

# Aggie Ladies nip SMU to break losing streak

by Gaye Denley

**Battalion Staff**  
Lynette Joiner sank two free throws with 39 seconds on the clock and added the winning basket with nine seconds left to push the Aggie Ladies past SMU 55-53 Wednesday night in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

All nine Aggie Ladies who saw playing time scored in the game, with Janet Duckham at the top of the list with 16 points and 17 rebounds. Jenni Edgar added 12 points, Kelley Sullivan eight, and Joiner seven as the Ladies broke a five-game losing streak.

The two teams exchanged the lead for the first few minutes of the game, but by halftime Texas A&M had mounted a 26-23 lead. SMU tied the game at 33 with 15 minutes left, but baskets from Sullivan and Michell Tatum gave the Ladies a 37-33 edge.

A six-point surge by the Mustangs, including a basket from all-Southwest Conference forward Rhonda Rompola, pulled SMU into another tie with 10 minutes left. The score was tied twice more, at 45 and 49, before the Mustangs went ahead 51-50

on two free throws from Rompola with a minute and a half on the clock.

Rompola, who had 23 points on the night, fouled out with 39 seconds left. SMU then called

back-to-back timeouts, designed to add pressure to Joiner's one-and-one free throw.

After Joiner hit both shots to make the score 53-52, the Mustangs stalled, and Aggie guard

Sheryl Clark fouled to stop the clock.

But the Mustangs' Theresa Ralston missed the free throw, Edgar rebounded for the Ladies, and Joiner connected on

the game's final field goal to give Texas A&M a 54-53 lead with nine seconds left. With three seconds to go, Joiner added another free throw to make the final score 55-53.

"We were a lot more confident tonight," coach Cheri Rapp said. "I think we're just beginning to get a lot better as a team."

The win boosts the Ladies' re-

cord to 8-17 and ensures there's a bye or a home game in the first round of the Texas Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women tournament Feb. 25-27 in Lubbock.

## Mets get Foster for \$10 million

**United Press International**  
DALLAS — The Washington Bullets, it seems, should stay on the road for the remainder of the NBA season.

It is unheard of in pro basketball to have a losing home record, but be able to maintain a winning road record. That, however, is what the Bullets have done this year and they did it again Wednesday night, coming from behind to run away from the Dallas Mavericks, 119-102.

The Bullets had upset San Antonio the night before in HemisFair Arena and their win over Dallas Wednesday evening increased their road record to 13-10 and their overall mark to 24-24.

"I think (Washington coach) Gene Shue is doing the best coaching job in the league," said Dallas coach Dick Motta after the game. "Just tremendous."

Washington outscored Dallas in the final quarter, 32-16, with 6-11 center Jeff Ruland leading the way with 27 points and 11 rebounds. Greg Ballard scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half after Washington had erased what had been a 12-point Dallas lead.

Dallas led throughout the first half, but Washington scored eight straight points late in the second quarter to get within one, 51-50. The Mavericks maintained their narrow lead through most of the third period, but the Bullets jumped in front by a point going into the final quarter.

Jay Vincent led the Mavericks with 29 points while Alan Bristow and Brad Davis each had 14.

## Bullets win again on road

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — George Foster has reached the top financially and now will undertake the arduous task of pulling the New York Mets out of the gutter.

The 33-year-old outfielder signed a guaranteed five-year, \$10 million contract with the Mets Wednesday that a completed a with the Cincinnati Reds.

In exchange for Foster, the Reds received catcher Alex Trevino and pitchers Jim Kern and Greg Harris.

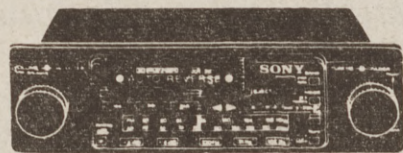
"I don't know if this contract makes him the highest paid player in the game but I would say he would be up there among the top," said Mets' General Manager Frank Cashen.

The Mets have not finished higher than fifth place overall in the National League East since 1976, but Foster believes his experience of playing with winning teams at Cincinnati will rub off on his new club.

Foster, a perennial All-Star outfielder who has averaged 35 homers and 120 RBI a season for the past six years, gives the Mets their biggest gate attraction since Tom Seaver starred for the club more than five years ago.



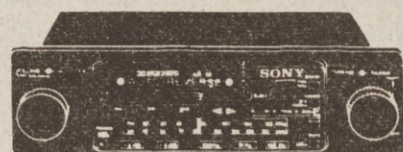
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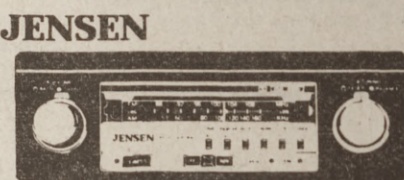
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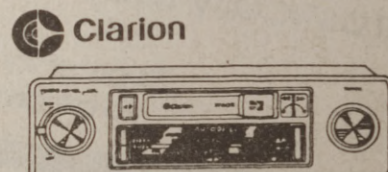
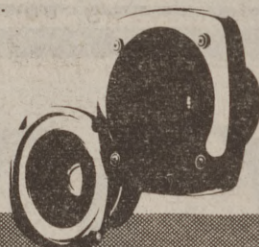
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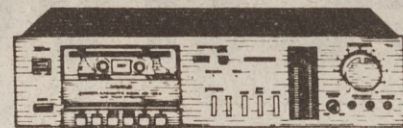
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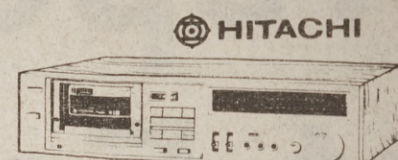
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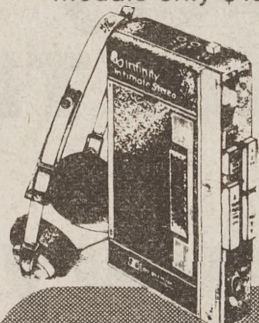
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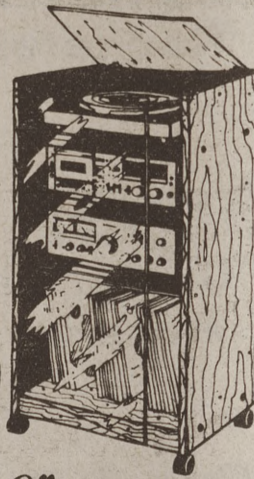
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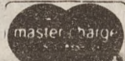
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