

# Ags 'technically' lose to Raiders

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Saturday was a bad day in West Texas for both of Texas A&M's basketball teams. Both the men's and women's teams lost by large scores to Texas Tech. The men's game was close and controversial for the most part while the women's was a blow out from the opening tip.

The men were beaten 74-49 by a late Red Raider rally and the women lost handily by a 33-point margin, 92-59.

The men held a two-point advantage at the half, 31-29, and kept the game close until the final seven minutes, that was the close part. The Raiders then went on a 25-2 scoring streak with 19 of those points coming on free throws.

Then came the controversial part. During that final stretch, the Aggies, down by 14 points, were called for three technical fouls, two on junior guard Darnell Williams, which resulted in

his ejection from the game.

The same referee who had just whistled Williams for a foul called a technical on Williams as they lined up to shoot the foul shots.

When coach Shelby Metcalf left the coach's box for an explanation, he was called for another technical. With the original foul shots and the two technicals, Tech had five straight shots from the line — and made all five.

A few seconds later Williams was called for his second technical.

Metcalf says he has doubts about the calls. "I question whether they were warranted or not," he said. But Metcalf also admitted that calls like that happen.

The only way to get good officiating is to have a good team. That is, if a team is good enough, questionable calls won't hurt the team. But the Aggies have not yet reached that point.

"We're just not good enough to overcome a lot adversity like that, especially on the road," Metcalf said.

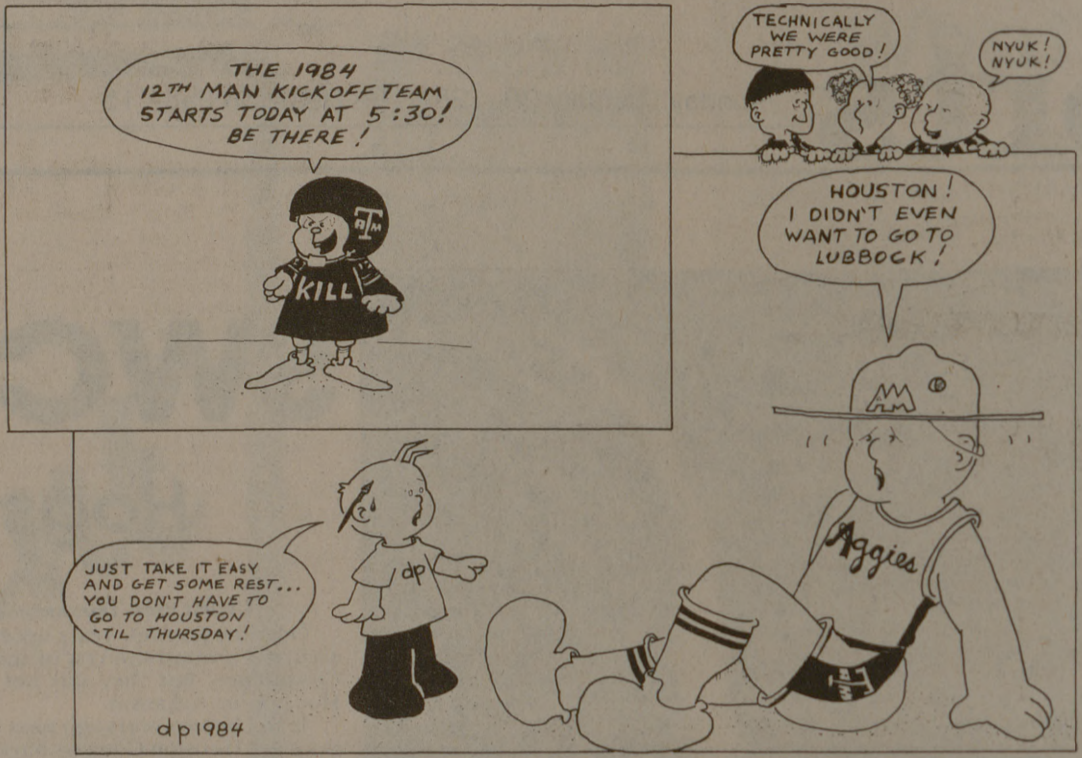
However, the Aggies were already falling out of the game when the technicals occurred. Metcalf thinks he has an explanation for why the Aggies collapsed after a strong first half.

"It's possible we got a little tired," he said. "Tech has more depth than we do and they were able substitute freely, so that took its toll on us."

The victory keeps Tech tied for third place at 5-2 in the conference with Southern Methodist, a 105-81 winner over Texas, Saturday. Tech is 11-7 for the season.

The Aggies fell to 4-4 in the conference and 11-8 overall.

Jimmie Gilbert hit 13 of his 15 points in the first half for the Aggies. Todd Holloway added 10 for A&M.



# Vikings to miss Grant

United Press International

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Viking quarterback Steve Kramer was driving to hospital to pick up his new baby daughter when he heard the news.

Receiver Sammy White ped the sandwich he was while watching a college ball game when the news reached him. Offensive Steve Riley figured it was

But it was no joke. Coach Bud Grant had and assistant Les Steckel ing over, to become the third coach in the 24-year history of the pro football

"It was a total surprise. Kramer, a former player at Rice University.

"I don't know if it will be better and I don't know if the Vikings will be worse. I don't know this — the Vikings are not the same," running back Ted Brown said.

Grant said he wanted coaching, something done the past 17 seasons in Minnesota, to pursue "things that I want to do. The ball doesn't permit."

Riley, an 11-year veteran, has also considered retiring, no matter who took over would be different.

"Bud had a unique approach to football," Riley said from Newport Beach, Calif. Grant had a warm, human

"He was always on the players. When you were tired, he knew how to tire you."

"When you were hurt, he knew the pain. He was playing for. It will seem like playing for someone else."

"I don't think I could be any worse than if I had been watching TV and out I had been traded," said from his Montrose home. "I dropped my career. It is just hard to imagine. I've been with his system and his program. I loved every minute."

# Defense misses all-star game

United Press International

DENVER — Bill Laimbeer expected to be watching the 34th NBA all-star game on television instead of sparring the East squad to the fourth-quarter rally that put the game into overtime.

Laimbeer, substituting for the injured Moses Malone Sunday, scored 13 points — all of them in the final period. At the end of regulation, the game was tied at 132-132 and then Julius Erving and Andrew Toney combined for 15 points to lead the East to a 154-145 victory over the West. Erving lead all scorers with 34 points.

"I only expected to play about

six minutes like I did in the game last year," Laimbeer said. "But I'm really grateful to K.C. (East coach K.C. Jones) for putting me in."

"It really helped to have him and Kelly Tripucka in the game at the same time."

Laimbeer, Thomas and Tripucka are all teammates with the Detroit Pistons.

The West squad's last chance for a victory came at the final buzzer of regulation when Magic Johnson's long jumper missed.

"When I saw it didn't go in, I just said 'damn,'" said Johnson, who handed out a game-record 22 assists. "I just let it go too hard."

West coach Frank Layden said he was drained after the contest and compared it to the Super Bowl.

The game was the highest scoring in the 34-year history of the midseason contest. The 299 total points broke the previous record for most points in an All-Star game — 284 set in a 153-131 West victory in 1961. That contest lasted only four quarters.

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### SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Get in the swing of things with Slow Pitch Softball!! Entries open today, January 30, and will remain open until Tuesday, February 7 at 7 pm. Divisions available are corps, fish, men's and women's dorm, men's and women's independent, faculty/staff/grad, and co-rec in Classes A, B, C, and D (recreation). A team managers meeting will be held Thursday, February 9, at 5:00 pm in Rudder Tower. Schedules will be available and rule changes will be discussed at this time. Stop by the Intramural Office in 159 East Kyle to pick up your entry form today!

### FREE THROW CONTEST

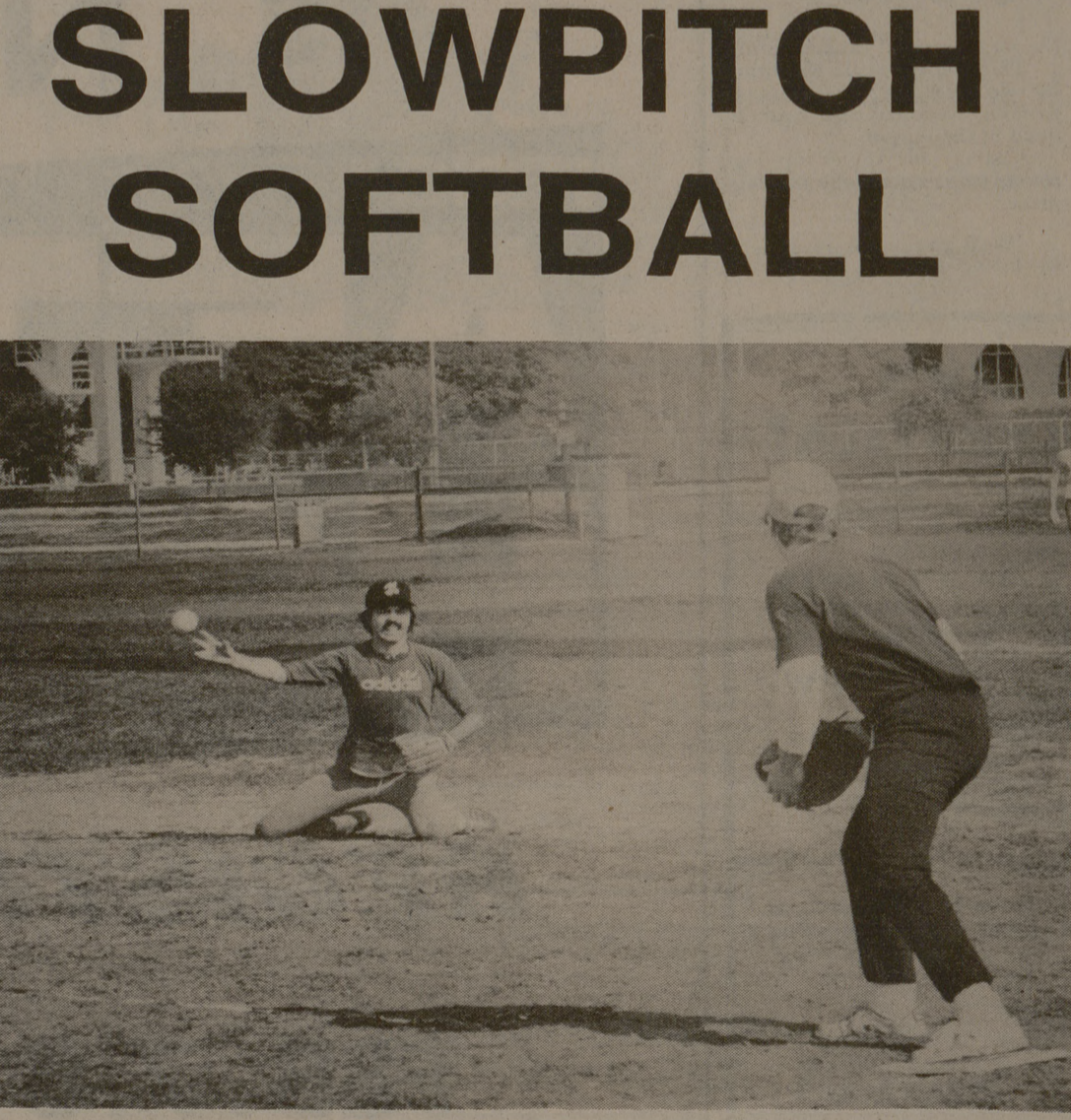
Entries for the Intramural Free Throw Contest open today! The contest will be held Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm on the Main Floor of G. Rollie White Coliseum. The contest is free! Singles competition consists of each individual shooting 25 free throws. The person who makes the highest total of the 25 free throws will be the individual champion. In team competition, champions will be determined by total score for all team members. A team consists of 4 persons. Register in advance in the Intramural Office in 159 E. Kyle or on the night of the event at the contest site.

### PRESEASON SOFTBALL TOURNEY

Ags! This is your chance to get in some preseason practice for the intramural slow pitch competition. Entries for this tourney open today and close Tuesday, February 7. The tourney will be held February 10 through 12 and the entry fee is \$5.00 per team. Divisions include men's, women's and co-rec in classes A and B. Schedules may be picked up at the captains meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 5:45 pm in Rudder Tower. Entries will be limited to 64 men's teams, 32 co-rec teams, and 16 women's, so get your entry in today!!

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## IM GAMEPLAN ENTRIES CLOSE

### RACQUETBALL SINGLES

Don't let Intramural Racquetball Singles pass you by! Entries for this fast paced sport close tomorrow, January 31 at 7 pm. Play will begin Monday, February 6. Classes A, B, C, and D (recreational) are offered. Schedules will be posted after 2 pm, Thursday, February 2. Check the bulletin board outside the Intramural Office to see when you play.

### TEAM BOWLING

Get out this semester with Team Bowling! Entries close tomorrow, January 31. Teams consist of 4 persons per team with co-rec teams consisting of 2 men and 2 women. The fee is \$14 and this includes all league games plus the first round playoffs. Stop by the Intramural Office in 159 East Kyle to enter.

## PLAY BALL!

All of the Intramural-Recreational Sports Department facilities are open to students, staff, faculty, spouses and dependents. If you are a new faculty or staff member, then you will need to come to the IM-REC Sports Office in 159 East Kyle to obtain your Recreational ID. For your convenience, the office remains open until 7 pm, Monday through Thursday.

A few things to remember about the IM-REC program:

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- We have sports equipment available for check out or rental including tennis and racquetball racquets, which are available for 50¢ per hour.
- Handball and Racquetball courts are available for reservations during East Kyle and Deware open hours. Please call 845-2624 or 845 2625 for reservations (24 hours in advance).
- If we can be of service to you please feel free to drop by the IM-REC Sports Office in 159 East Kyle or phone 845-7826.

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