

Sports

A&M's hot hands cool Long horns 68-52

By Homer Jacobs
Sports Editor

The Texas A&M basketball team shot a blistering 69.2 percent from the field Tuesday night to defeat the Texas Longhorns 68-52 before 3,708 enthusiastic fans at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The Aggies (10-4, 2-1) hit their first 10 shots from the field to buoy their percentage. Keron Graves hit two three-point jumpers in a row to give the Aggies a 16-10 lead with 14:05 left in the first half.

The game looked like it was going to be a Maroon and White blowout as the Aggies eased to a 27-18 lead with 7:08 left in the first half.

But with the love-it-or-leave-it three-point shot, Texas closed the Aggies' lead to 33-31 at halftime.

A&M's Winston Crite, who had 12 points, said the Aggies relaxed too early and allowed a Longhorn rally to develop.

"We had a little letdown at the end of the first half," Crite said. "Our intensity dropped off a little and that hurt us. Coach (Shelby Metcalf) really got on us in the locker room."

"He told us that Texas wasn't going to just lie down for us. We had to go out and win it."

The Aggies must have been listening intently to Metcalf as they started the second half much like the first.

A&M hit its first three shots but could not shake the Longhorns who stayed within two at 39-37.

Then, a flying alley-oop by A&M's Paul Crawford off a pass by Darryl McDonald started a run of 13 straight points by the Aggies that all but sealed the coffin on Texas.

A&M bolted to a 54-40 lead with 6:09 left using aggressive man-to-man defense as the catalyst.

On the offensive end, Todd Holloway poured in 21 points for the Aggies, while Patrick Fairs of Texas led all scorers with 22.

"All the guys played hard tonight," Holloway said. "What's important right now is that we're rested. We're at home, and we're getting our legs back."

A&M has won 14 out of the last 17 games with Texas, which falls to 8-9 overall and 2-2 in the Southwest Conference.

Lady Aggies hope to stun No. 1 Texas

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What's burnt orange and white and next to unstoppable on a basketball court?

Answer: The University of Texas Lady Longhorns.

The Texas A&M Lady Aggies hope to have the answer to beating Texas when they host the No. 1-ranked Lady Longhorns at 7:30 p.m. tonight in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Beating Texas (12-1, 3-0) won't be an easy feat for A&M (6-5, 2-0), especially without the services of top scorer Donna Roper. The sophomore guard, who averaged 18 points a game for the Lady Aggies, had her gall bladder removed last week and probably is lost for the year.

Evelyn Sanders and Paula Crutcher have been picking up the scoring slack in Roper's absence. Sanders is averaging 13.3 points a game while Crutcher adds 11.6.

Texas has a handicap of its own, however. Forward Clarissa Davis, the Lady Longhorns' leading scorer at 21 points a game, will not play due to an ankle injury.

The loss of Davis doesn't slow Texas much. UT's Yulonda Wimbish and Doretha Conwell average 14.8 and 14.7 points per game respectively. Andrea Lloyd adds 12.2 points and 8.4 rebounds an outing.

Hickey said if her team doesn't beat Texas, it won't be for lack of trying.

"We're going out to win the game because we're tired of that long winning record they have," she said.

To call Texas' SWC success long is an understatement. Texas has won 119 consecutive SWC games dating back to 1978. The Lady Longhorns' last loss in conference play came was a 59-52 decision to A&M in G. Rollie White.

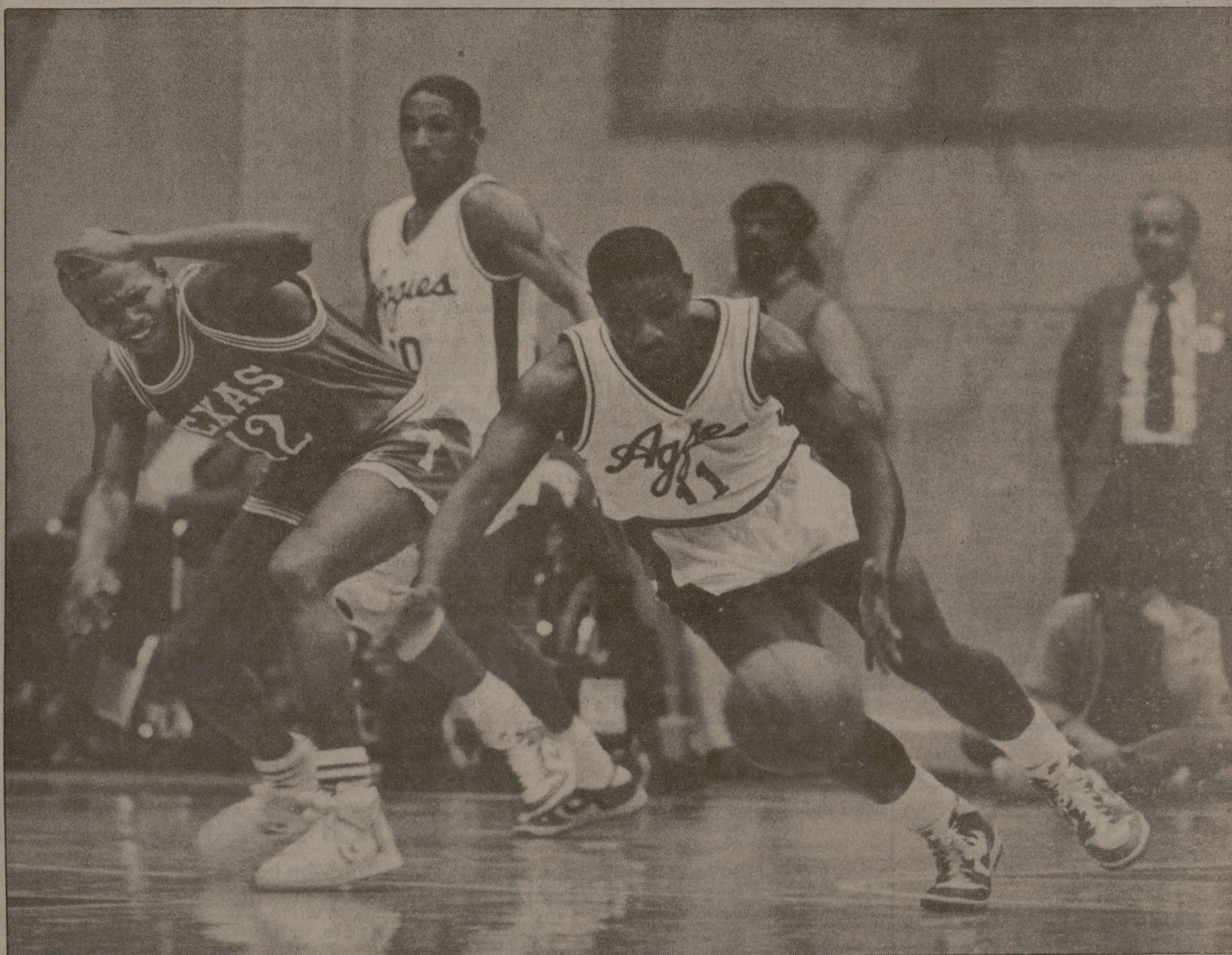


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Texas A&M guard Todd Holloway steals the ball from Texas' Alex Broadway as A&M's Darryl McDonald looks on. Holloway scored

21 points as the Aggies defeated the Longhorns 68-52 to up the Aggies' record to 10-4 overall and 2-1 in the Southwest Conference.

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