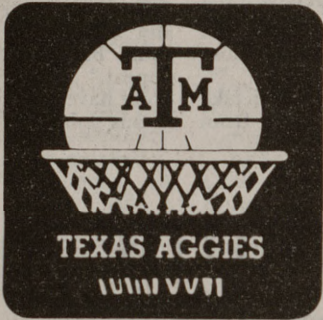


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Montana-bound Mono may keep Ags' Riley out of Montana tournament



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Shelby Metcalf's Texas Aggies may have to travel to the Champion Holiday Classic in Missoula, Mont., without forward Claude Riley, who's in the A.P. Beutel Health Center with a case of mononucleosis.

Dr. Duane Lagan, the Aggies' team physician, said Tuesday night that Riley's chances of making the trip are "pretty slim," but that the 6-10 senior should be ready when Texas A&M competes in the Connecticut Mutual Classic Dec. 28-29 in Hartford, Conn.

"I don't believe he'll be able to go to Montana," Lagan said. "I think he'll be under the weather and we'll be treating him for a few more days. He could surprise us all, but I really don't think he'll be going this weekend."

Riley, who has been in the health center since Monday, is the Aggies' second-leading scorer at 14.3 points a game and the leading rebounder at 9.8 a game. Riley needs six points to become the 10th best scorer in Aggie history, as he will surpass Mike Heitmann, who played here between 1968 and 1970. Riley has 1,084 points during his career and Heitmann had 1,089.

While the team leaves Thursday for Missoula, Lagan said, Riley may be well enough to go

home later in the week.

Metcalf, whose Aggies are 3-5 on the season after placing second in the Marshall Memorial Tournament the past weekend, said this trip will give the team another dose of talented competition. Texas A&M opens Friday night at 9:30 CST against the Portland Pilots, who are 3-3 this season.

"It's going to be a tough tournament," Metcalf said. "Portland is young, but really good."

Portland returns only one starter — 6-foot-9-inch senior center Bryan Breard — from last year's squad that finished 17-10 and third in the West Coast Athletic Conference behind Pepperdine and San Francisco. During the season, the Pilots had victories over USC (72-67), Oregon State (68-63) and Tennessee (71-62).

Freshman guard Kenny Brown leads Texas A&M scorers at 15.7 points a game and senior guard Tyren Naulls is third at 11.3 points a game. Brown's two-time high of 23 points came against Clemson and Illinois during the Great Alaska Shootout and Naulls' season high of 20 came against LSU.

Montana plays West Texas State in the other first-round opener Friday at 8 p.m. Montana is undefeated at 7-0 and returns all five of its starters from

the Grizzlies' 17-10 team in 1981-82, while the Buffaloes are 3-3. The tournament consolation game will be played Saturday at 8 p.m. and the championship will be the same night at 10.

Here are the probable starting lineups for this weekend's Champion Holiday Classic, as well as the players' scoring and rebounding averages:

TEXAS A&M (3-5):
Kenny Brown, freshman guard, 6-4, 195 — 15.7 pts., 3.7 rebs.

Tyren Naulls, senior guard, 6-4, 205 — 11.3 pts., 3.3 rebs., 3.7 assists

Jimmie Gilbert, freshman center, 6-9, 200 — 3.7 pts., 5.8 rebs.

Claude Riley, senior forward, 6-10, 215 — 14.3 pts., 9.8 rebs.

Roy Jones, senior forward, 6-7, 195 — 9.2 pts., 4.8 rebs.

COACH: Shelby Metcalf (311-207 at A&M)

FIELD GOALS: 50.7 percent; opponents, 41.8 percent

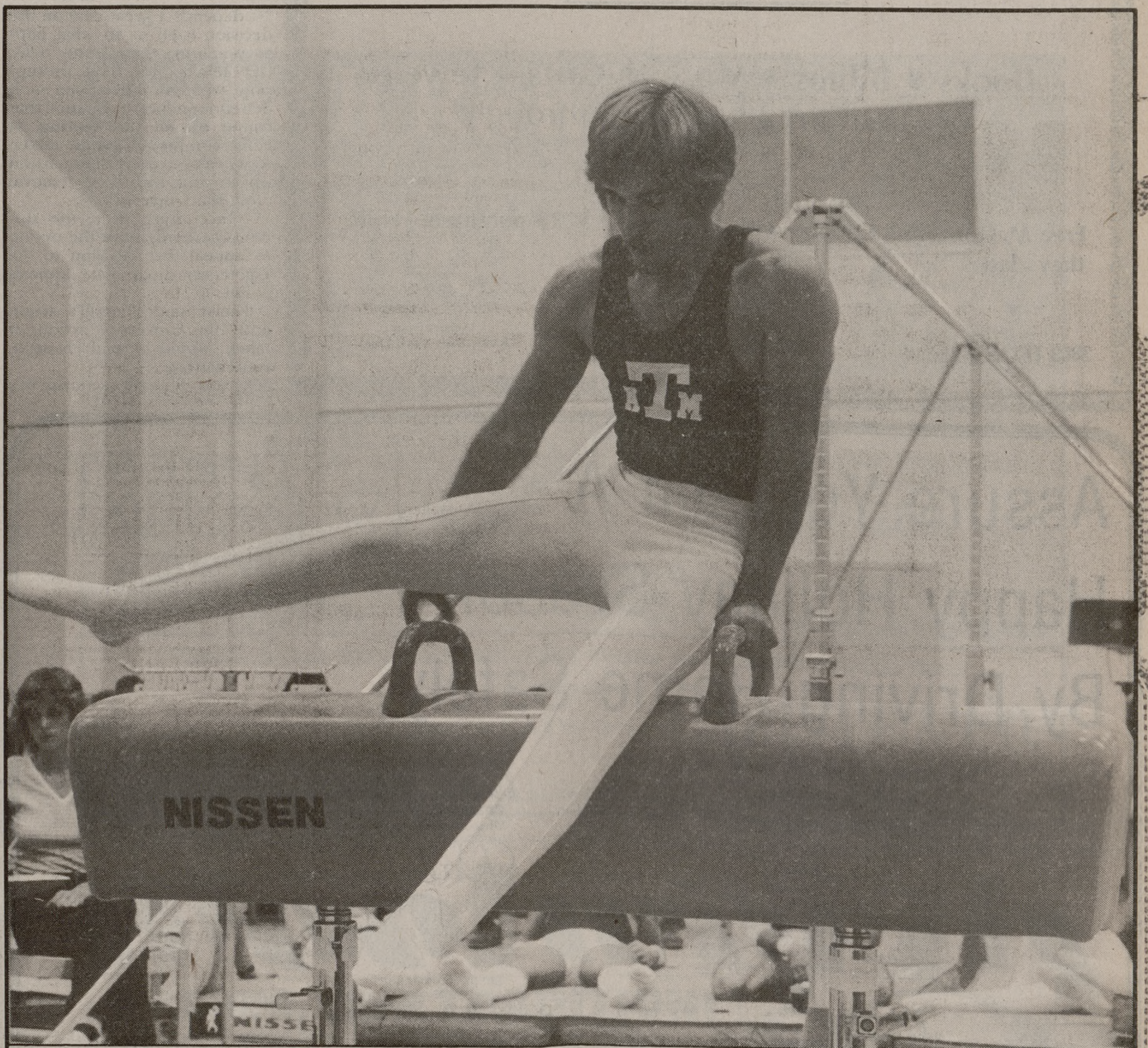
FREE THROWS: 62.7 percent; opponents, 68.1 percent

REBOUNDS: 41.1 per game; opponents, 35.5 per game

LAST YEAR: 20-11

GAMES THUS FAR: Clemson 82; Texas A&M 79 (2OT); Illinois 72; Texas A&M 70; Texas A&M 93; Alaska-Anchorage 65; Texas A&M 91; Texas A&I 70; Marquette 73.

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Horsing around

photo by Randy Smith

Grant Lauderdale, a freshman member of the Aggie gymnastics team, performs on the pommel horse in a meet against the University of Texas-Arlington this season. Lauderdale, who placed fifth in the event,

was named "gymnast of the meet" by his teammates. The Aggies' spring season will open Jan. 22 at Texas Tech, where Texas A&M, the Red Raiders and Fort Hays (Kansas) State will compete in a tri-meet.

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