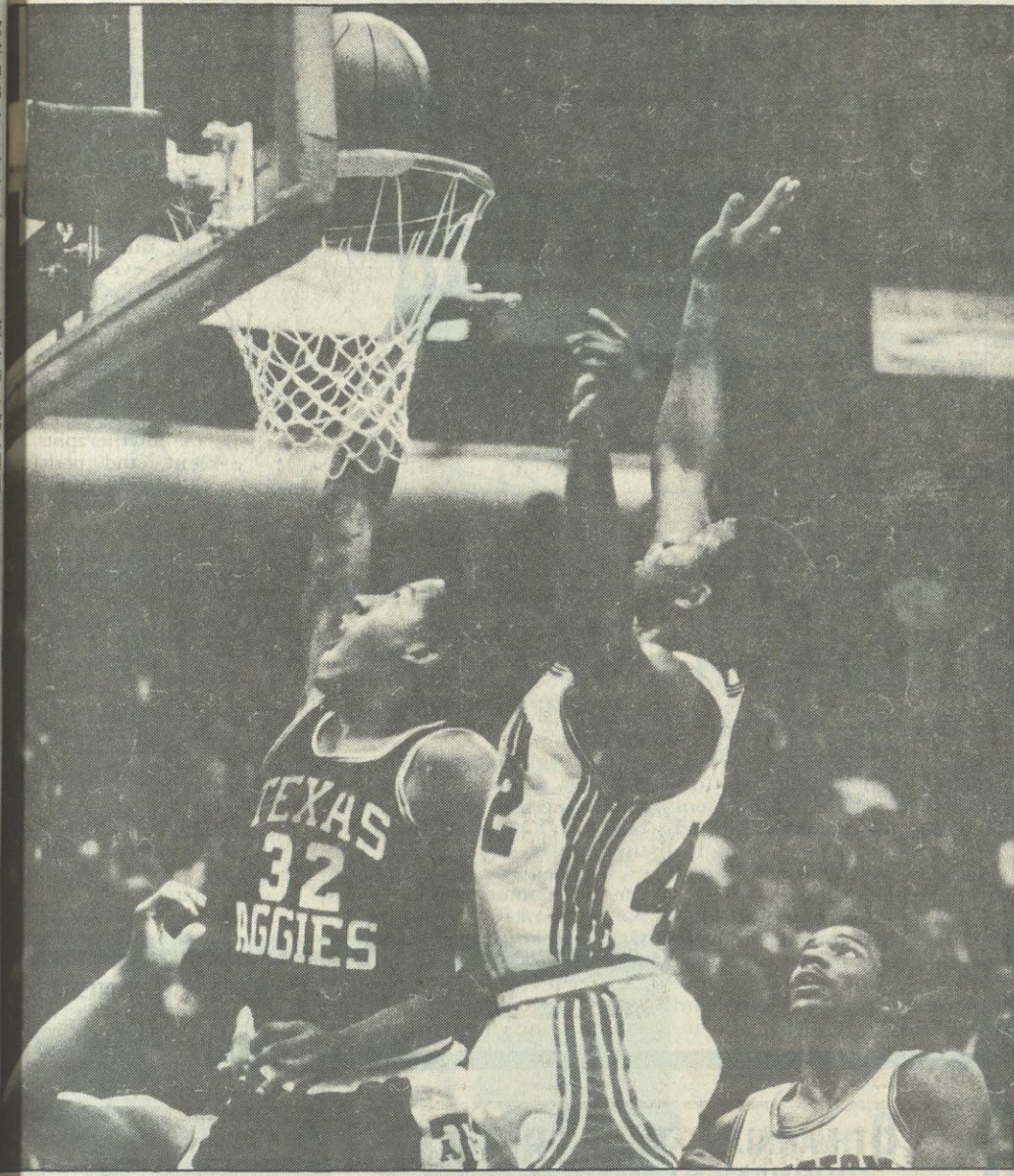


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A&M to host Lamar in NIT Wednesday



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The Texas A&M basketball team will host Lamar University in the opening round of the 32-team National Invitational tournament Wednesday.

Although it had been speculated that the Aggies would receive an invitation after losing 89-76 to the Houston Cougars Saturday in the Southwest Conference tournament semifinals, the offer was not confirmed until Sunday.

Texas A&M Associate Athletic Director Charley Thornton accepted the invitation Sunday, saying: "I regret we did not receive an invitation to the NCAA tournament, as we feel our basketball team could compete in the NCAAs. The NIT is still a very prestigious tournament and it will be very helpful to our program, our players and to our recruiting to be able to play in it."

The Aggies' opponent was not announced until just after 10 p.m. Sunday night, when Texas A&M coach Shelby Metcalf received news of the pairing.

"I'm just glad to be in the NIT," Metcalf said. "I'm real excited about our playing at home. I imagine if we're fortunate enough to win this one, we'll have to hit the road."

Texas A&M has played the Cardinals only once in its history, losing 61-60 during the 1979-80 season in the Great Alaska Shootout in Anchorage, Alaska. Lamar, which participated in the NCAA tourney the past two seasons, finished as the runner-up in the Southland Conference this season with a 22-6 record.

While Southwestern Louisiana won the Southland title by defeating the University of Texas at Arlington in the league tournament, Lamar was eliminated by UT-A 78-73 in the tourney semifinals.

The Aggies, who will host the Cardinals in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, finished the season with an 18-10 record.

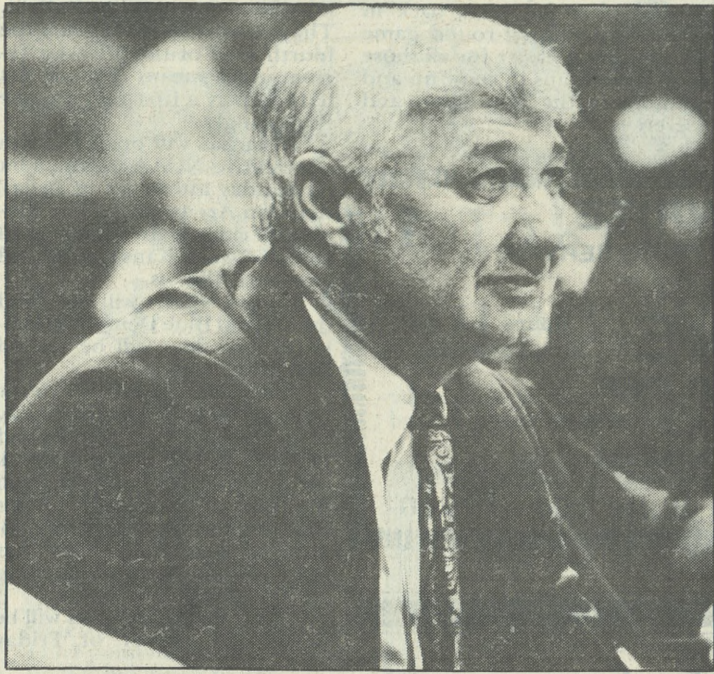


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Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf watches action during Friday's loss to the Houston Cougars. The Aggies received an invitation Sunday to compete in the National Invitational Tournament, and will open by hosting Lamar University Wednesday at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Lamar finished with a 22-6 record and had a 7-3 record in regular-season conference play.

Other NIT pairings include:

Tuesday
— Oklahoma (19-10) at Oral Roberts (18-11)

Wednesday
— Western Kentucky (19-9) at Purdue (14-13)

— Connecticut (17-10) at Dayton (19-8)

— Long Island U. (20-9) at Illinois (17-10)

— Washington (18-9) at Brigham Young (17-12)

Thursday
— Temple (19-7) at Georgia (16-11)

— Iowa (24-8) at Rutgers (19-9)

— American (21-8) at Bradley (21-10)

— Murray St. (20-7) at Nevada-Las Vegas (19-8)

Friday
— Tulane (17-8) at Louisiana State (14-13)

— Maryland (15-12) at Richmond (18-10)

— St. Peter's (20-8) at Syracuse (15-12)

— Fordham (18-10) at Virginia Tech (18-10)

— Mississippi (17-11) at

Clemson (14-13)

— Cal-Irvine (22-6) at San Diego State (20-8)

The University of Texas at El Paso, which finished with a record of 20-8, did not accept an invitation to play in the NIT. All nine of the other schools winning 20 games but not receiving NCAA berths accepted NIT spots.

Metcalf, whose squad defeated Baylor 64-63 in the SWC tournament quarterfinals before losing 89-76 to Houston, said the emotional opening victory over the Bears shouldn't have affected the team.

"I thought we played much better in our other two games against Houston," Metcalf said. "We don't have any excuses."

After Friday's loss to Houston, Metcalf said: "I thought the last 10 minutes of the first half (when Houston erased a seven-point Texas A&M lead to take a 45-34 lead at halftime) was the best of the six halves Houston has played against us this year."

Texas A&M and Houston split their two games during the regular season, with the Aggies winning here 95-77 and the Cougars winning in Hofheinz Pavilion 96-93 in the last game of the season.

Tickets for Wednesday's NIT opener game are \$6 for reserved seats and bleachers on the west side of the coliseum, and \$5 for north end bleacher seats. The reserved seat tickets will be available to season ticket holders today through noon Tuesday on a first-come, first-served basis, and after that they will be on sale to the general public.

General admission tickets are \$4, and students with all-sports passes have priority in purchasing those tickets. The priority period for students with passes is today through noon Tuesday, and only one ticket may be bought with each all-sports pass.

All remaining tickets will be available to the general public after noon Tuesday.

Aggie forward Mike Thomas shoots while under pressure from Houston's Michael Young (42) and Clyde Drexler (right). The Cougars defeated the Aggies 89-76

in the SWC tourney Friday, but lost to the Arkansas Razorbacks 84-69 in Saturday's championship game.

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IM Game Plan

VOLLEYBALL ENTRIES OPEN: Today is the first day to sign up your team for this year's Volleyball Triples Tournament. Entries will be taken in the IM office through Tuesday, March 23, and play will begin March 29. The entry fee is \$10.00 per team. There will be a men's, women's, and core division in Classes A, B, and C.

OFFICIALS MEETING: Men and women interested in officiating Volleyball Triples should attend the meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in room 162 East Kyle.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tomorrow, March 9, is the last day to sign up in the IM office for Innertube Water Polo, Water Polo, Badminton Doubles, and the Slam Dunk Contest. Three competitive options are offered in each sport for men and women.

EXTRAMURAL SPORTS CLUB MEETING: On Tuesday, March 9, each sport club must send one representative to the bi-monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 162 East Kyle.

SLAM DUNK CONTEST: Wednesday night, March 10 at 7 p.m., the main floor of G. Rollie White will be the scene of the 1982 slam dunk contest. Interested men and women can enter the competition in the IM office or at the contest. A \$1 entry fee will be assessed each person, and male and female champions will be awarded Intramural T-shirts.

TEAM CAPTAINS MEETING: Innertube Water Polo and Water Polo team captains meet Thursday, March 11 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 167 G. Rollie White to pick up schedules and go over rules.



Mens' Class A Intramural Basketball Champions — The "Jim Bobbers".



Aggie weightlifter Steve Lumpee recently set a new weightlifting world record. To help him build his strength for Nationals next week, Steve is our McDonald's® "Be Our Guest" winner. He can pick up his B.O.G. coupon in the Intramural Office.

Aggie Sets World Record

Steve Lumpee, a Texas A&M weightlifter, has set a world record in the Men's teenage dead lift. On February 20, the 19-year-old sophomore from El Paso, broke the dead lift record previously set in August. At the Texas State Open in Arlington Steve lifted 672 pounds.

A graduate of Coronado High School in El Paso, Steve is currently a Pre-Med major here at Texas A&M. He started seriously weightlifting as a senior in high school. Since moving east, he has been training under the direction of World Class Power Lifter Bennett Clayton who operates a weight training facility in Bryan.

In his short career, Steve has set three weightlifting records: the squatlift at 622 pounds, the dead lift at 672 pounds, and a novice total lift record of 1,669 pounds.

Steve is a member of the Texas A&M Weightlifting Club which, he says, is growing rapidly. Anyone seriously interested in weightlifting competitively or in learning more about weightlifting as a sport can join the club and use the club's facility on the second floor of G. Rollie White. Lumpee noted with a smile that more women are learning to enjoy weightlifting and joining the A&M Club.

During Spring Break, the College National Powerlifting Championship is being held in Huntington, West Virginia. Naturally, the TAMU club will be competing, so Steve and several other club members are training now. Those traveling to West Virginia March 19 and 20 include: Hiep Van Nguyen, Andy Rettenmaier, Freddy Cortez, Steve Lumpee, John Rodger, Ed McGough, and Robert Windsor.

President of the A&M Club, Phil Bellmore, says the team hopes to place in the top three teams nationally. An impressive showing at the National Championships will help the club in its bid for varsity status.

The TAMU Club will be hosting two powerlifting meets in College Station this spring on March 27 and on May 1. More information about Weightlifting and other extramural sport clubs is available in the Intramural Office.

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Basketball Champions

Thursday, March 4, was the last night of the 1982 Intramural Basketball season. After two months of games the All-University finals in Classes A and B were held. When the playoffs began, 111 Class A teams and 371 Class B teams had visions of championship awards. Well, the results are in, and the following teams have come out on top.

Super League		
Men	Banished Forever	
Women	In Your Eye	
Class A		
Men	Jim Bobbers	
Women	NBA	
CoRec	Centex	
Class B		
Men	OBPD	
Women	Keathley Kommets	
CoRec	It's My Team	

SPRING BREAK HOURS
March 16 - 19

DeWare Fieldhouse	Closed
East Kyle & GRW	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Pool	Noon - 2 p.m.

March 20 - 21

DeWare Fieldhouse	Closed
East Kyle & GRW	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Pool	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sport Club Action

Since Spring Break begins this weekend, most Aggies are preparing for a long-awaited vacation. TAMU sport clubs, however, are just reaching the peak of their spring season. Several of the more competitive clubs will be active this weekend and/or next.

GYMNASTICS: travels to Houston Baptist University Saturday, March 20, for the Texas Open.

LACROSSE: The men's team travels to Louisiana, stopping in New Orleans on Saturday, March 13, for a game with Tulane, and then it's onto Baton Rouge Sunday to play LSU.

RUGBY: The Men's club will be in Houston Saturday, March 13, for a game with the "Old Boys".

CYCLING: The TAMU Club will be wearin' the maroon in the St. Patrick's Day Road Race in San Antonio Sunday, March 14. Their hectic schedule includes the Piney Woods Road Race and the Tour de Louisiana Stage Race on March 20 and 21.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: Both the A team and the AA team will be in San Antonio Saturday, March 13 for the Randolph Air Force Base Tournament and gearing up for regionals in Houston March 20 at the University of Houston tournament.

ROADRUNNERS: Austin will be the scene of the Capitol 10,000 Sunday, March 21 and Texas A&M runners will be there.

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