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No. 1 Horns give Ags second shot

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS Assistant Sports Editor

It's not often that a basketball team gets an opportunity to upset the No. 1 ranked team in the coun-try. However, the Texas A&M women have a chance to do just that. Tonight in G. Rollie White Coland 1 im iseum at 5:15 p.m., the Aggie Ladies battle the No. 1 Texas Longhorns. You don't have to be the Al Mc-Guire of women's basketball to know that the Ags will be underdogs — and that's not even with a capital U. Despite that A&M Coach U van Despite that, A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said the Aggies do have a chance to win the game. "(A win) is possible," said Hickey, who lost to the Horns 73-70 in over-time at Kansas State last season "

We're going to go out on the floor and say, 'hey, we're going to try and beat you.' We're not going to lie

'If we have a big crowd that imroves our chances. We don't need,000 there at the end of the game. We need them there at the start." Last time the two teams met, the

Ag Ladies hung with the Lady Horns for awhile and even managed to outrebound them. However, the outcome was the same as it's been all season — a 22 point win for Texas. The Lady Longhorns have de-

feated their Southwest Conference opponents by an average of 23.6 points. Hickey said that could work to the Aggies' advantage. "It might be tough for them to get up for us," Hickey said. "The odds are on their side. If their intensity is

the on their side. If their intensity is the says in control 100 percent, that's when you up-abbit mat set people. They beat us by 22. They beat us, the law Baylor by 30 Saturday. Their players are still 18 and 19-year-old kids. You eness in the still us don't know if they'll have that in-s and protentiation. That could work in our fa-net whet were a still us and the state of the still us and the state of the still us and the state of the s

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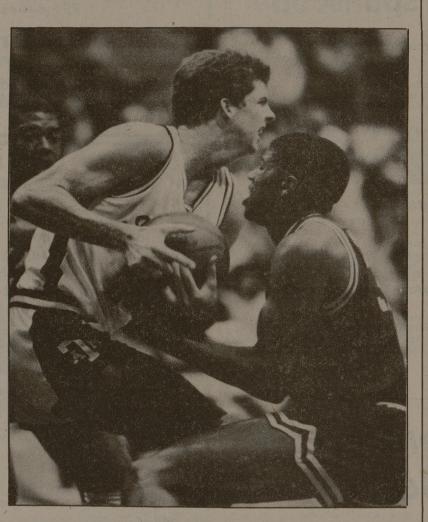


Photo by JOHN MAKELY

Texas A&M guard Lisa Langston leaps high in the air to keep the ball from going out of bounds against TCU Saturday. The Aggie Ladies' two-game winning streak will be tested when No. 1 Texas comes calling tonight at 5:15 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

cult for either school to "get up" for the game. "There's that natural rivalry the-

re," Hickey said. "You just never know how a team will play." Intimidation may become the big-gest negative factor in the game for A&M. Hickey said if the Aggies go

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out on the court believing they can win, then anything is possible. "It's a big game," she said. "It's not

hard to get them up for the game. The big thing is that we have to be excited. We can't be scared.

"You know the odds are against you. You don't want to walk on the floor intimidated. We must be mentally prepared.

Getting the ball past half court may also be a problem for the Ags.

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UT may jog A&M's memory

By BRANDON BERRY Sports Writer

Remember, when Ronald Reagan's face was still new to the American public? Remember "Who shot J.R.?," Fantasy Is-land's "Tatoo" and the amazing Ginsu II? Remember 1981?

Ginsu 11? Remember 1981? That's how long ago it's been since the Texas men's basketball team has defeated Texas A&M. Going into tonight's 7:30 p.m. meeting in G. Rollie White Col-iseum, the Aggies have won nine straight games over the Long-horns. That includes a 66-61 vic-tory in Austin in Lanuary And tory in Austin in January. And most of the games haven't even been close.

'What scares me is that they've always jumped out in front of us the past few times we've played," said A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf. "And now they've got the talent to keep those leads if they get them.

"We're gonna have to play well and we're gonna have to play well from the very start." The Aggies haven't had to worry about 40 minutes of good

basketball against Texas for quite awhile. When former Longhorn Head Coach Abe Lemons was fired, the only "lemons" left on the UT campus were the basket-ball players. Bob Weltlich, Lemons' replacement, suffered through consecutive 6-22 seasons and watched the Horns drop from the ranks of conference contenders.

But that was before this year The Horns are presently 13-10 on the season and tied for sixth-place in the conference with a re-cord of 6-7. Texas beat Baylor 75-72 in Austin last Saturday. And Baylor, of course, upset SMU two weeks earlier. Metcalf said Texas is winning

with some old faces and some new ones.

"That (UT forward Mike) Wacker really has the good heart and he's been there for a long time," he said. "And their guards really are quick even though they're pretty young. "Their real strength is their in-

side game and we're gonna have to be prepared for it. (UT center John) Brownlee has scored 29 for



Texas A&M's Mike Clifford (left) battles TCU's Norman Anderson for a possible jump ball Saturday. The Aggies, currently tied for second-place in the Southwest Conference, will try to defeat Texas tonight for the 10th straight time.

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them in each of the past two

there's not a weak team in our conference."

The Aggies might be without the services of Don Marbury, their second leading scorer. A swollen knee has kept Marbury out of Monday and Tuesday's

practices. Metcalf said sixth-man

"They're a good team, but

games.

Mike Clifford will start in his place.

"We hope that we can bring Donnie (Marbury) off the bench, but he may not be able to play. I can't remember a game where we haven't had at least one of our starters hurt.

"But these guys have been coming from behind and playing their game all year."



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