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## Mavs beat Suns to reach .500

United Press International PHOENIX, Ariz. — Playing as if each game is their last, the Dallas Mavericks are setting a lot of firsts.

The Mavericks, who beat Portland on the Trail Blazers' own court for the first time in history Sunday, defeated the Phoenix Suns 112-100 Tuesday night to extend their club record for winning on the road to five straight games.

The victory also put Dallas at 24-24 on the season, the first time it has been at .500 since early December.

"Our practices are fierce," said Dallas coach Dick Motta. "I tell the players they should play every game like it's their last game. We might not win, but it will be a good game."

Dallas outscored Phoenix 20-8 in the last four minutes Tuesday to get its 11th victory in the last 14 outings. Jay Vincent led the surge, scoring 12 of his 22 points in the closing minutes.

"We did the right thing at the right time," said Mark Aguirre, who led the Mavericks with 28 points. "They were used to us

posting up, so we posted up for a decoy and hit Jay for the jumper."

Vincent gave the credit to Aguirre.

"Mark is on a roll," he said, adding, "We are playing well together."

Phoenix coach John MacLeod said Dallas "did a good job throughout the ball game."

"They did an excellent job on the offensive boards, especially in the second half," MacLeod said. "They just seemed to be a step ahead of us tonight."

Phoenix guard Walter Davis, who led the Suns with 21 points, said, "They (the Mavericks) were able to control the boards in the second half and they made their shots at the end, while we just couldn't connect."

MacLeod said two players in Suns' uniforms for the first time, rookie Charles Pittman and center James Edwards, played only sparingly because they were "unfamiliar" with the Suns' offense. Pittman and Edwards each played three minutes in the first half.

After the 29th tie of the game, at 92-92, with 4:10 remaining, Dallas went ahead to stay on a baseline jumper by Vincent.

The Suns closed within one on two occasions after that, but Vincent and Brad Davis combined for eight straight Dallas points during a span of 1:13 that put the Mavericks in command 106-97 with 38 seconds left.

Behind Aguirre and Vincent, Rolando Blackman had 18 points and Brad Davis 13 for the Mavericks.

Larry Nance added 19 points and Maurice Lucas had 18 points and 16 rebounds for Phoenix.

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## Ladies fall to Rice on last-second shot

Thanks to a basket at the buzzer, the Rice women's basketball team defeated the Aggie Ladies 53-52 Tuesday night in Houston.

Jennifer Stone, a 5-11 senior post, scored the winning basket to send Texas A&M to its 12th defeat against 10 victories. Stone, who scored seven points on the night, had entered the game when Katie Osten fouled out with 3:23 left in the game.

The Aggie Ladies defeated the Owls 105-81 last month, but suffered their ninth road loss of the season.

Sophomore post Michell Tatum led Texas A&M with 18 points and 15 rebounds, while freshman forward Lisa Langston connected for 18 points. Tatum led the Aggie Ladies in scoring and rebounding for the second straight game.

Coach Cherri Rapp, whose squad had erased a 17-point halftime deficit to defeat Houston on Saturday, said her squad



Coach Cherri Rapp says Aggies played poorly

didn't play well against the Owls. "We may have been overconfident with the win over Houston Saturday and we may have thought we were better than we really are," Rapp said. "There are no excuses, although Rice had a lucky shot at the end."

Sophomore Jennifer Stone, ranked No. 3 in the South Conference in free-throw percentage, missed a crucial line with 13 seconds remaining.

The Aggie Ladies shot 40 percent from the field in the first half and 36 percent in the second half, finishing at 37 percent for the game. Texas, which still leads the league in free-throw shooting, shot 70.5 percent of its shots, only 57 percent against

the Aggie Ladies. The Aggie Ladies led for most of the first half but tied the score at 12 outside jumper by Jackson with 7:33 left. Texas trailed 22-20 at halftime.

The Aggie Ladies led 21-19 in the second half, but er by more than a point held their last lead — 31 with 23 seconds left.

## Dallas QB Carano has knee surgery

United Press International DALLAS — Reserve Cowboy quarterback Glenn Carano underwent surgery Tuesday for the removal of torn cartilage from his left knee, Dallas team physician Dr. Marvin Knight said.

The arthroscopic surgery was performed at Baylor Hospital by Dr. J. Pat Evans. Knight said that no ligament damage was found

and that the rehabilitation of Carano's knee should be completed in about six weeks.

Carano, a 27-year-old, entered his seventh season in 1982 when he was injured Aug. 21 in a game at San Diego. He served as the Cowboys' backup on field goals and extra points last season, but saw no action in the quarterback.

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