

It's Texas for Stafford, quarterback announces

Belton quarterback Bret Stafford told The Battalion Sunday night that he will sign a national letter of intent with the University of Texas on Wednesday.

Stafford, who was recruited heavily by Texas A&M, said that he felt he was destined to be a Longhorn.

"I had a feeling inside that I should go to Texas," he said in a telephone interview. "I just had a feeling that it was the right place to go."

"But there was nothing I found wrong with Texas A&M," he added. "They were super people and everybody was very sincere."

Stafford said that the Aggies' apparent quarterback recruiting bonanza didn't affect his decision.

Stafford was rumored to have changed his mind about signing with the Aggies because

of the number of quarterbacks who have announced they will join Coach Jackie Sherrill in the fall.

Port Arthur Jefferson's Craig Stump, Eastland's Jay Hess, Houston Lamar's Paul Gasper and A&M Consolidated's Kip Corrington all have announced their intentions to sign with Texas A&M.

However, Stafford said he decided on Texas long before Hess, Gasper and Corrington made their decision.

In other recruiting news, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Saturday that Bryan High School seniors Todd Howard and Rod Bernstine would sign with the Aggies. Both were unavailable for comment.

Flowers, however, is reportedly headed for Houston, where he could continue as a quarterback. Flowers will prob-

ably be switched to defensive back should he decide to sign with the Aggies.

Howard and Bernstine will reportedly make their verbal commitments today.



Tatum's layup brings 74-72 victory

Ladies' comeback tops UH

by Frank L. Christlieb

Battalion Staff
Bouncing back from a 17-point halftime deficit, the Aggie Ladies surprised the University of Houston Lady Cougars 74-72 Saturday afternoon in G. Rolie White Coliseum.

Michell Tatum scored the winning points on a rebound layup after a miss by freshman Lisa Langston with 32 seconds left in the game. Tatum finished with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

Texas A&M trailed 31-6 with eight minutes left in the first half, but the Aggie Ladies began their comeback and wound up the first half trailing 46-29.

The two halves included several interesting statistics: After UH outscored Texas A&M by 17 in the first half, the Aggie Ladies won the second-half point battle 45-26. Houston shot 54 percent from the field in the first half and Texas A&M shot 27 percent; however, the Aggie Ladies turned that around by shooting 54 percent in the second half while the Lady Cougars shot only 25 percent.

Coach Cheri Rapp said she's never seen one of her teams erase such a large lead.

"I think that's probably one of the best comebacks ever for one of my teams," Rapp said. "It was



Michell Tatum scores 18 in Ladies' 74-72 triumph



Coach Cheri Rapp says schedule should get easier

really unbelievable that they were able to come back from that far down.

"They just began to work harder and a few shots began to fall for us. We didn't have too many breaks in the first half. I think we really needed a win. We haven't played up to par lately, and things just haven't been going

our way. We have a lot of potential, but we just can't seem to be consistent, mostly because of inexperience.

"We've had a tough schedule during the first few conference games," she said, "but we're looking down the road to a little easier schedule during the next

few games." Felice Lewis tied the game 60 on a jumper with 8:30 left but the Cougars scored six points to take a 66-60 lead. Tatum's layup with 32 seconds left gave the Aggie Ladies first lead of the game.

Jenni Edgar had 18 points, Lisa Langston had 15 and guard Romy Gandy had 10 assists.

HOUSTON (72)
Spillman 0-3 0-1 0, Sanford 1-1 0-0 0, Cooper 1-1 0-0 0, Skinner 4-11 4-4 12, Darby 1-3 0-0 2, Moore 1-3 0-0 0, Kuzmar 0-0 1-2 1, Finch 1-1 0-0 0, Owens 0-2 0-1 0. Totals 27-40

TEXAS A&M (74)
Gandy 0-2 4-4 4, Langston 5-11 0-0 0, Lewis 2-9 3-7 6-12 6-8 18, Krauskopf 4-8 2-4 0-1 0-0 0, Duckham 0-1 0-0 0, Tatum 6-11 6-9 18, Tatum 0. Totals 25-60 24-36 74

Halftime—Houston 46, A&M 29
Rebounds—A&M 53, Houston 41
Assists—Houston 20, A&M 18
Houston 8, A&M 8 Attended

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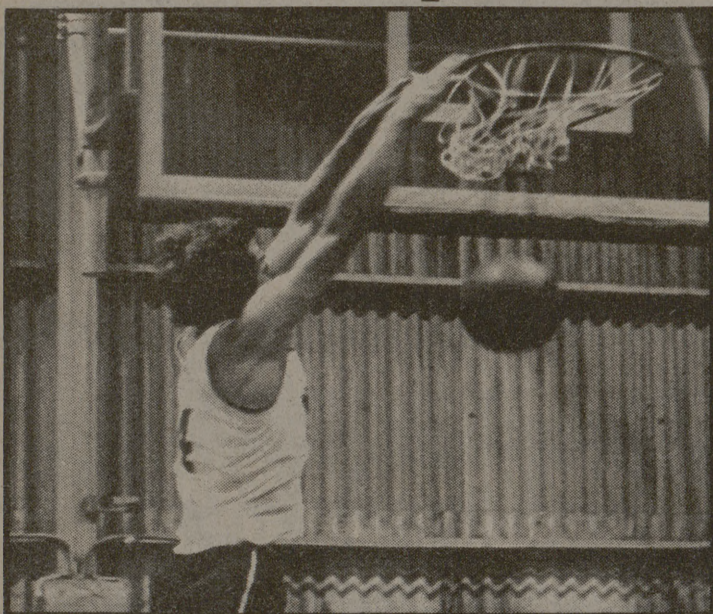


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Entries Open Slam Dunk

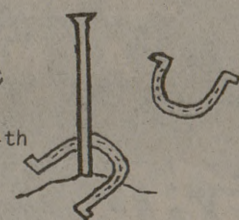
The IM-REC Sports Office is now accepting entries for the Intramural Slam Dunk Contest. If you make it to the finals — You can be a star! The final competition will take place during the half time of the Men's Varsity Basketball Game on Monday, February 21. But, before you can get there, you first must get through the preliminary competition on Tuesday, February 15 at 7 PM on the Main Floor of G. Rolie White. And... it's FREE! Enter today!



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COMING EVENTS

SOFTBALL ENTRIES



CLOSE TOMORROW!

Entries for Intramural Softball and the Intramural Pre-Season Softball Tournament will close tomorrow, February 8 at 7 PM. Get your team together and come to the IM-REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle and enter today! Remember that a \$20.00 entry fee must accompany the Intramural Softball registrations and a \$5.00 entry fee must accompany the Intramural Pre-Season Softball Tournament registrations. For further information contact the IM-REC Sports Office at 845-7826.

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Dates to Remember

- Monday, February 7
7 PM Sports Club Association Meeting — 167 E. Kyle
Racquetball Singles Play Begins
- Tuesday, February 8
7 PM - 9 PM Free Throw Shooting Contest Main Floor GRW
7 PM Softball Entries Close
- Thursday, February 10
5:15 PM Softball Team Manager's Meeting 601 Rollie
3:15 PM Basketball Playoff Schedules Posted

Free Throws Shooting Contest To Be Held Tomorrow



Entries for this contest will continue to be accepted in the IM-REC Sports Office through 5 PM tomorrow, February 8, at the contest location (Main Floor GRW) tomorrow from 7 PM to 8 PM. The contest will be held on Tuesday, February 8 from 7 PM to 8 PM. And... it's FREE! Single Division and Team Divisions are offered. For more information contact the IM-REC Sports Office at 159 East Kyle or phone 845-7826.