

Lady Aggs limping toward Owls

A&M trying to heal wounds as regular season winds down

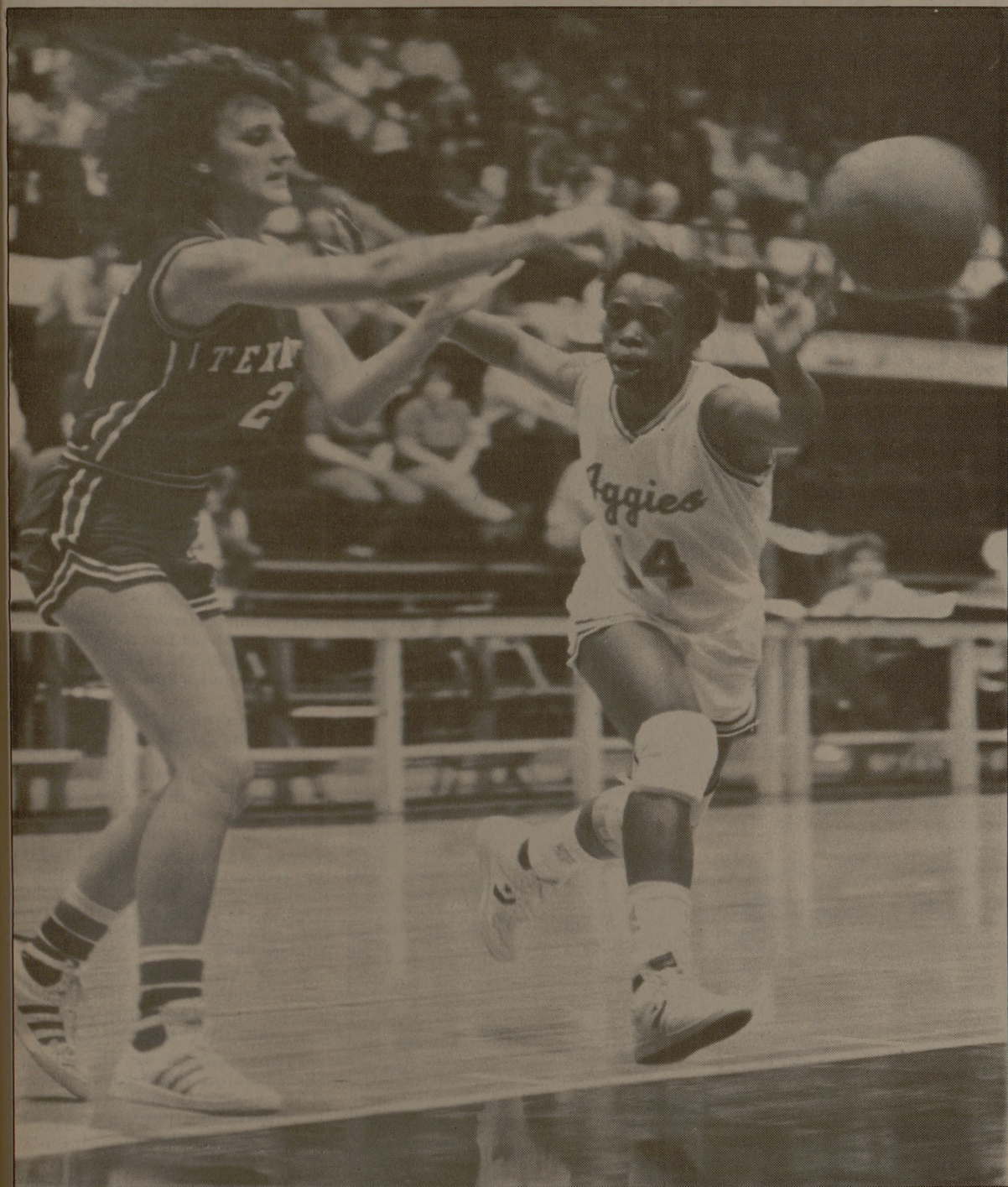


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A&M's Lisa Langston (right) tries in vain to intercept the ball against Texas Tech last week. The

Aggies' all-time leading scorer will lead A&M when it faces Rice tonight at 7 p.m. in Houston.

By DOUG HALL
Sports Writer

With two of her starting five players nursing injuries, Texas A&M Coach Lynn Hickey will be just as worried about her team's health tonight as she will be about defeating the 7-17 Rice Owls.

Freshman center Lisa Jordan, who led the Lady Aggies Saturday night against Houston with 16 points and 11 rebounds, missed Sunday's practice due to a foot injury, as did starting forward Paula Crutcher who suffered a scratch to the eye that has left her wearing a patch.

Hickey said the combination of taking the Owls too lightly and the injuries have left her a little cautious about Tuesday's 7 p.m. game at Atry Court in Houston.

"We have to be careful," Hickey said. "This could be a very difficult game for us. I know last year we had to beat them on a last second shot. We can't go out there and assume that we'll beat them by 30 points like we did last time (in A&M's 90-62 win at G. Rolie White Coliseum)."

Hickey said the Lady Aggies will use their customary full-court pressure defense to force the Lady Owls out of their set offense and into a running game.

The second year coach, who has helped assure the Lady Aggs of their first winning season in six years, said A&M must use its superior height to stop the Lady Owls' Holly Jones, who is currently second in the Southwest Conference scoring race averaging 18.6 points a game.

"We have got to play a tough pressure defense and utilize our size," Hickey said. "Holly Jones is a big danger. We really need to do a good job against her."

If Saturday's 71-70 victory over the University of Houston was any indication of how A&M defends the SWC's top players, then Hickey should have little to worry about.

The Lady Aggs limited UH's Sonya Watkins, the conference's scoring leader (19.8 a game), to only seven first-half points, holding her scoreless for over nine minutes.

But for Hickey, getting her team healthy before next week's SWC postseason tournament in Dallas is just as important as beating Rice.

Aggie men golfers win Pan Am title

MONTERREY, Mexico — If last weekend's Pan American University International Collegiate Golf Tournament is any indication of the kind of spring the Texas A&M Men's golf team is going to have, then Coach Bob Ellis has plenty to be happy about.

The Aggie men, led by freshman individual winner Roy Mackenzie, fought off a last round drought to take the team championship with a 54-hole total of 867, five strokes ahead of second-place Brigham Young.

Mackenzie, a redshirt freshman from Santiago, Chile, finished Sunday's round with a 73 to put him in a three-way tie with Edward Herrera of BYU and Rice's Houston Martin.

"Roy just had a super weekend," Ellis said. "It is really good to get in the win column."

"It was a good field, but it was the type of teams we should beat," he said. "There were 18 other teams in that tourney, and any one of them could have gotten hot and beat us."

Rockets launch comeback to edge Mavericks, 110-105

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston's Ralph Sampson scored 28 points and John Lucas sank four victory-clinching free throws in the final nine seconds of play to rally the Rockets to a 110-105 NBA victory over Dallas Monday night.

Dallas Coach Dick Motta was ejected from the game with 8:12 to go in the first quarter when he received two technical calls from referee Dick Bavetta.

The Rockets trailed 105-103 with 42 seconds to play on a basket by Jay Vincent, who scored 16 of his 31 points in the second half, including 12 straight Mavericks points.

Robert Reid hit a fall away jumper to tie it with 25 seconds to go but missed the free throw after he was fouled.

Sampson then put Houston ahead for good with 22 seconds to go on a free throw after he was fouled by James Donaldson, leaving game-winners for Lucas, who hit two free throws with nine seconds to play and two more with two seconds to go.

Derek Harper scored 17 points for the Mavs and Houston's Jim Petersen had 17.

The Rockets fell behind by seven points, their biggest deficit of the game, at 83-76, late in the third quarter but scored 12 unanswered

room but the Rockets recovered for a 24-22 lead at the end of the period.

Cavaliers 124, Spurs 114


RICHFIELD, Ohio — World B. Free came back from a two-game layoff to score 31 points and John Bagley had 24 points and 11 assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 124-114 in an NBA game Monday night.

Cleveland rebounded from an 11-point first-quarter deficit to lead 66-64 at halftime and 93-88 at the end of three quarters.

The Cavaliers jumped to a nine-point advantage early in the final quarter before Wes Matthews' layup bought the Spurs to within 101-97 midway through the period.

Free, who had missed two games because of a pulled calf muscle, then made his third three-point shot of the game and followed with a three-point play to give Cleveland a 107-97 advantage with 5:17 to go.

San Antonio made one final run at the Cavaliers, cutting the deficit to 113-109 on a Matthews' layup with 1:43 remaining. But Roy Hinson responded with a three-point play, Free hit in a jumper and Eddie Johnson made a pair of foul shots to ensure the victory.



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points and led 88-85 early in the fourth period.

The Mavs jumped to a 15-6 lead after Motta retired to the dressing

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