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Aggies prove they can play with anyone

By BOB CASTER
Sports writer

If we beat Houston it will be national sports news," Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf said before his team's match-up with the Cougars Saturday. "But it could happen."

It didn't happen, though. There was no stunning upset for the young Aggies, but there may be a victory of sorts hiding in the defeat.

The Aggies, suffering from a subtle identity crisis going into the Northwest Conference action, have proven to themselves they can play with the "big boys."

It (the Houston game) was a game we couldn't wait to play," Barnell Williams said. "I was looking forward to it and I feel about it. I feel like we've been overlooked."

Williams, a junior college

transfer, seemed to personify a sense of optimism that is shared by his teammates.

"When you get down you just have to dig harder — never give up," he said. "Any team can be beat. We were picked to be in the basement but I think we can finish in the top three. No one's going to go undefeated."

That's the attitude the Aggies will have to keep for the rest of the season. That's the attitude that will compensate for the Aggies' youth and lack of experience — which is no secret to them or anyone else.

And Metcalf sees that attitude in his players.

"You're gonna get as good as the competition you're playing," Metcalf said. "You can't simulate a Houston in practice — there's nobody who has a second team like Houston's first team. But there's no doubt that if we play that hard every night we'll win some ballgames."

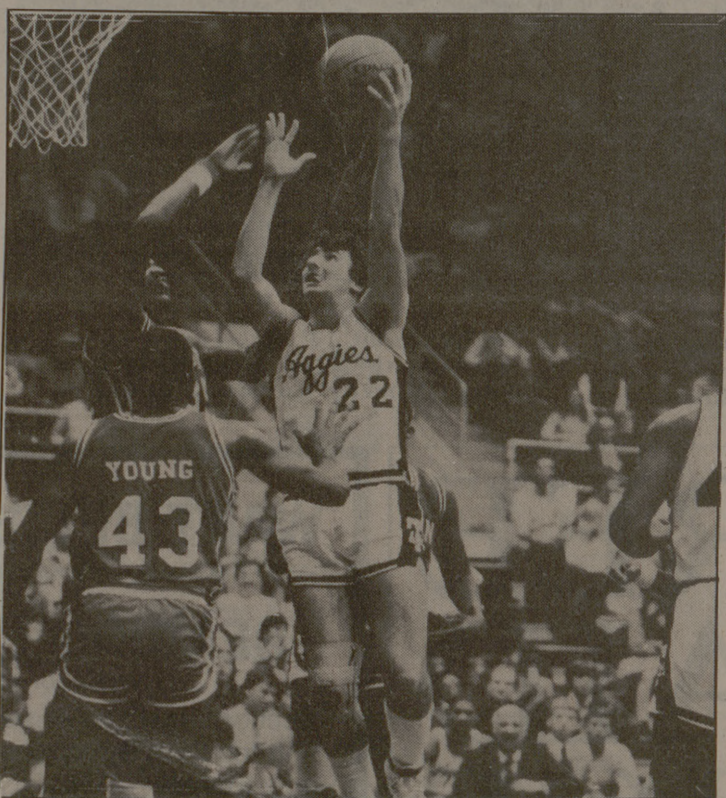


Photo by Bill Hughes

Doug Lee is back at full strength after an early season ankle injury.

Young comes up cold, but 'cool' Cougars win

By DAVE SCOTT
Sports writer

Only Houston's Michael Young could lean back against the lockerroom wall, stretch his frame across a dirty clothes hamper, sip a Dr Pepper and explain to a crowd of sports writers why he shot so poorly and how he wasn't worried.

"He's cool. It just wasn't my night," the senior member of the Phi Slama Alpha fraternity said. "My team-

mates really came on and I knew they would pick up the slack."

Young hit just 3 of 14 from the field — 21.4 percent — while scoring just eight points — a far cry from his team-leading 21.5 per game average.

But only a Top 10 team like Houston, ranked fifth and seventh in the UPI and AP polls respectively, could have its top scorer be colder than a frozen cougar and still walk away with a six-point victory.

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Basketball

Men vs. Texas Wesleyan
7:30 tonight
at G. Rollie White

Akeem blocks Aggie victory

By KAY MALLETT
Sports writer

The unstoppable Akeem Olajuwon showed his "star status" Saturday night, leading the Houston Cougars to a 70-64 victory over Texas A&M.

Olajuwon strolled into College Station with a name and a reputation and left with added respect from an awestruck crowd at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"He has star status," said A&M coach Shelby Metcalf, "and I think he's earning it."

Olajuwon proved to be the overriding factor in Houston's

win, topping everyone on the court in statistics and intimidation with 27 points, 13 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

His role in Houston's win was realized in the first minute.

After the Aggies won the opening tipoff, Winston Crite took a jumpshot which was instantly blocked by Olajuwon and pitched down court.

Houston forward Rickie Winslow instinctively took the signal for the entrance of Phi Slama Jama and performed a perfect fast-break slam dunk.

Not a good start for the Aggies.

Houston fired up its man-to-

man defense and kept A&M from scoring until four minutes into the first half. A Kenny Brown jumpshot put A&M on the scoreboard, and seemed to inspire the Aggies — especially freshman Todd Holloway.

Holloway, seemingly undaunted by the Cougs, reversed the game's momentum in A&M's favor with his steals, ball handling and outside shots.

The Aggies tied the score 10-10 with 11:45 left in the first half compliments of a baseline jumpshot by Brown, and the lead then changed hands six times in a matter of five minutes.

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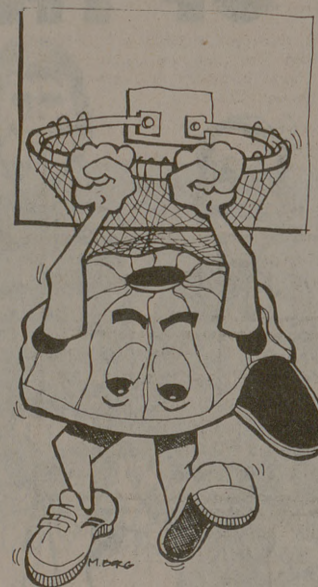
ENTRIES DUE TUES, JAN. 17 BY 7PM



OUTDOOR SOCCER

Outdoor Soccer entries due Tuesday, January 17th at 7p.m. in the IM — REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle.

LATE ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR BASKETBALL AND OUTDOOR SOCCER



Entries due Friday, January 20th at 5p.m. in the IM — REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle.

IT'S LOCKER RENEWAL TIME!

All Recreational Lockers must either be renewed or cleared by 7 PM, Wednesday, January 18th. After that date, lockers will be cleared by the Intramural — Recreational Sports Department.

Don't delay — come to 159 East Kyle and renew your locker today!

If you are interested in reserving a locker and you don't presently have one then come to IM — REC Sports Office, 159 East Kyle during the week of January 23rd! See you soon!

WINTER POOL HOURS

The winter schedule starts today!! New validated ID's & Rec Passes Required.

INDOOR POOL

Mon/Tues/Fri: 6 — 10 PM (except Tues., Jan. 17th)

Wed/Thurs: 6 — 7 PM
Sat/Sun: 12 — 6 PM

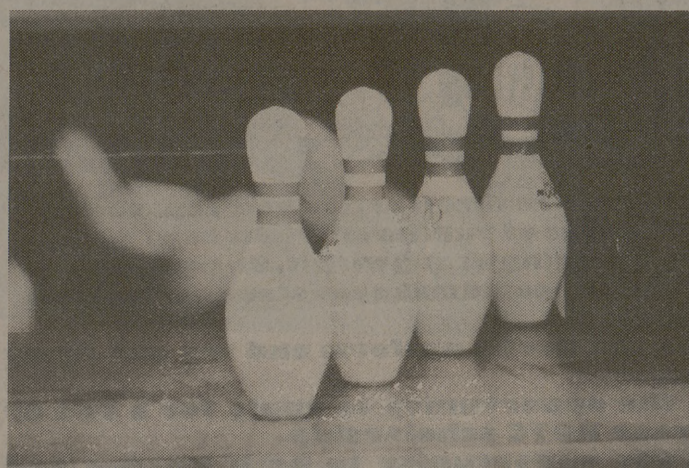
OUTDOOR POOL

Mon through Fri 12 Noon — 2 PM (Lap Swimming Only)

Spring Intramural Schedule

SPORT	OPEN	CLOSE
Basketball	Late entries may be accepted on an availability basis.	
Outdoor Soccer		
Preseason Basketball Tournament	Nov. 28	Jan. 17
Racquetball Singles	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
Team Bowling	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
Slow Pitch Softball	Jan. 30	Feb. 7
Preseason Softball Tournament	Jan. 30	Feb. 7
Tennis Doubles	Feb. 13	Feb. 21
Table Tennis Singles	Feb. 20	Feb. 28
Volleyball Triples	Feb. 27	March 6
Badminton Doubles	Feb. 27	March 6
Pickleball Doubles	Feb. 27	March 6
Innertube Water Polo	Feb. 27	March 6
Penetration of Sports (Softball Tournament)	Feb. 27	March 6
Handball Doubles	AA	AA
Wallyball	March 19	March 27
Track & Field	March 19	March 27
Golf Doubles	March 26	April 3
Archery Singles & Doubles	March 26	April 3
SPECIAL EVENTS*	OPEN	TENTATIVE DATE
Free Throw	Jan. 30	Feb. 9
Slam Dunk	Feb. 6	Feb. 15
Wrestling	Feb. 13	Feb. 27
Superstars	March 5	March 24 & 25
Homerun and Baseball Hitting	March 19	March 28
Frisbee Golf	April 2	April 15

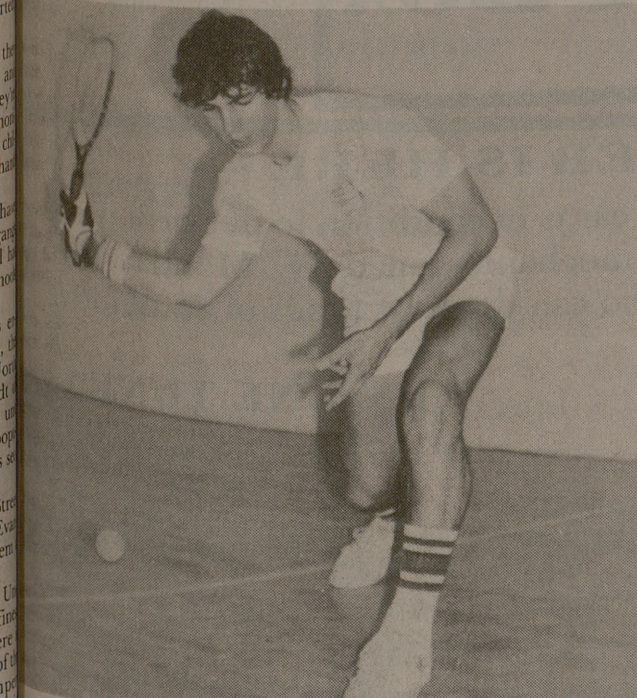
*Special event participants sign up at the event site. Specific sports information will be available at the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office on the opening date.



It's time to think about Team Bowling — entries open January 23rd.

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Get into the swing of things with IM Racquetball Singles — entries open January 23rd.