

A junior affair

Experienced lineup gives Ladies confidence

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Motivation. That's what the chance to compete in a conference meant to women's basketball coach Cherri Rapp and her team.

The 1982 season marked the first year in which women's basketball was offered in the Southwest Conference, and Rapp says it came just in time.

"Playing in the SWC was a lot better," Rapp said. "It gave us a goal — something to work for. Just the fact (we have a) conference tournament that qualifies you for nationals made it a little more exciting."

Rapp made a couple of changes in her 1981-82 squad and the result helped raise a 9-20 record to 11-16.

"Switching Lynette Joiner from forward to guard and switching Jenni Edgar from guard to forward really helped our program," Rapp said. "Jenni is a much better rebounder and Lynette is a better outside shooter."

The switch helped Edgar, a 5-8 forward from Dallas Bryan Adams, make second team all-SWC. But despite the steady presence of Edgar, last season was an up and down one for most of the Aggie Ladies.

"I think Jenni (Edgar) was probably the most consistent player we had," Rapp said. "Lisa Langston had a good year but she was injured so much that she really didn't show how she could play."

"I think Michell Tatum and Janet (Duckham) both had a good first half of the year but Michell was injured and had knee surgery during Christmas. She really didn't quite come back off of that and Janet just didn't play as well after Christmas as she did before."

An experienced group of re-



Coach Cherri Rapp says experience is key to '83



Lisa Langston should be only sophomore to start



Romy Gandy returns to her point guard position

turning starters has Rapp confident about the 1983 season. Only two players off last year's team were seniors — and that means experience and familiarity should be an Aggie trademark in 1983. Most of her players will be upper classmen who already have one or two years of playing experience.

"I'm excited about next season," says Rapp. "These junior players have been playing since they were freshmen. Usually freshmen sit on the bench, but they all played. They've got a headstart."

The Aggie Ladies will likely start an almost all junior lineup of Edgar, Langston, 6-3 post Tatum and 5-6 Romy Gandy at point guard. Langston should be the only sophomore to break into the starting five.

"The other starter will be either Ann (Trinka) or Janet (Duckham)," Rapp said. "It will depend on how well they perform during pre-season play."

Both Trinka and Duckham

are juniors, also.

The Ladies open their pre-conference schedule Nov. 18 against Hardin-Simmons in Abilene. Non-conference home games during the fall include St. Mary's on Nov. 28, Lamar on Nov. 30 and Dartmouth on Dec. 15.

Rapp said the Ladies have a good chance to come out close to the top in the conference, but as usual, the Texas Lady Longhorns will be the favorites.

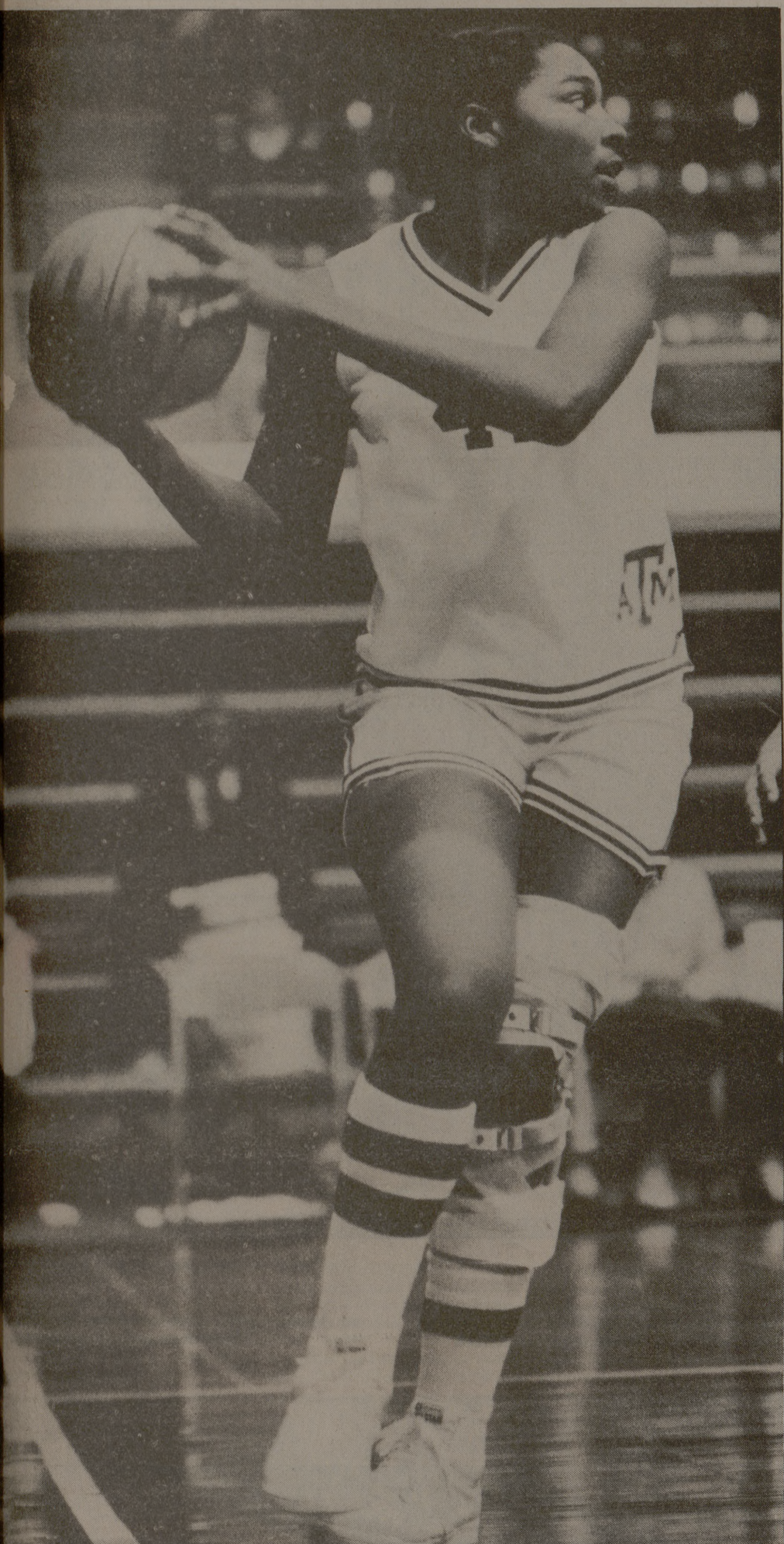
"Texas will be the toughest," Rapp said. "They have been the past few years and they will probably be nationally ranked

again this year."

Rapp says a good pre-conference showing may make people more aware of the team.

"I think a lot of people don't realize that the women play as well as they do," Rapp said. "We have some exciting players. I think Lisa Langston is one of the most exciting players to watch because she jumps so high and is so fast."

"People usually come out a little early for the men's game so they get a chance to watch us play," explains Rapp.



Aggie Lady Michell Tatum, shown here against Texas Tech, is expected to start at post again this season for coach Cherri Rapp.

Sports Fest may come to Austin

United Press International

AUSTIN — City officials say that within a few days they will apply to the U.S. Olympic Committee to host either the 1986 or 1987 National Sports Festival.

The annual festival attracts about 3,500 athletes and from 200,000 to 300,000 spectators for nearly two weeks of events ranging from equestrian competition to track and field.

"This could possibly be the biggest thing to come to Austin," said Leonard Ehrler, head of the city's parks. "We have been told it could bring nearly \$1 billion to the city."

Ehrler said both the Chamber of Commerce and the University of Texas had expressed interest in bringing the games to Austin. The deadline to apply for the 1985 through 1987 games is Sept. 1, he said, and a decision on the site selection is expected by Jan. 1.

Austin Mayor Ron Mullen also expressed his support for the plan and said San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros was receptive to the idea of holding some events in that city.

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Rice, Coogs in earliest league game

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Two weeks after the hurricane season began with such a smash in Houston, the Southwest Conference will open its 60th football season this week in the same location.

In what amounts to a global excursion, the three-month SWC campaign opens Thursday night in a town still feeling the effects of a devastating storm and closes 7,000 miles away in Tokyo, Japan.

The Houston Cougars will have a part in both the beginning and end — playing the Rice Owls in the season opener and taking on the two-time defending champion SMU Mustangs in Tokyo's Mirage Bowl on Nov. 25.

In between the conference will slowly unravel a number of mysteries that could make this year's race one of the most wide open in years.

"Each year you think the race couldn't possibly be any more difficult than it was the year before," said Baylor coach Grant Teaff. "I've felt that way every year I've been in the conference. And I feel that way again."

Thursday night's meeting between Rice and Houston will be the second game involving major college teams played in the country this season and will match the earliest starting date in SWC history.

Penn State and Nebraska will kick off the season Monday night in East Rutherford, N.J.

Next Saturday the SMU Mustangs will put the nation's longest current unbeaten streak (16 games) on the line when they entertain Louisville and Texas A&M will embark on its second season under Jackie Sherrill by hosting the California Golden Bears.

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