalion Staff  
With a new and improved "Wall", but an inexperienced backcourt, the Texas A&M men's basketball team opens the 1980-81 season in an exhibition contest against the Windsor Basketball Club Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Shelby Metcalf, who will be entering his 18th season as head coach for the Aggies, will probably start a lineup featuring Tyrone Ladson and the

Smith and Wright, the club's top two scorers from a year ago, will open up on the wings, and the 6-1 Ladson will be the point guard.

"Right now it's just a tease," said Metcalf about the one guard line-up. "It is going just good enough not to give up on it, but it is not good enough to say that is the way we're gonna play this season."

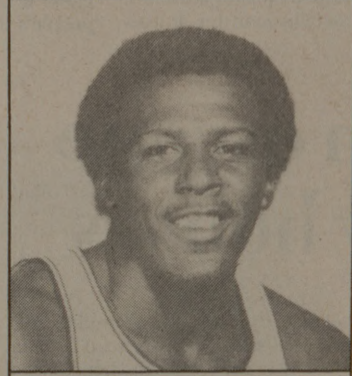
But one of the problems facing the defending SWC champions this season is finding good back-up help for Ladson. The answer may lie in the form of Reggie Roberts from McKinney.

"He is a good one and will see lots of playing time," said graduate assistant coach David Goff about Roberts, "but he is still a freshman and will make freshman mistakes."

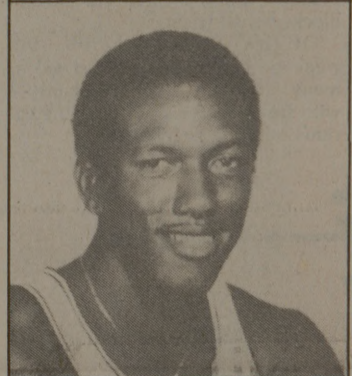
But the big problem facing Met-

knows it is difficult to win on the road and compile an outstanding loss record," Metcalf said. "It's a cult, but we have been able to do it before."

Two years ago the Aggies, both Kentucky and Indiana, and both teams are now in the top five. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas has had one of the worst records in the nation over the five years, but for the past two seasons the Rebels haven't been



Vernon Smith



Rudy Woods

newly expanded four-man "Wall". Senior co-captains Rynn Wright and Vernon Smith, along with Rudy Woods and Claude Riley make up the new "Wall".

Riley, the 6-9 "Crockett Rocket", has moved up from last year's status as a brick in the "Wall" to a full-fledged member and will start Saturday in a double low post along with the 6-11 Woods.

cal in the one-guard offense is in what he calls the Aggies lack of ability to play all phases of the game. "When those situations arise, we will hopefully be able to counter-attack from the bench," he said.

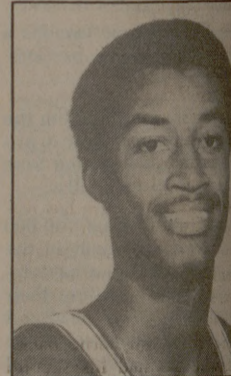
This year's bench is made up of Roberts, Jay McHugh, Mike Brown, Roy Jones and Bruce Sooter. Metcalf said the Aggies have the makings for a strong bench.

The Aggies have been tabbed 15th in both wire services polls, but will need more then a service bench if they are expected to remain in the top 20 during the nonconference schedule, since 11 of their first 13 games are on the road.

"Anybody who follows basketball



Rynn Wright



Claude Riley

beat TAMU on their own home court. This season will really test the Aggies on the road, since only the season's 27 games will be in C. Rollie White.

The Aggies first test will be against what Metcalf terms as "the best in Canada." One of the reasons for this high praise is because of the high level of play in the Windsor Club is made up of their quickness.

The Tigers' quarterback Roy Williams, who has caused a lot of trouble for the Aggies, finished second in the games.

The Aggies competed against Canadian teams as well as the Canadian junior national team. In their first game, the Ags lost to the winner, Alberta, 23-21. Next they beat the Mexican team, 27-12, and finished the tournament in place, 12-8, and they rounded out the tourney with an 18-12 win over a team from British Columbia.

The offensive star for the maroon was Dennis Riordan, who scored nine goals. He was followed by Mark Nelson, who tallied six goals. The team was coached in Mexico by the US Olympic coach, who there to check out the talent for selection of an American team to compete in the world cup in Finland in late December.

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