

# Sports

## Lady Ags fall to Coogs in tourney

### Watkins scores 37 to lead UH into semifinals against Texas



Lynn Hickey

#### From Staff and Wire Reports

DALLAS — Houston beat Texas A&M, 80-73, in Wednesday's first round of the fourth annual Southwest Conference Women's Post-Season Classic at Moody Coliseum.

A&M now has lost each of its four first-round SWC tournament games. The Lady Aggies lost to Houston in the opening round of last year's tournament, 84-72.

A&M finishes the season with a 16-13 overall record.

The Lady Aggies had split with the Lady Cougars during the regu-

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lar season, losing 80-75 in Hofheinz Pavilion and winning 71-70 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Sonya Watkins, Houston's 6-1 senior center, set a tournament record with 37 points in the A&M game. Watkins finished the regular season as the conference's leading scorer, averaging 20.7 points per game. She also led the Cougars in rebounding with 8 a game.

A&M's all-time leading scorer, guard Lisa Langston, ended her ca-

reer with the Aggies in her hometown of Dallas.

Houston, 5-3 in SWC tournament play, improved its season record to 19-9.

Going into Wednesday night's game, A&M Coach Lynn Hickey was concerned with the Lady Aggies' inexperience, as she has been all year long.

"Houston is a senior group with a lot to prove," Hickey said. "We're so young and naive that we still don't know that you're not supposed to go out and beat a group like that."

Houston now goes on to challenge

No. 1 Texas (16-0 in the SWC and 27-0 overall) in a semifinal game at 8 tonight. The Lady Longhorns, who received a first-round bye and have a 7-0 record in three previous tournaments, have never lost to a conference opponent in 56 games.

Hickey said UT, which leads the nation with a 55 percent field goal average as a team, may be ripe for an upset.

"Any time you play a team for the third time in a season, you just don't know what's going to happen," Hickey said. "(The Longhorns) are in a very, very dangerous position."



Lisa Langston

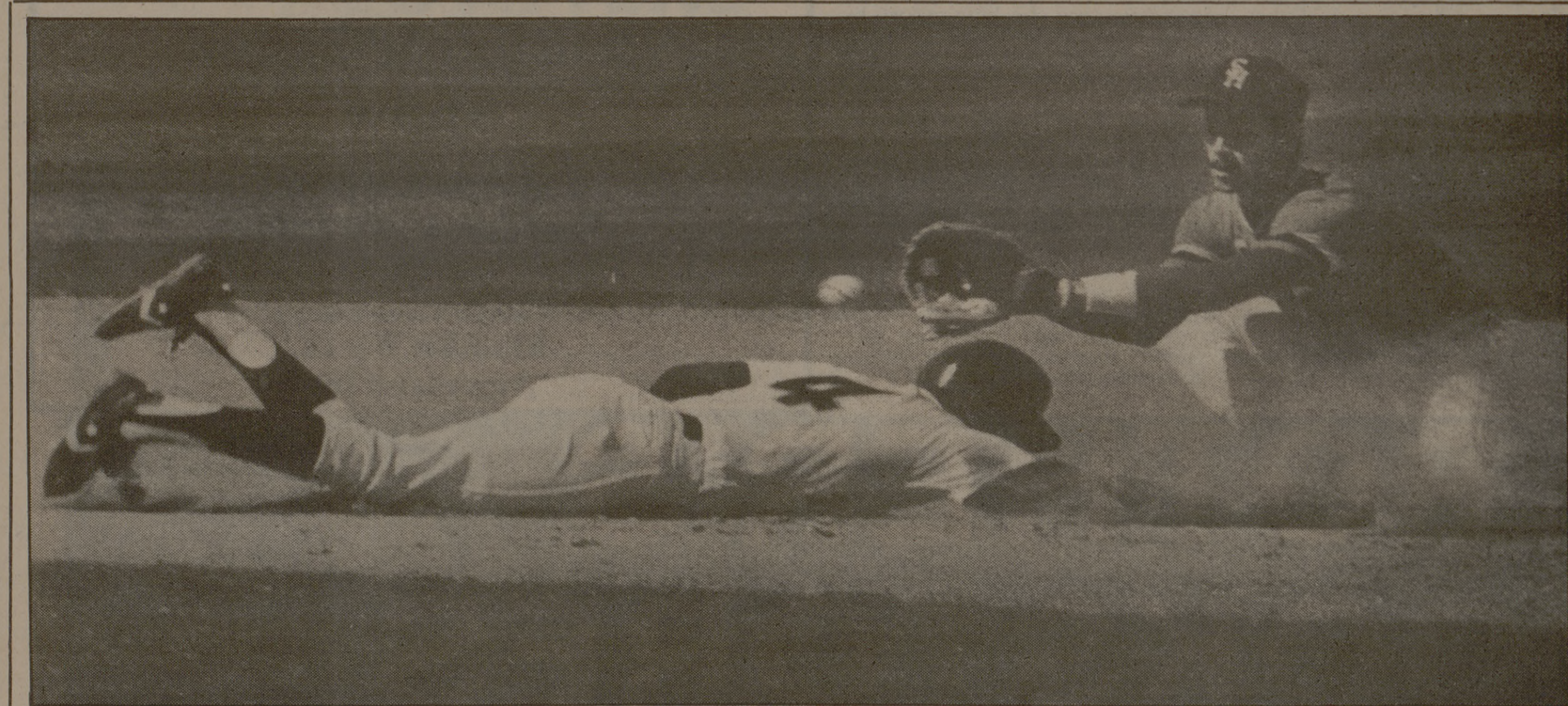


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#### Beachcomber

A&M's Maury Martin (left) dives back to second base as Sam Houston State's Bryan McDonald takes the attempted pickoff throw Wednesday

at Olsen Field. A&M (12-6) takes a 10-game winning streak into today's double-header with Northeast Louisiana in Monroe, La.

## Razorbacks fend off Mustang rally, 82-75

Associated Press

DALLAS — Lanell Dawson scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks to an 82-75 victory over Southern Methodist in the first game of the Women's Southwest Conference Post-Season Classic at Moody Coliseum Wednesday.

Arkansas, now 22-6 for the year, led 39-29 at halftime. The Lady Razorbacks expanded that lead to 13 points, 72-59, at 4:09 left in the game.

SMU, which closed its season at 11-20 overall and 5-11 in SWC play, cut the margin to 6 points, 73-67, with 2:22 left, but could get no closer.

Felicia Bluit led SMU scorers with 16 points.

The Lady Razorbacks were tied with Texas Tech with 13-3 SWC records, but lost the coin flip to determine the second seed and an opening round bye for the post-season tournament.

Arkansas, by virtue of Wednesday's victory, now faces Texas Tech in a semifinal game beginning at 6

#### SWC Women's Post-Season Classic (At Moody Coliseum — Dallas)

Thursday, March 6 Semifinals

Texas Tech (20-7) vs. Arkansas (22-6), 6 p.m.

Texas (27-0) vs. Houston (19-9), 8 p.m.

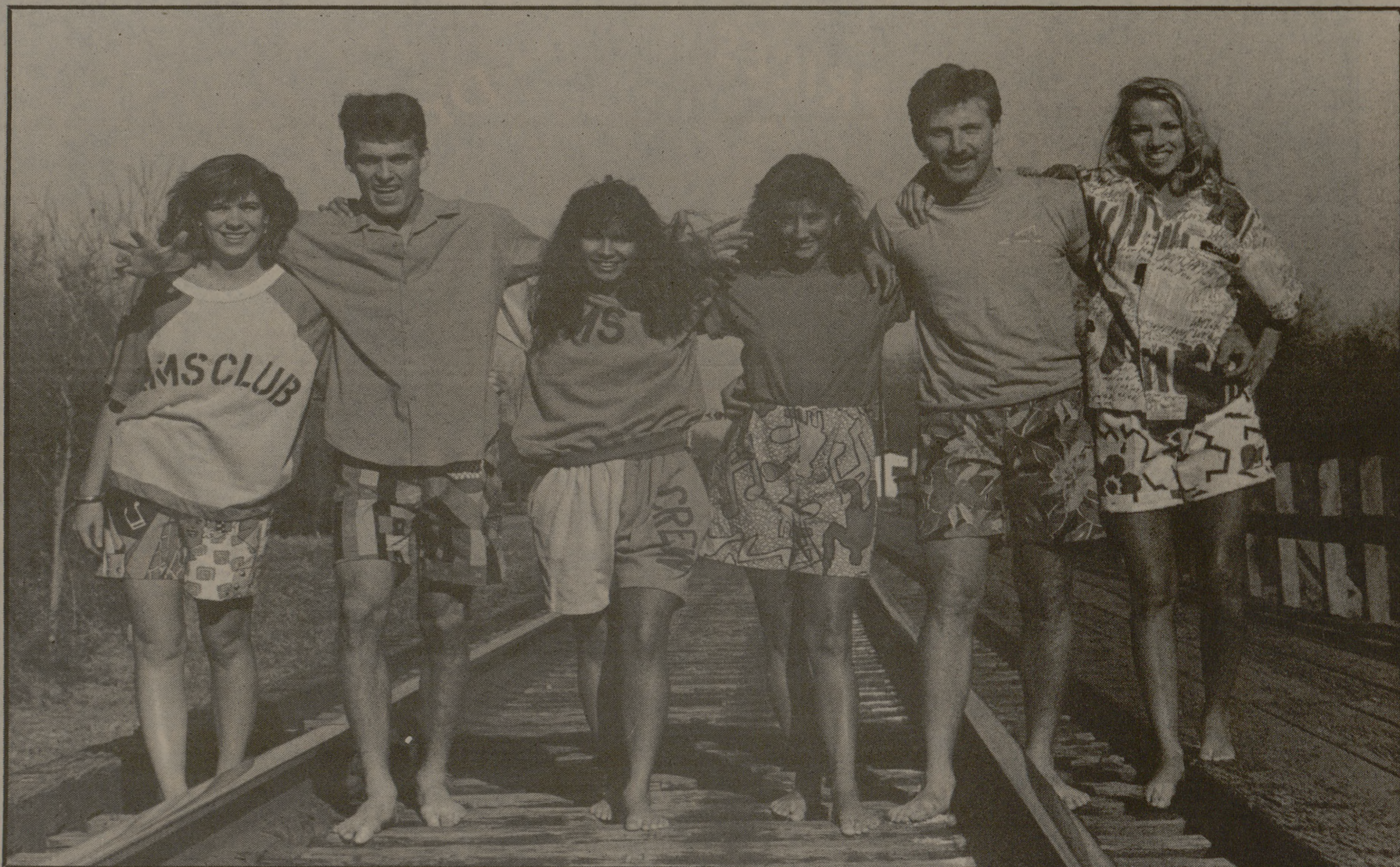
Saturday, March 8 Finals

Tech-Arkansas winner vs. UT-Houston winner, 7:30 p.m.

p.m. today in Dallas' Moody Coliseum.

Last year, Arkansas met Texas Tech in the finals of the tourney held at the state's Gregory Gym, but lost to the Lady Longhorns, 80-54.

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