

Slings in Alamo Stadium

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SAN ANTONIO — A judge Thursday cleared the way for the USFL San Antonio Gunslingers to play in Alamo Stadium, ruling that a lease agreement between the team and the stadium's owner is valid.

Williams, after hearing two weeks of testimony from private citizens, traffic experts, USFL officials and school district administrators, ruled the lease agreement made last year between the fledgling USFL team and the San Antonio Independent School District is valid.

The lease called for stadium expansion by South Texas Sports Inc., whose principal owner is Duval County rancher Clinton Manges. Millions of dollars worth of renovations have already been made at the facility.

Williams turned aside arguments by The River Road Association, a group of citizens who live near the stadium, which claimed Gunslinger games would cause noise, pollution, parking problems and lower the property value of their homes.

The San Antonio City Council also filed suit, claiming the lease violated a 1939 deed restriction which prohibited profit-making sporting events in the facility.

"We were very optimistic," said Gunslingers General Manager Roger Gill. "But you never know until the verdict."

The team's first home game was Feb. 26 against the New Orleans Breakers. USFL officials had testified that denying use of the stadium would upset the league's entire 1984 season schedule.



Photo by DEAN SAITO

Lisa Langston maneuvers for position in a game against the University of Texas earlier this season.

Basketball team wants support

Langston hopes to lead Aggs

By KAY MALLETT
 Sports Writer

O.K., so the Texas A&M women's basketball team hasn't been so hot the past few years. In fact, their record is 57-79 over the past five seasons and hardly anyone supports the team. At the last home game, against Rice, there were only 284 fans.

But there's at least one person who is determined to regain some of that lost support and make the Aggies one of the best women's teams in the Southwest Conference.

"I want to do about the same thing I did in high school," forward Lisa Langston said. "That is to play for a team that isn't really ranked and help them get to the top."

A&M recruited Langston in 1982 from Spruce High School in Dallas — for basketball and track. That year, she was named all-greater Dallas and all-metro

in basketball and All-America for her accomplishments in track.

She received track scholarship offers from all over the United States — including Nebraska and Tennessee. But Langston's main interest was basketball.

And in basketball, she was one of the top recruited women in Texas with bids from Southern Methodist, Baylor and many junior colleges.

"I had a chance to go to the University of Texas and tryout, but they were already established," Langston said. "Look at Texas now. They're No. 2 in the nation and I'd really like to be a part of the team. But when would I get to play?"

"If I'm going to play college ball, I want to play. You sure can't get any experience on the bench."

That's the main reason she came to A&M — to play basket-

ball. And she's getting to do just that.

The 5-8 sophomore had the Aggies' highest-scoring game this season, 31 points against Lamar University. In conference play, she's averaging 15.5 points and 4.9 rebounds a game.

"I haven't been playing as good as I can, but it'll come in time," Langston said.

This year Coach Cherri Rapp put Langston in a new position at baseline-wing.

"At the beginning of the year, I didn't have any confidence in my shooting at the baseline," Langston said, "but now I'm starting to get used to it."

And she's learning to use her quickness as an asset in grabbing steals, rebounding and driving to the bucket.

"With my speed, I'm able to get at the big plays," Langston said. "I know as short as I am, I'm going to come up against

some people that I won't be able to drive against, but we haven't played any people like that — unless it would be against Texas — and it seems like everything just goes right for them."

Langston said she wished things would go right for the Aggies.

"It's just the little things that beat us," she said. "For one thing we don't talk on the court."

Langston said that support was another problem.

"I really feel like the people here don't support women's athletics," she said. "That's one of the things I miss — the local support. Maybe everybody doesn't know about us or something. Maybe they don't care."

Both A&M basketball teams will be on the road in Waco Saturday to play the Baylor Bears in the Heart O' Texas Coliseum. The women's game will begin at 5 p.m. and the men's will follow with the tip-off set for 7:30.

Ags claim out-of-state recruits

By DAVE SCOTT
 Sports Writer

Since this year's Texas recruiting crop wasn't as good as usual, Texas A&M head coach Jackie Sherrill went elsewhere for his talent. Of the 30 scholarships Sherrill was offering, six were claimed by out-of-state players.

Two of those six were added Thursday. Running back Harry Johnson from Pasadena, Cal., and lineman Jon Burman from Carmel, Ind. Johnson measures in at 6-1, 185, while Burman is 6-6, 260. Burman is the son of George Burman, who played 12 years for the Los Angeles Rams.

Other than Johnson and Burman, Sherrill and the coaches didn't stray far from Texas. They snatched three recruits from Louisiana and one from Oklahoma.

From north of the Red River, A&M brought home its very own moon, L.B.

Moon. The highly recruited defensive lineman was thought by his father to be leaning towards the University of Texas.

But Moon returned from a visit to UT, cancelled an upcoming trip to Oklahoma University, and told A&M coach Jerry Pettibone to "put me down, I'm coming to A&M."

Bill Moon was pleased, a 1952 graduate of A&M, President of the Tulsa Aggie Club, a national representative of the Association of Former Students and a member of the Century Club, you might say he had a bit of a bias. However, he said it didn't interfere with his son's decision.

"During the recruiting, I stayed out of it," he said.

Yet having a "good Ag" for a father didn't hurt the Aggie's chances.

"He's been going down there (to College Station) since he was old enough to walk."

And now that he can run, a 4.8 in the 40, A&M fought for his services against some 30 different schools, including Nebraska, Oklahoma, Southern Methodist, Arkansas, Kansas, Wyoming and USC.

Bill Moon said his son chose A&M because of the facilities here and the friendliness of the students. He added that the rumored recruiting violations and probations for SMU, Kansas and Nebraska influenced his son.

In winning Moon, the Aggies get an all-around athlete who lettered in basketball, track, plays tennis, enjoys snow skiing, and even plays a little ice hockey.

Moon tips the scales at 260-pounds, but his dad says they will tip even farther. The 6-6 Moon just recently turned 18 and is lifting weights regularly.

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