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**Metcalf signs center  
 Gilbert of Huntsville**

Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf says he's never signed an athlete who's been sought by two Final Four teams.

But now he's done just that. Jimmie Gilbert, a 6-9, 200-pound center from Huntsville, signed a letter of intent Thursday to play at Texas A&M next year. A first team all-stater during the past season, Gilbert visited Georgetown and Houston, both members of this year's Final Four. The Hoyas finished the season losing to North Carolina in the national championship game.

"We're very pleased to have Jimmy in our program," Metcalf said. "We feel he'll help us immediately. He came from a great program at Huntsville. He's fundamentally sound and a well-disciplined player. Jimmy will play center and forward for the Aggies."

Huntsville coach Gary Surratt, a 1969 graduate of Texas A&M, said Gilbert could have a great impact on the Aggie basketball program.

"He's a hard worker with a very good attitude," Surratt said. "He's willing to go the extra step it takes to win. He runs very well, has good leaping ability and is a strong rebounder. He's a good team player and he loves to win."

"His future is ahead of him. He'll be real credit to Texas A&M."

During Gilbert's four years at Huntsville, the Hornets compiled a 99-30 record, winning one state championship, three district championships and one zone championship. During his sophomore year, Gilbert made second team All-District 10-AAAA while starting only about half of his team's games.

After being unanimously selected for first team all-district during his junior year, Gilbert also qualified for second team All-Greater Houston while leading his team to the district title.

As a senior, Gilbert averaged 17 points a game and a school-record 15 rebounds a game. In addition, he shot 55 percent from the field. In his best effort of the year, Gilbert had 19 rebounds and hit 11-of-14 field goals.

Gilbert, contacted by about 100 other schools around the nation, had a career best of nine blocked shots in one game during his senior year. He scored a personal high 30 points against Bryan during the past season.



Jimmie Gilbert, a 6-9 center from Huntsville, a jumper during his high school senior season, has signed a letter of intent to attend Texas A&M in the fall. Coach Shelby Metcalf has signed recruits this spring, including three from Huntsville.

**State powerlifting meet  
 to be held in DeWitt**

The State Novice Powerlifting Championships will take place in DeWitt Fieldhouse starting at 9:30 Saturday morning.

The meet, sponsored by the Texas A&M weightlifting club, is open to anyone in the state who is classified as a novice powerlifter. Ken DeLong, the Texas A&M assistant strength

coach and a sponsor of the athletes who will be held later in the state. The weightlifting club is in a bid to host the state legiate powerlifting championships, but has not yet decided whether it will do so. The club does not have a status, it has been unable to gain more recognition. Lamar, UT-Austin, Tech are schools who have varsity weightlifting at this point.

While two of the best teams lost backs, Closs-Smith-Chase 6-erson-Hill lost Wagner 7-5, Landry fell to Donica 6-3, 3-



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