

## Basketball

Aggies vs. Texas  
1st round SWC tourney  
G. Rollie White  
7 p.m.

### Crite's ready to SLAM

# Ags play at home tonight

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The room is crowded with your typical media types, stuffing their faces with the free food provided by the sports information office and talking nothing but sports. They're waiting for the start of the Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets basketball game at the Summit in Houston on February 2. But for now their attention is focused on a television screen where the basketball game between the Houston Cougars and Texas A&M Aggies is being shown.

As expected, the Cougars jump out to an early lead over the sickness and injury riddled Aggies. Then No. 21 for A&M takes a pass, drives down the middle and makes a tremendous slam right over 7-0 all-world Akeem Olajuwon.

The media room erupts with gasps and oohs and aahs. It takes something for a bunch of sportswriters to forget how cool they are.

"Who was that?" they ask one another. "Was that Gilbert?"

No it certainly wasn't Jimmie Gilbert, it was freshman Winston Crite.

"I just closed my eyes and went for it," Crite says of the dunk. "If you look at the pictures my eyes really are closed. I really figured I'd go up, get fouled and go to the line. I knew it was Akeem, I thought about it before I drove, but if he blocked it, he blocked it."

If that play was the highlight of Crite's first year at Texas A&M, then the game against LSU early in the year was his "lowlight." In that game Crite was played in awe of Leonard Mitchell and was completely ineffective, scoring just four points.

"I was intimidated, I have to admit it," Crite

**Athletic ticket books are not valid for admittance to tonight's game. Tickets for this SWC playoff game are still on sale at G. Rollie White.**

says. "I was forgetting plays, my head was foggy. All of a sudden I was there, I was stunned. I thought 'you're really in major college basketball, you're just a freshman.'"

Yet perhaps Crite shouldn't have been stunned playing major college basketball as a freshman. He says getting a chance to play is a main reason why Crite picked A&M over other schools such as UCLA, Washington State and USC.

"It's a great honor to go to someplace like UCLA, but you don't play as a freshman," Crite says. "I wanted to go where I could play and help the program. And I think I've done that."

Crite came to the attention of the basketball coaches in a roundabout way. The football coaches were actually the first to notice him. The football coaches were recruiting eventual signee Rick McLeod while he was playing a basketball game against Crite's team. Crite impressed the football coaches enough that they passed the word on to coach Shelby Metcalf.

Metcalf has started Crite in 23 of the team's 27 games and given him an average of 31.1 minutes per game. Crite has responded by averaging eight points and six rebounds a game. He is also second on the team in blocked shots with 25. However, it is his 18 dunks, almost half the team total, that attract attention.

"I love to dunk," he says. He remembers how he felt as a junior high student when he saw people slam. He likes knowing there are little kids watching him, waiting for Crite to lift his 6-6 frame high in the air and slam. But more importantly Crite says, it really helps him to get the feel of the game.

Crite describes himself as an emotional player and he feels that helps to him play better. "If I get emotionally involved in a game I play better," he says. "I try to be controlled, but I'm just an emotional player."

The way Crite plays with emotion makes him aggressive and competitive and that is what Metcalf likes the most about him, along with his natural talent. Metcalf says that combination of talent give Crite a lot of potential.

"He's got a chance to be a great one," Metcalf says. "He's got quick feet and he's an explosive jumper. He's got the god-given talent."

Crite is thankful for the coaches confidence in him because he says it gives him confidence in himself. But Crite has never been lacking in confidence. "I think I can do whatever I set my mind to," he says.

Although Crite has no doubts about his ability, he isn't arrogant even though people have thought that of him.

"When I was in high school people used to think I was cocky, but it's the people who act cocky and know what they can do, that get out and accomplish things," Crite says.

Crite has the chance to accomplish some more tonight when the Aggies play the University of Texas tonight.

Crite feels the team is lucky to play Texas for a third time.

"We're fortunate to play Texas, they're one of the weaker teams in the conference," he says.



Photo by DEAN SAITO

### Ag women come close

The Aggies led the Hogs 33-30 at the half, but still lost the first round SWC tourney game. Here, Mary Ann Swearnign brings the ball upcourt against Texas Tech earlier this season.

### It's Lights out for Slingers

SAN ANTONIO — The United States Football League game between San Antonio and Houston was interrupted at 9:20 Monday night because of a power failure at Alamo Stadium.

The power failure caused several banks of lights to go out late in the third quarter with Houston leading 21-7.

Alamo Stadium, located near Trinity University in North Central San Antonio, has been the subject of lawsuits by residents of the area. The residents claim the stadium is not suitable for professional sports.

Both teams are looking for their first win in the game that was nationally televised on cable.

### Gamblers rip Slingers, 35-7

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — Jim Kelly's scrambling runs and consistently accurate passing arm carried the Houston Gamblers to an easy 35-7 win over San Antonio Monday night in a game delayed 48 minutes by a power failure.

A bank of lights installed during the past week at Alamo Stadium went off with 2:58 remaining in the third quarter and both teams left the field

while electricians struggled with the problem.

Most of the slim crowd that braved chilly, windy weather in the first place abandoned the stadium when the lights went out.

The Houston players faced additional discomfort during the power failure because the Gamblers' dressing room was locked and no one could be found with a key. The lock was eventually broken after the players had stood in the cold for

25 minutes.

Kelly, enjoying his first professional victory after an outstanding career at the University of Miami, scored on runs of 1 and 2 yards in the second quarter to put the Gamblers in front.

With the power failure and with both teams throwing on almost every down in the fourth quarter, the game took four hours to complete.

### Season ends with loss for Ags

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Texas Aggies led Arkansas 33-30 at halftime, but a red-hot Razorback team shot back to a 35-30 lead in the second half to beat the Aggies 75-66 in the first round of the Southwest Conference women's basketball tournament Monday.

The women built their first lead on 14 points by center Nichell Tatum and a 21-14 rebounding advantage. Tatum finished with a game-high 23 points and 16 rebounds.

But Doris Gaiser, who scored all of her 13 points in the second half, and freshman Monica Brown quickly put Arkansas ahead in the second half.

The Lady Razorbacks, who played No. 1 Texas to within just two points earlier in the year, built the lead to 13 points on one occasion in winning their 20th game against eight

years ago. Beth Young scored 12 points and Lisa Langston had 12 for the Aggies, who finished their season at 13-15.

Aggie coach Cherri Rapp said that in order for A&M to beat any team Langston must play well. Rapp said Langston, who scored well below her season average, may have been over-prepared for the game.

Jenni Edgar, who was named

SWC player of the week Monday, also had a below average performance. Edgar finished with 10 points and four rebounds.

The Aggies were also hurt by fouls late in the game. Guard Mary Ann Swearnign and Langston fouled out with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

Amanda Holley led the Lady Razorbacks with 16 points.

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