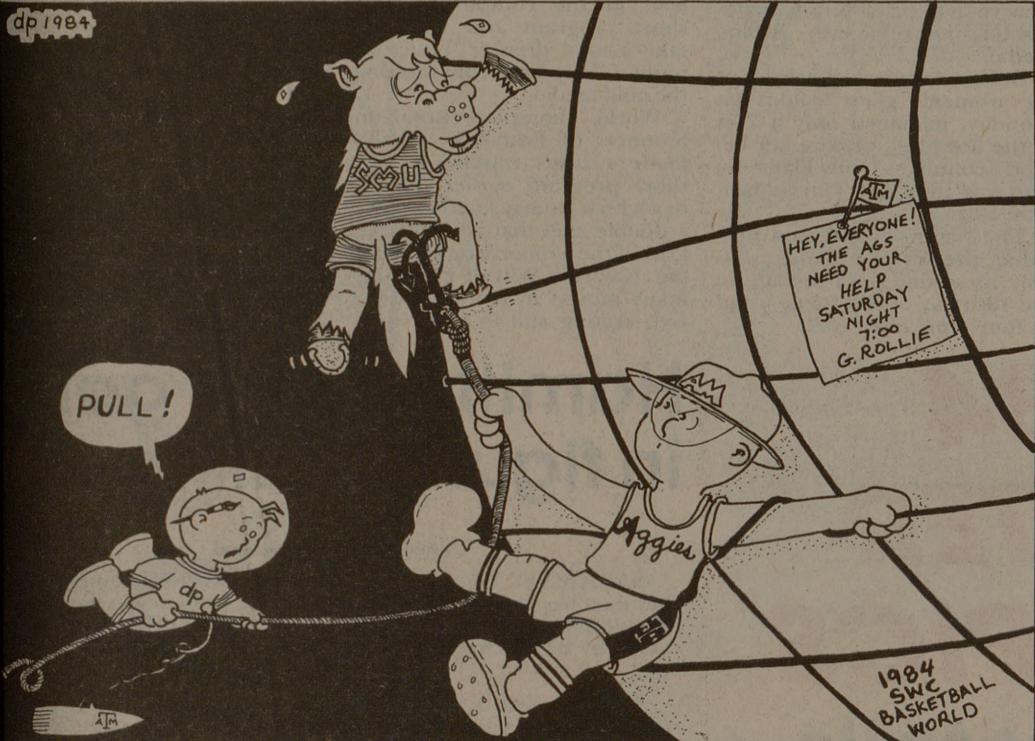


Basketball

Aggies vs. SMU
Saturday at G. Rollie White
Women 4:30 p.m. — Men 7 p.m.



Ags play SMU; seek revenge

By DAVE SCOTT
Sports Writer

The Texas A&M men's basketball team has had more ups and downs than a yo-yo, a roller coaster and an elevator put together.

The team's first conference victory this season was a five point defeat of Rice. Three days later, it was purely pathetic in a 23-point loss to Arkansas. The next time around, it was wholly hideous in a 43-42 loss to Rice, but then almost upset the nationally ranked Razorbacks.

In between those four games, A&M was scaring Houston (70-64), and being blown out by Texas Tech (74-49). But perhaps the worst loss was a trampling by SMU, 83-56.

That was the "down" game. Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum, the Aggies have a chance for an "up" game against the Mustangs.

Discussing the previous game with SMU, coach Shelby Metcalf said the team had three problem areas:

"We got beat on the fast break. We didn't handle their pressure. And we got beat on the offensive boards."

Metcalf wouldn't give any specific strategy to combat those

three problems, but he did say that center Jimmy Gilbert has to play better against Mustang center Jon Koncak. Koncak had 22 points, 20 rebounds and thoroughly dictated all inside play.

Gilbert finished that game with nine points and 11 rebounds. Metcalf expects this game to be closer.

"We've improved more than SMU, of course we had further to go," he said.

Metcalf is finally talking about possible post-season activity and his goals for the team. Even if the goals are modest.

Metcalf says he wants the team to make it to the Southwest Conference tournament in Houston. In order to do that, A&M will have to win its game in the preliminary round. They will probably play Rice.

Because the team is so young — starting two freshmen, two sophomores and one junior — Metcalf said that youth has caused some problems with team leadership.

"I've never had an outstanding team without senior leadership," he said, "and since we don't have any seniors, we don't have any senior leadership."

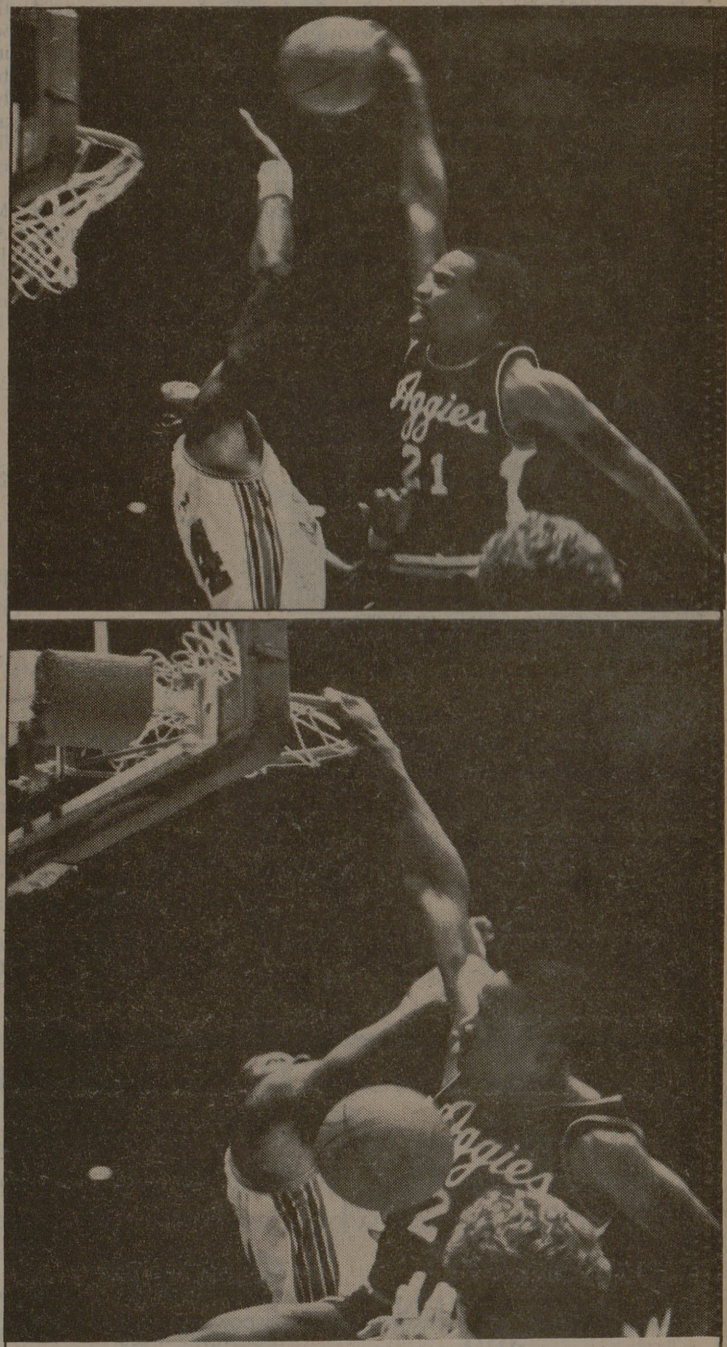


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Slam, Jam

Winston Crite dunks the ball over Akeem Olajuwon of the Houston Cougars. Crite and the Aggies play SMU Saturday at G. Rollie White.

Coogs 36th straight SWC win

UH destroys Tech 78-53

United Press International

HOUSTON — Michael Young scored 20 points Thursday night to lead fourth-ranked Houston past Texas Tech, 78-53, for the Cougars 36th consecutive Southwest Conference victory.

The Red Raiders, struggling through 17 first half turnovers, moved within one point, 24-23, late in the half before surrendering four straight baskets by Young and one by Reid Gerrys to fall back to 34-23.

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Akeem Olajuwon, leading the country in rebounding, had

12 rebounds and 14 points in the game for Houston.

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Bubba Jennings led Tech with 18 points and David Reynolds had 10.

Houston is now 22-3 for the season and 12-0 in the SWC. Tech is 13-7 and 7-4.

Anderson	3-8	0-2	6
Taylor	1-1	0-0	2
Phillips	0-3	0-0	0
Jennings	8-10	2-2	18
Reynolds	5-14	0-0	10
Nelson	0-2	0-0	0
Wallace	2-6	1-1	5
Doda	0-1	0-0	0
Benford	2-7	0-0	4
Irvin	1-1	4-6	6
Marin	1-4	0-0	2
Totals	23-57	7-11	53

Wimlow	3-6	6-6	12
Young	8-12	4-4	20
Olajuwon	7-8	0-1	14
Franklin	1-4	2-2	4
Gettys	3-6	0-0	6
Giles	1-2	0-0	2
Thomas	1-3	0-1	2
Dickens	0-0	0-0	0
Alexander	1-1	0-0	2
Weaver	1-1	0-0	2
Orsak	0-0	0-0	0
Anders	2-2	4-8	8
Anderson	2-4	0-1	4
Belcher	1-1	0-0	2
Clark	0-0	0-2	0
Totals	31-50	16-25	78

Arkansas favored in SWC track meet

United Press International

FORT WORTH — Despite a certain amount of pessimism from their coach, the Arkansas Razorbacks are favored to win their fourth consecutive Southwestern Conference indoor track and field championship Friday night.

The Razorbacks are once again strong in the middle distances, which make up a large portion of the indoor event, and their distance medley relay team has posted the best time in the world this year, a clocking of 19:35.29.

But coach John McDonnell is less than sure about his team's chances.

"Our best chance to win a league championship may be in the outdoor season," said McDonnell. "We've really had some injury and flu problems this season. I don't think we're out of it in the indoor meet, but everyone we take will have to perform to the best of their ability."

Texas A&M, Houston and Baylor will likely provide the toughest challenges to Arkansas, while Texas and SMU will also earn a sizeable number of points. But SMU, last year's NCAA title winner in both indoors and outdoors, will again point to the national meets and not expected to field its strongest team at the conference level.

Only three of the 1983 individual champions will return in the men's competition Friday — Houston's Cletus Clark in the 60-yard hurdles, Arkansas' Mike Conley in the long jump and Texas A&M's Tony Tolson in the 600.

Texas A&M speedster Rod Richardson (60-yard dash) and SMU's Michael Carter (shot) won their specialties in 1982 and will also be back to try for another title.

Among the other standouts at the meet will be Arkansas' Tom Jasinski, who has cleared 7-6 in the high jump his year, and Texas A&M's Tony Greer, who has turned in a 46.90 in the 60 at the LSU Invitational.

The Aggies will also be exciting points from high jumper Chuck Perry and Ethan Bass as well as distance runner Durro Barrios in the two-mile and Craig Moody in the 60-

yard high hurdles. The Houston Cougars are defending champions in the women's division and will have to fight Texas and Arkansas for the team title Friday night.

Eight of last year's 11 individual champions are back to defend in the women's competition with the highlight expected to come in the long jump. Carol Lewis, who twice broke her American indoor record in the recent Dallas Times Herald Invitational, will be on hand to spearhead her team's bid for the crown.

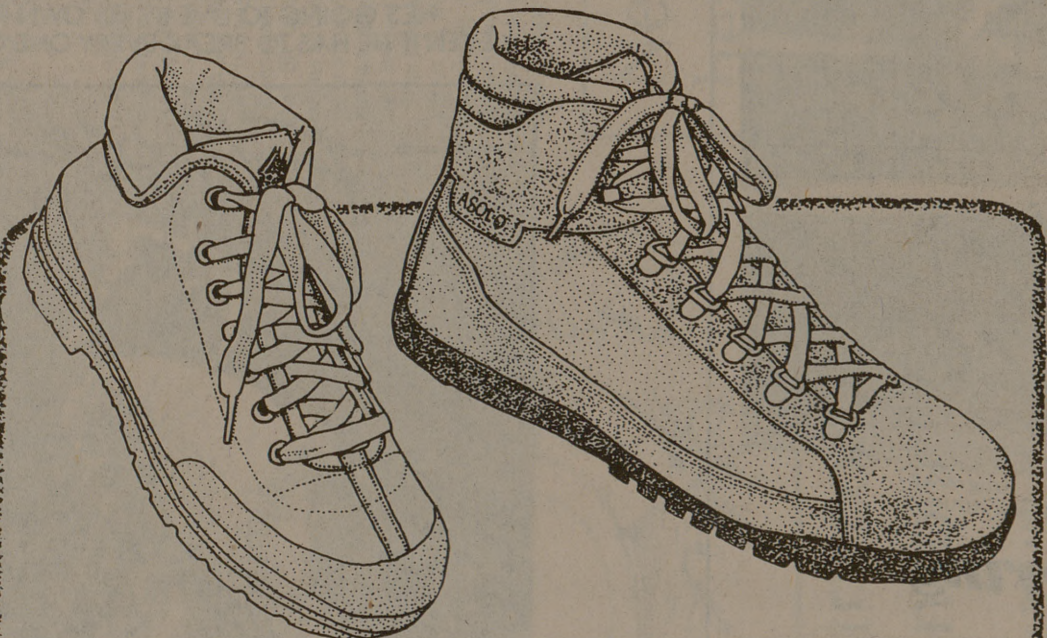
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