

SPORTS

Longhorns break 9-game jinx against Ags

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Wacker's buzzer shot ends A&M's chance for first-place tie

The Texas Longhorns ended a game of streaks with eight unanswered points in the last two minutes and edged the Texas A&M Aggies 53-51 in G. Rollie White Coliseum Wednesday night.

When Texas forward Mike Wacker's jump shot from inside the lane rolled around the rim and fell through at the buzzer, UT players and coaches swarmed onto the court. The Longhorns, now 14-10 on the season and 7-7 in the Southwest Conference, broke a nine-game losing streak against the Aggies and denied A&M a share of the SWC lead.

Texas Coach Bob Weltlich said

the victory was both hard-earned and overdue.

"We're down by six with 1:49 remaining and we just got after it," Weltlich said. "And it's about time we beat A&M."

"The two plays Wacker made in the last minute and a half where he misses a shot and just follows after it until he makes it were just unbelievable. It's a great way for a senior to finish up here."

"I was just happy the thing went through," said Wacker, who finished with a game-high 22 points and 11

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— A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf

rebounds. "It sure hung on the rim for a long time."

"This win is just a great step for our program. It's the biggest one since I got hurt. Both teams played hard and when one of us got ahead,

the other one came back.

"I'm just really happy right now."

Junior center John Brownlee joined Wacker in double figures for the Horns with 13 points. Carlton Cooper added 11 rebounds for Texas.

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Don Marbury and Todd Holloway led the Aggies with 18 and 14 points respectively, but they weren't enough to off-set a two of eight shooting performance by Brown.

"Kenny didn't have it tonight, there's no doubt about it, but nobody really did," Metcalf said. "We just put a dumb face on and I'm really upset about it."

So were the A&M players. "We have never really been threatened by them," said A&M forward Winston Crite, who finished with six points. "I guess we just took them for granted."

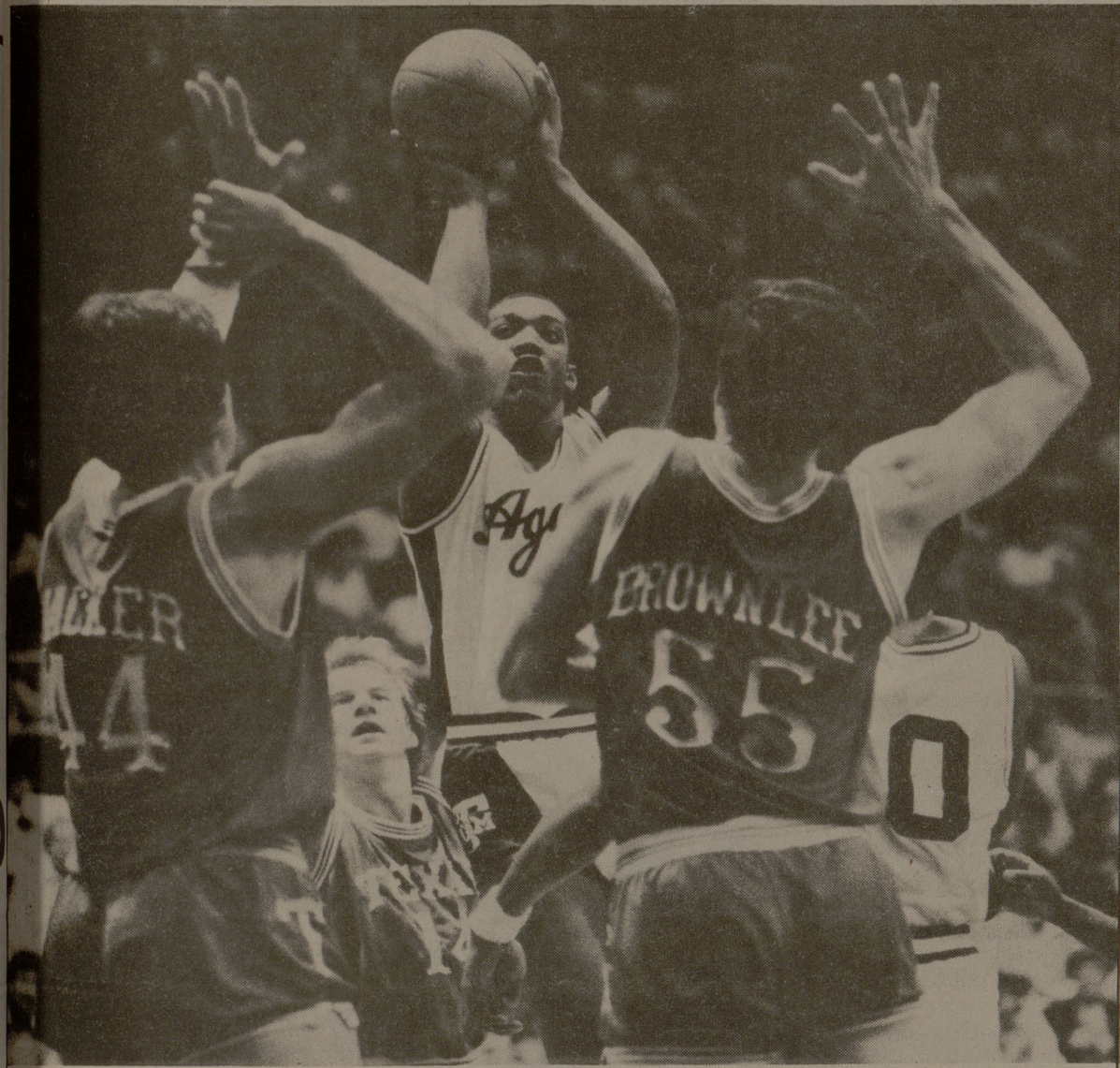


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Texas A&M guard Don Marbury (center) eyes the rim as he goes up for a jump shot over the outstretched arms of Texas' Mike

Wacker (44) and John Brownlee (55). The Aggies lost to the Longhorns Wednesday night in G. Rollie White, 53-51.

Ag Ladies blitzed by Longhorns

Texas makes A&M No. 1 believers

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In the second half of last night's Texas A&M-Texas women's game, a woman sitting behind the press table yelled, "You stink, ref."

The officials might have stunk, but that's the only thing on the court that had even the slightest odor.

Texas, No. 1 in the nation in every poll, waxed A&M 101-73. The Longhorns (24-2, 12-0 in SWC) proved they have a legitimate claim to that title — at least until the NCAA tournament.

In winning their 94th consecutive Southwest Conference game, the Horns played two halves of solid basketball.

"I thought we played a great game," said Texas Coach Jody Conradt. "We played 40 minutes of good basketball. We came out early and took control. This was one of the best games we've played in the conference."

Taking control early was an understatement. Texas came out blazing.

The Horns shot 67.6 percent from the field and 91.7 percent from the free throw line.

The full court press for which Texas is famous was solid as a rock in the first half, forcing 12 Aggie turnovers.

"Turnovers were the big key," said A&M Coach Lynn Hickey. "The first half we made way too many mistakes. Their quickness was a big fac-

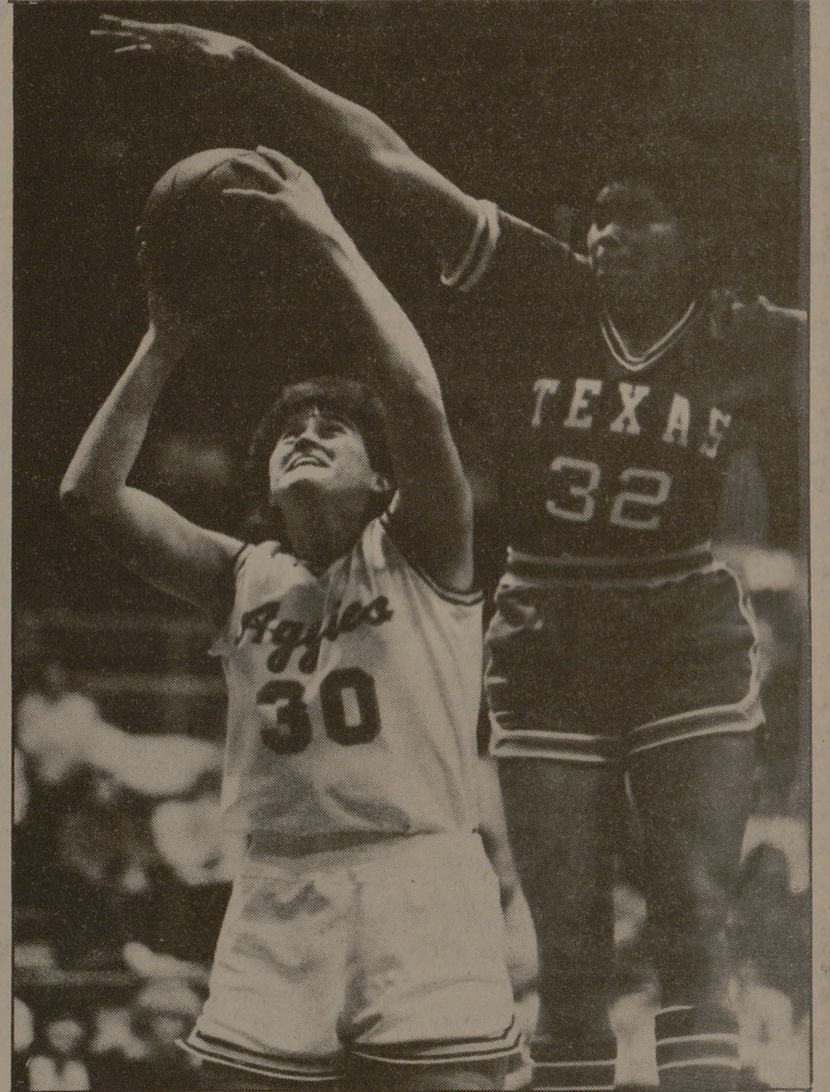


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Texas A&M's Elizabeth Buffo (30) is about to get stuffed by Texas' C.J. Jones (32). The No. 1 Longhorns (23-2, 14-0 in SWC) did a little stuffing of their own in last night's 101-73 blowout over the Ags (12-12, 5-8 in SWC) in G. Rollie White.

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