

A&M men cagers to host Prairie View

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White seems to be a popular color for Texas A&M athletics this week. While the football team is thinking white, as in 100 percent Cotton, the basketball teams are thinking white, as in snow.

While the Lady Ags were waiting, and hoping, to leave behind the blowing snow in Oregon Sunday, the Prairie View A&M men's team was doing the same in Iowa.

The Texas A&M men's team (2-1) hosts Prairie View (0-4) Monday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Ags were hoping the Panthers were able to leave the 12 inches of snow in northern Iowa in time for Monday's game.

"I just hope they get here," Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I know they've improved from last year. They've just been on the road all season. I haven't seen them so I really don't know a whole lot about them." Metcalf does know a lot about the Aggies though.

After two sluggish games to open the season, A&M got off to fast start against Stephen F. Austin Thursday and never slowed down, winning 86-73.

"The last game (SFA) was the best we've played," Metcalf said. "The first two games, we got off to a horrendous start and then had a good second half. Against Stephen F. Austin, we played from the beginning. That's what we have to concentrate on doing. And we need to stay healthy."

The Ags have been plagued by minor injuries all season.

Starting forward Winston Crite is almost 100 percent after spraining an ankle, forcing him to miss the season opener against Alabama-Birmingham. David Thompson broke a hand and is out for awhile and Mike Clifford will have his hand X-rayed in the morning.

The Ags will rely on starting guard Don Marbury, who is averaging 26.7 points a game, and Crite, who is averaging 13.3 points and nine rebounds per game.

Meanwhile, the A&M women cagers weren't waiting on its opponent to leave the cold weather. The Lady Ags were themselves stuck in the "white stuff" of Corvallis, Ore. after competing in the Big "O" Tournament.

At the tourney, the Lady Aggies won perhaps their biggest non-conference game in Coach Lynn Hickey's two-year stint at A&M.

The Lady Ags used 24 points from senior Lisa Langston to defeat UCLA, 79-63, Friday night and stay undefeated at 3-0.

Nette Garrett had six rebounds and 10 points and guard Paula Crutcher led the Lady Ags in rebounds with 10.

However, A&M lost a heartbreaker to host Oregon State Saturday night in the championship game. Down 43-31 at halftime, the Ags rallied in the second half and came within one point of downing the Beavers.

When the buzzer sounded, the Lady Ags had lost their first game of the season, 70-69.

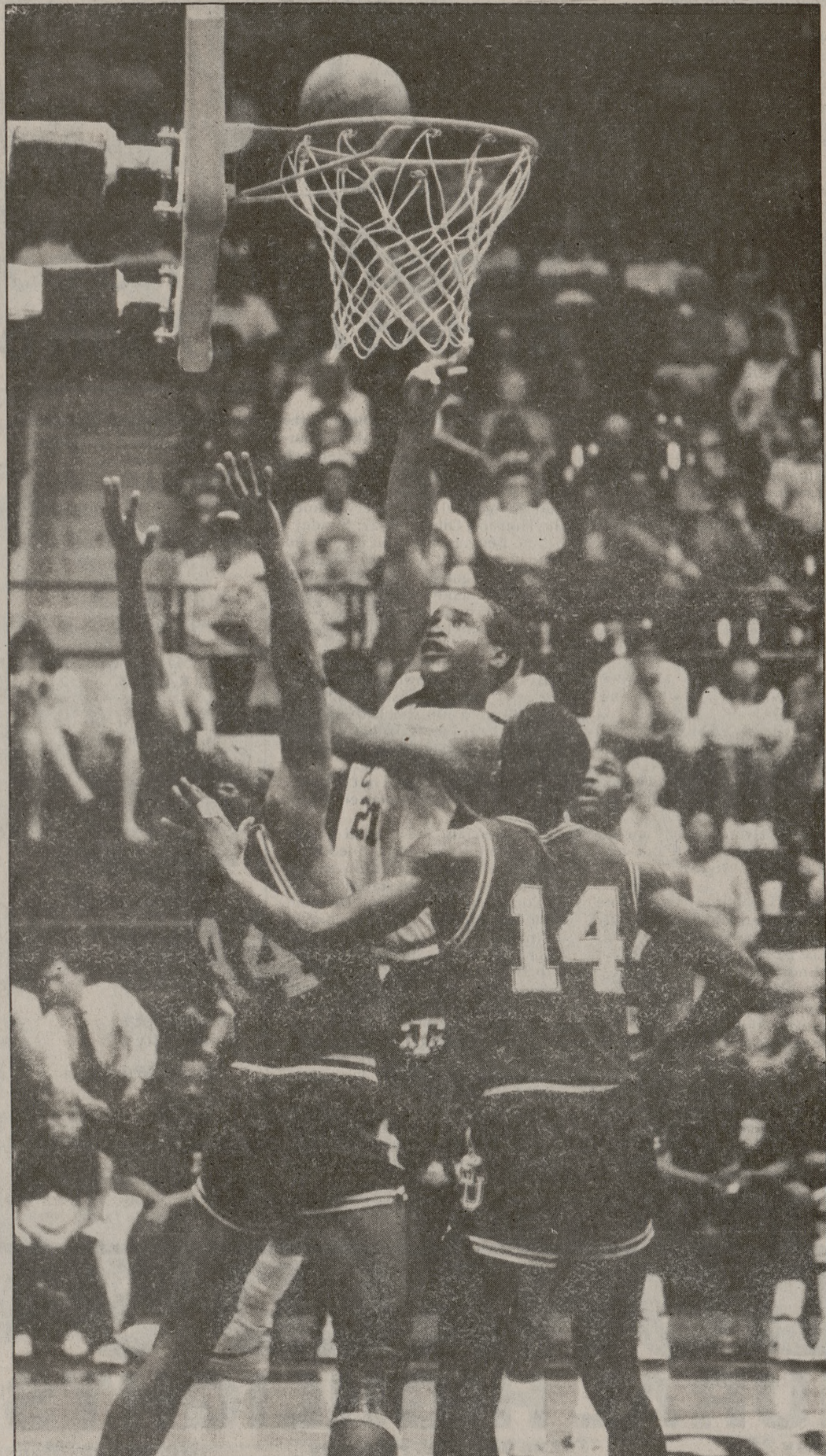


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Texas A&M's Winston Crite (21) takes a hook shot between two Alcorn State players earlier

this season. A&M (2-1) plays host to Prairie View tonight at 7:30 in G. Rollie White.

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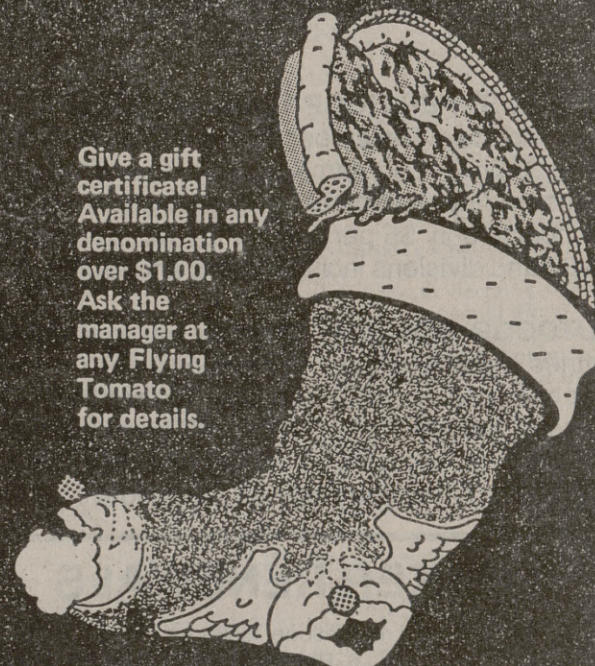
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