

## Basketball

Saturday  
Aggies vs. Rice  
Women 5:15 p.m.  
Men 7:30 p.m.

## Women upset Houston

By DONN FRIEDMAN  
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HOUSTON — For the Texas A&M women's basketball team, it was an upset. Not the kind of upset that makes the cover of Sports Illustrated, but an upset nonetheless.

The Aggies jumped to a 20-4 lead in the first 7 minutes — a lead which they never relinquished, winning 81-80. It was the first win for the Aggie women's team at Hofeinz Pavilion since 1976.

Despite yielding six inches to the Cougars 6-5 Monica Lamb, the Aggies out-rebounded Houston 18-16 in the first half to help A&M to a 37-25 halftime lead.

But with Michelle Tatum sitting on the bench in foul trouble for the first 9 minutes of the second half, the Cougars were able to fight back.

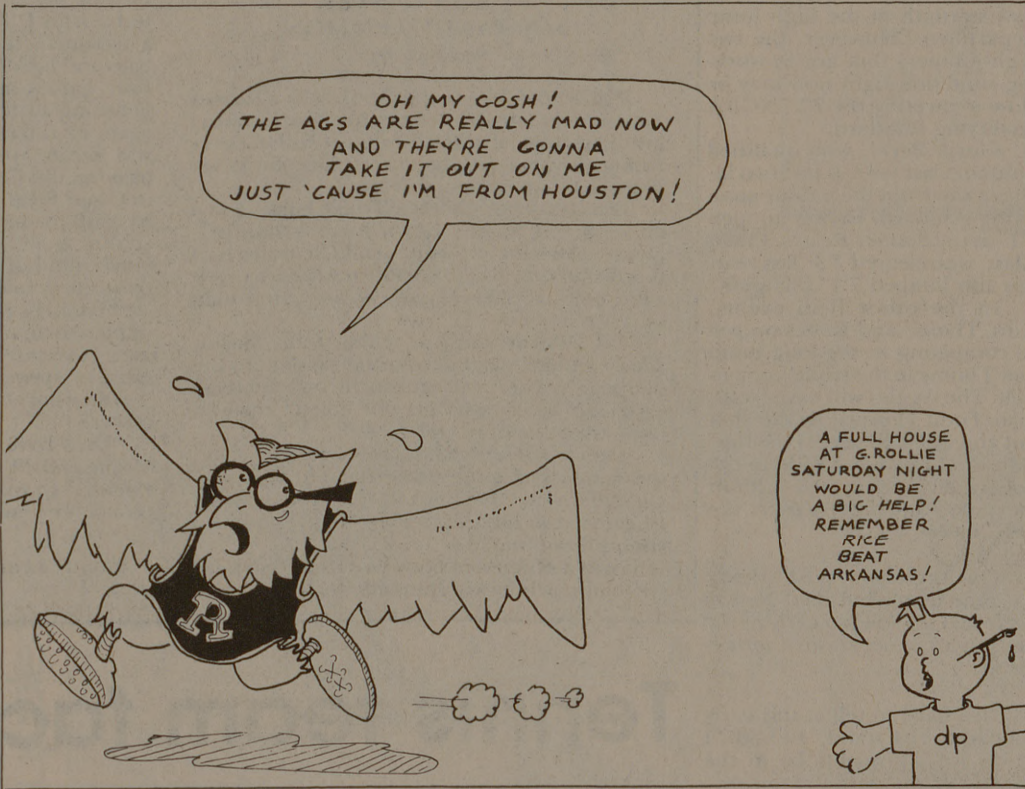
Tatum came in and hit a turnaround jumper to put the Aggies up 59-46, but shortly thereafter she drew her fourth foul and went back to the bench.

With 3:20 left in the game and the Aggies up 72-68, Tatum came back in off the bench.

Jenni Edgar hit a turnaround jumper after a Tatum offensive rebound and advanced the Aggie lead to 74-68. As the Aggies made the transition to defense, point guard Mary Ann Swearingin fouled out.

From then on it was a matter of missed Aggie free throws and made Cougar layups. But the Cougar's run at the Aggies wasn't quite enough.

The win was Cherri Rapp's first in Hofeinz as the Aggie coach.



## Fear factor prevails; UH beats 'sick' Ags

By DONN FRIEDMAN  
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HOUSTON — When a team takes on the Houston Cougars they usually have three things to fear: Akeem Olajuwon on defense, Akeem Olajuwon on offense, and Michael Young from the corner.

But the Aggies had extra worries Thursday night. They had to play the No. 6 team in the country without starting point guard Todd Holloway and guard Darnell Williams.

Williams was back home in the hospital with the flu while Holloway sat at the end of the bench in street clothes suffering from tendinitis in his big toe.

Olajuwon was more of a fear factor on defense with eight blocks than on offense with nine

points, but Young hit from baseline to baseline scoring a career-high 30 points. The Cougars defeated the Aggies 87-65.

The Cougars took little time taking advantage of the Aggies lack of their starting guards as they jumped out to a 13-4 advantage. But A&M was not about to take both a loss and a blow to their pride without a bit of a fight.

Winston Crite cradled the ball in his arm and drove to the basket slamming the ball with a Phi-Slama-Jama-Who's-No. 6-in-the-country-who's-in-the-Southwest-Conference-cellar-it's-in-your-face-slam over the top of Olajuwon.

Shortly thereafter Alvin Franklin tried to retaliate with a dunk on a fast break but Roger Bock would have none of that.

He slammed both Franklin and the ball to the floor, sending the Cougar to the free-throw line. Franklin's free throw was off and Bock was after it — diving after the ball and flicking it to his A&M teammates. But fight was not enough and the Aggies fell behind 42-31 at the half.

The second half started out badly for the Aggies with Doug Lee and Mike Clifford launching shots that hit nothing but backboard. The Cougars pulled away 52-35 and it was Houston from then on.

With a little over five minutes to play and Houston leading 75-48, one side of the crowd began to chant "We want Benny (Anders)" but from the far side

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## Olympic hopeful in Aggieland

By KAY MALLET  
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He was a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic track team and he's a top contender for the 1984 team.

He is high jumper Jimmy Howard, a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M, and he's going for the gold.

Howard, who is one of the top jumpers in the world, says he is confident of a spot on the 1984 track team.

"If I jump (at the U.S. Olympic team tryouts) what I usually jump," Howard said, "I shouldn't have any problem. I'm beating all the best in the United States right now."

But team tryouts aren't until

June. Howard realizes that any number of things could happen between now and then.

"Some problems could come up, but I don't foresee anything that could happen," he said.

"But then again, you have to look at the tryouts themselves. It's a one day thing and I could have an off-day."

Or somebody could do what Howard did in 1980.

"I think I was just ranked 10th and I went to the tryouts for experience. But I got one of those 'once in a lifetime' jumps and I made the team. I was in total shock."

He was so shocked that he says he didn't care that the United States didn't compete in the 1980 games in Moscow.

But the Aggie from Alvin has changed his point of view for the 1984 games. He's made some personal sacrifices and taken time out of his life to train for the upcoming event.

He's currently competing in international indoor meets as a member of the Pacific Coast Club.

The club is a non-profit organization consisting of the top pole vaulters and high jumpers in the United States and Canada.

The executive director, Tom Jennings, acts mainly as an agent for the athletes to get them into most of the major meets across the nation.

"It's very difficult getting into these major meets," Jennings

said. "It's mainly politics. My job is to get athletes on my team and get them into the meets. It's me using their influence as top athletes to get them into the various competitions. And because of the calibre of athletes I work with, they are in essence self-supporting."

But Jennings isn't a coach for the team.

"It's ideal that they (the athletes) live and train in the area they've been in," he said. "That way, there are no drastic changes they have to go through."

So Howard is currently training in College Station and flying out each weekend to the various meets.

Last weekend he competed in

the Melrose Games in Madison Square Garden and placed second behind Dwight Stones.

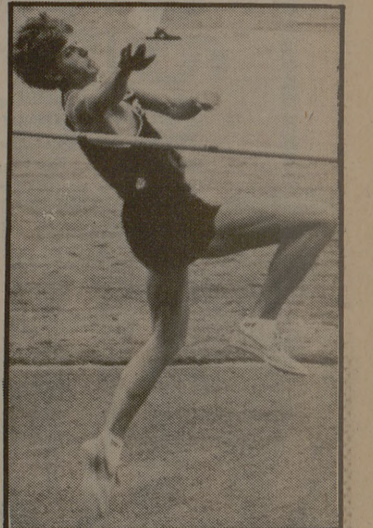
Howard and Stones tied at 7-6 1/4, but Stones won because he had the least number of misses at that height.

"I just felt like I jumped too good to get second. I hate it when Stones beats me," Howard said.

He hates it because he feels like he's better than Stones and he wants to be recognized as the top American jumper. A position that Stones has dominated for years.

"I'm a better jumper than he is," Howard said. "I want to be the best American and I'm not

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Jimmy Howard has high hopes of being on the U.S. Olympic team.

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