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Basketball Victory for UT

United Press International
AUSTIN — Freshman guard Marcus Bolden scored a season-high 25 points to lead the Texas Longhorns to a 77-60 non-conference victory over Georgia Southern Tuesday night. In action, Texas-San Antonio defeated Baylor, 79-70 as UTSA forward Derrick Gervin, brother of Antonio Spurs guard George Gervin, scored 20 points. Junior guard Vince Cunningham added 16 for UTSA.

The Longhorns gave second-year coach Bob Weltlich his first win at home this season. The Longhorns have yet to win the road this year.

Bolden scored 18 of his points in the second half to boost the Longhorns to a 3-3 season record. Texas had struggled to a 30-half-time lead but pulled away early in the second half. He made back-to-back shots within 30 seconds to give Texas a 45-34 lead early in the second half and Texas pressed from then on.

Texas also got support from senior forward Carlton Cooper who added 18 and a game-high seven rebounds.

Leading scorer for Georgia Southern was guard Marshall Taylor who hit for 20. The Buccaneers' top rebounder was John Braswell with six.

The loss drops Georgia Southern to 6-5.

Meanwhile in Waco, UTSA scored 23 of 27 free throws in the second half to defeat the Baylor Bears.

Cunningham hit 10 free throws in the last 6 minutes as Baylor stayed close in the game behind reserve forward Michael Gervin who scored 13 and blocked three shots.

Mike Heller led Baylor with 17. The loss left the Bears with a season mark of 3-4. UTSA is 4-1 on the season.



John Makely, Battalion staff

Texas A&M freshman guard Todd Holloway shoots in action earlier this season.

Metcalfe denies rumors of recruiting violations

by John Wagner
reported by Dave Scott
and Bob Caster

Battalion Staff
Texas A&M Athletic Department officials say they don't understand why allegations of wrongdoing have been leveled at the Aggie basketball program.

The Albany, N.Y., Times Union reported in its Tuesday edition that the NCAA had hired a private investigator to look into the signing of freshman guard Todd Holloway and that his findings had been turned over to the NCAA.

Holloway, who attended Christian Brothers Academy high school in Albany, enrolled at Texas A&M in September after accepting a full four-year scholarship offer to play at Wagner College in New York. The Times Union reported that Holloway was on the Wagner campus for three days, but attended no classes.

NCAA rules allow an athlete immediate eligibility at one school if he has transferred from another school without having attended classes there.

David Cawood, the NCAA director of public relations, told The Battalion Tuesday night the report out of Albany may have concerned a preliminary investigation.

"Before there is an official investigation," Cawood said, "the school is always notified." Schools are not notified during the NCAA's preliminary investigations, he said.

The Times Union quoted private investigator Gene O'Neill as saying, "I did cover the investigation for them (the NCAA). They have the results."

But A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalfe says preliminary investigation or not, the Aggies are not guilty of any wrongdoing.

"I personally don't think there will be a (full-scale) investigation," Metcalfe said late Tuesday.

day. "I know we didn't do anything wrong."

Metcalfe said because Wagner College does not participate in national letters-of-intent, Holloway was "fair game."

A national letter-of-intent serves as a binding agreement between a player and the college he signs with.

"What happened was he (Holloway) signed with Wagner," Metcalfe said, "but they don't participate in the national letter. His dad called us and got Todd before classes started and brought him down here. If Todd would have stayed there until 7 o'clock (when classes started), they would have closed the doors on him."

In a long distance telephone interview, Wagner College sports information director John Stallings told The Battalion it was the manner in which Holloway left that probably prompted the investigation.

"What was shocking to us,"

Stallings said, "was that he was enrolled here, ready to start classes, and he just disappeared in the middle of the night. He didn't say anything to any of the players or coaches. The next day his room was empty, and (Coach Neal) Kennett was worried about what had happened to him."

"It was several days before we found out he was at Texas A&M."

Both Metcalfe and Stallings said they were unaware of the origin of the report. But Metcalfe said he didn't think Kennett had leveled any accusations against the Aggies.

"I don't get the feeling he (Kennett) initiated it," Metcalfe said.

Stallings said Holloway's absence on the basketball court at the beginning of the season raised questions concerning the details of his departure.

"People ask about him because he was in our press guide and he was previewed as being a

good player, and now he's not even here. I think that's why the article came out in the paper."

Like Metcalfe, Stallings said he felt the charges did not originate from within the Wagner athletic department.

"I don't think we're on a witchhunt here," Stallings said. "If he wants to be at A&M, then that's where he needs to be."

"The major questions we were concerned with were how did he leave the campus and how did he wind up at Texas A&M. That's probably what the NCAA will be looking at if this is investigated (formally). We were never informed about his leaving."

Holloway, who is currently the Aggies' leading scorer, won numerous awards in high school, and was recruited by Syracuse University as well as Wagner and A&M. His playing status will not be affected, A&M officials said.

Phone calls to Holloway's dorm room in Cain Hall went unanswered Tuesday night.

Rockets hit Suns; big win at home

United Press International
HOUSTON — Houston center Caldwell Jones led a second-half surge as the Rockets defeated the Phoenix Suns 129-110 Tuesday night at the Summit.

Jones, who ended the game with 24 points, hit 14 in the second half to pace Houston to its ninth victory of the season. The Rockets have been defeated four times this year.

James Edwards led Phoenix scoring with 23 as the team's record dropped to 8-15.

Houston led by only one at 46-40 at halftime, but quickly went to an 84-73 lead early in the second half.

Jones scored nine points in a 10-minute stretch to lead the 98-85 advance entering the fourth quarter.

Two Ralph Sampson slam dunks gave the Rockets the 115-94 advantage with 7 minutes left in the game and the all the Rockets had to do was run out the clock.

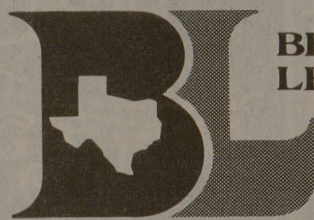
Sampson finished with 22 points and 14 rebounds and was one of five Houston scorers with at least 19 points in the game.

Robert Reid, playing in only his 23rd game since coming back from his 2-year self-imposed religious retreat from the National Basketball Association, scored 20 points. Allen Leavell and Rodney McCray each scored 19.

The Rockets blistered the nets hitting 62 percent of their field goal attempts for the game.

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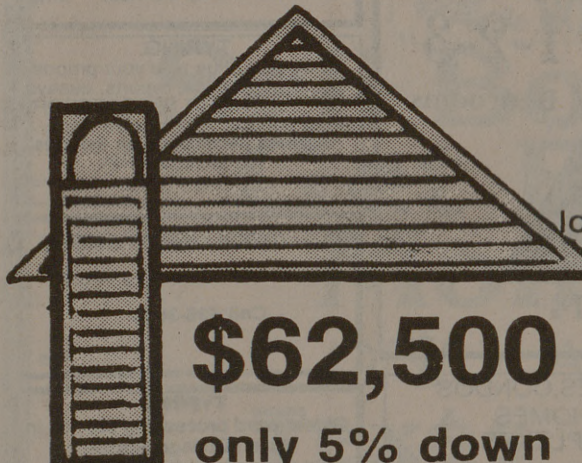


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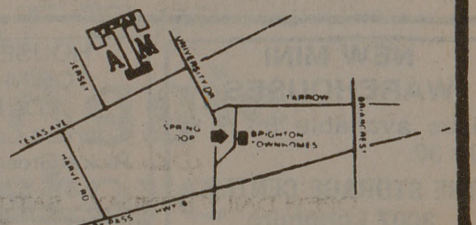
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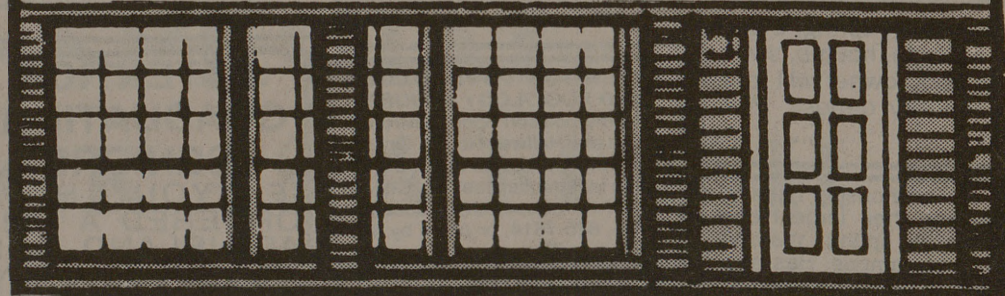
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