

# Sports

## Lady Aggies throttle SMU, 83-66

### Sanders' 35 paces A&M in SWC opener

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The Texas A&M Lady Aggies may have missed leading scorer Donna Roper, but you never would have known it the way Evelyn Sanders took control in leading A&M to an 83-66 victory over Southern Methodist Tuesday night.

Sanders scored 35 points in the Lady Aggies' Southwest Conference opener in G. Rollie White Coliseum to even A&M's record to 5-5, while SMU dropped its fourth straight game to fall to 3-6 and 0-2 in conference action.

Roper, A&M's top scorer with 18 points per game, underwent gall bladder surgery Tuesday morning. Trainer Jen Nixon said she was told surgery went well, but Roper is expected to be out of action for six weeks.

A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said she was happy with her team's performance.

"That's a good win coming back after being out for two weeks," Hickey said. "Having that kind of intensity is great, especially when your leading scorer is out."

A&M used a full-court press for much of the game and forced 30 SMU turnovers. The Lady Mustangs also had a difficult night shooting as they hit only 36.8 percent for the game.

SMU went without a score for nearly five minutes at one point in the first half as the Lady Aggies ran up 13 points to lead 28-12 with eight minutes left in the first half. With six minutes left in the half, Sanders hit a short jumper to give A&M its biggest lead at 34-14.

The Lady Mustangs may have been down, but they weren't out of the contest. SMU cut the game to 42-34 at halftime and started strong in the second half. SMU outscored the Lady Aggies 11-5 in the first five minutes of the second half to close the game within two at 47-45.

But A&M went on an eight-point run as Paula Crutcher, who was second in scoring for A&M with 15 points, and Sanders accounted for the scores. The Lady Aggies also scored 10 straight points late in the game to finally put out the game out of reach.

With Roper out of the lineup, freshman guard Lisa Herner saw more playing time. She responded with seven points and the 5-6 point guard also grabbed a surprising team-high 10 rebounds, nine on the defensive boards.

Those in double figures for SMU were Shelia Bryant with 12 points, Heather Nygard with 11, and Shasta Smothers-Johnson added 10.



Photo by Bill Hughes

A&M's Evelyn Sanders goes up over SMU's Heather Nygard for two points en route to a 35-point performance in the Lady Aggies' 83-66 victory over SMU Tuesday night.

## Ags gear for Mustangs in conference opener

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It might not be a good time to play the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, but Texas A&M will open its Southwest Conference opener against them tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

The 8-4 Mustangs probably are chomping at the bit after dropping their last two games in overtime. SMU lost to then-No. 4 North Carolina, 88-86, in the championship game of the Dallas Morning News Classic and then fell to Baylor, 59-55, in its first SWC game on Saturday. And they'll be looking to prove how good they are tonight.

The Aggies, 8-3, are coming off a 6-2 tournament road trip that includes capturing the Connecticut Mutual Classic. Junior John Trezvant was the Classic's most valuable player as he averaged 22.5 points and 14 rebounds.

A&M Assistant Men's Basketball Coach John Thornton said SMU will be a tough challenge because it played one of the toughest non-conference schedules of any SWC team.

Thornton said A&M will continue to look to its seniors — Winston Crite, Todd Holloway and Mike Clifford — for leadership, but will need a team effort to have a successful season.

Crite leads the Aggies in scoring with a 16.4 average and Holloway leads the team with 49 assists. Clifford is the team's defensive ramrod, averaging 9.5 rebounds an outing.

"The 10 guys we took (on the tournament swing) all contributed," Thornton said. "How much they keep contributing will tell how well we do the rest of the season."

## Former Ag tight end charged in shooting

From staff and wire reports  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A former Texas A&M football player was charged with attempted murder after a Friday morning shooting incident left a 17-year-old girl brain dead.

Richard Siler, 23, who played tight end for A&M, was released from the Volusia County Jail Saturday on \$5,000 bond.

The girl, Terri Harry, underwent surgery Friday night and was being kept alive with the aid of a respirator. A hospital official at Halifax Medical Center said the girl remained in serious condition Tuesday.

Police said Harry was hit in the forehead by a ricocheting bullet fired by Siler.

In statements to police, Siler said he fired a 9mm pistol toward a group of young people in an attempt to scare the youths.

Siler was arrested along with his brother, Clarence, 19, Roy Broxton, 24, and Bryan Christopher Watson, 18. Clarence, Broxton and Watson



Rich Siler

were charged as alleged principals in an attempted murder and were released on bond.

In 1983, Siler caught 40 passes for 465 yards and four touchdowns and was named first-team All-Southwest Conference by United Press International.

about 3 percent have tested positive, Toner said. To ensure the integrity of the tests, Toner said, every athlete is observed as the sample is collected.

Catlin said each urine sample is divided into two containers. One container is sealed and frozen and the other is used for tests. If traces of any of the 3,000 banned substances are found, a second test is run on the frozen sample.

The samples are identified in the laboratories by number, not by the players' name, Catlin said.

Most of the 21 disqualified football players tested positive for ana-

bolic steroids, a bulk-building substance which has been linked to cancer, sterility and anti-social behavior.

Byers called upon the NFL to join the NCAA in fighting steroid use.

"We think that drug usage and efforts to combat drug usage in sports is one of the most significant issues of the day," Byers said. "We think it's not only important to the welfare of student-athlete, but it's extremely important for the welfare of the country and young people to persuade those who have been swept up in the drug culture that that is wrong way to go."

## NCAA calls drug-testing program a success


SAN DIEGO (AP) — Despite controversy and the cries by some athletes that they were treated unfairly, the NCAA's new drug-testing program is "a great success," officials declared Tuesday.

"We believe we have the most comprehensive and effective testing program of any sports organization in the United States today," Walter Byers, NCAA executive director, said at a news conference during the 81st annual NCAA convention. "Its objectives are very clear — to ensure clean championship competition and protect the health and welfare of the student-athlete."

Toner of the University of Connecticut, who heads the NCAA drug-testing committee, and Dr. Don Catlin, head of the UCLA laboratory and one of two experts who conducted the tests that led to 21 football players being disqualified from bowl games, most for anabolic steroids use.

Catlin passed out several highly technical charts and graphs detailing the testing procedure and even made a slide presentation of how the tests are conducted.

Urine tests have been done on 1,050 athletes since the program was launched in November at the cross-country championships and only




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