



It's too late to stop now!

photo by C. Michel Chang

Sophomore diver Kirk Mason of the Texas A&M swim team springs into the air during an event in the Aggies' win over Texas Tech earlier in the season. Texas A&M's men's and women's teams compete in the SMU Invitational this weekend in Dallas.

Wilson accepts position with CS energy company

United Press International
Former Texas A&M head football coach Tom Wilson has announced plans to go into the oil business.

Replaced in January by former Pittsburgh coach Jackie Sherrill, Wilson told a local television station Tuesday he had been offered a partnership with Sam Wood Jr. of the Wood Energy Company in College Station.

He said his job at the company would be to obtain leases and to arrange financing of exploration efforts. In his first year at the energy company, Wilson will continue to receive a salary from Texas A&M on the last year of his contract.

"Although I don't know a great deal about the oil and gas business I think it's something that's very interesting to me, and creates a great challenge for

me," Wilson told KBTX-TV.

Wilson became head coach at Texas A&M in the fall of 1978. His firing created controversy, especially because of the six-year, \$1.3 million contract given Sherrill.

Asked how he would feel when football season begins, Wilson said, "I don't think that I could have been in it as long as I was and in the position I was, and when that time comes not

miss it.

"It's something that's going to stay with me for a long time and maybe forever," he said.

"I'm excited about watching the football team at A&M this next season. I think they have a good chance to have a great football team and I just wish them all the luck in the world. I'm glad that I'm going to be in an area and position to be able to watch them play."

Hayes now fifth on scoring list as Houston holds off Clippers

United Press International
SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Clippers, behind by 29 points early in the final period, took coach Paul Silas' advice and played loose, but they ended up losing to the Houston Rockets anyway.

"It was a very lethargic first half," Silas said Tuesday night after the Rockets cut short a late Clippers' rally en route to a 129-121 victory over San Diego.

"We really didn't do much at all," he said. "But we made Houston run in the second half. They brought in their big guys and I think that was the differ-

ence. At halftime, I told my players to go out and play loose. We had absolutely nothing to lose."

The Rockets, who survived a 53-point fourth-quarter surge by San Diego, were led by Moses Malone with 33 points. It was the 281st consecutive game that Malone scored in double figures.

Houston's Calvin Murphy and Elvin Hayes reached scoring milestones in the game with Murphy going past the 17,000-point mark in his career and Hayes moving into fifth place on the all-time scoring list. Hayes scored 24 points and now has 25,203 points, moving past Jerry

West into fifth place.

"It was a combination of things that we did well to win," Murphy said. "Our inside attack got us the big lead. They came back, but we maintained our composure and put the game on ice."

"I'm not doing anything special to celebrate. I'm really happy with another milestone considering 12 years ago I wasn't supposed to be here."

The Clippers, playing against a reserve Houston lineup in the fourth quarter, closed to within 117-113 with 2:31 left to play. But Malone and Hayes came back in and each hit a field goal

in the final minutes.

"We played a good game," said Houston coach Del Harris. "We played well offensively. I just oversubstituted in the last quarter. It was a good lesson for our players because when we get a big lead some of the players can get a little careless."

Michael Wiley led San Diego with 21 points and Jerome Whitehead added 20.

"It was a good effort but I wish we could have won," Whitehead said. "But I don't feel bad because we played a good game in the second half."

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Businessmen have plan to help keep Rockies in Denver

United Press International
DENVER — A group of local businessmen is trying to find investors to put up \$1 million in up-front money by today in an effort to keep the Colorado Rockies in Denver.

Allen R. Aden, board chairman of First Financial Securities Inc., said at a Tuesday night news conference that his group was looking for 10 corporate investors and already had "some (investors) in the bag."

He said: "If we can come up with \$1 million by Wednesday, our plan has a good chance of succeeding."

Aden said his group wanted to "buy an option to purchase the Rockies." He said Rockies' owner Peter Gilbert agreed to the plan after lengthy negotiations Tuesday, but time was of the essence.

Aden said Gilbert was "willing to give Denver one more chance" to keep the franchise in Denver.

He said the group was seeking corporate investors to offer "up-

front money that would be used to help operate the Rockies for the remainder of this season."

He added that any money put forth on the option would apply to the final purchase price.

Aden would not divulge the proposed purchase price, but said investors would be told about the offer in detail.

"We are putting together a three-year commitment," he said. "We feel we have put together a package that will not only properly promote the team, but could quite well make it profitable."

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