

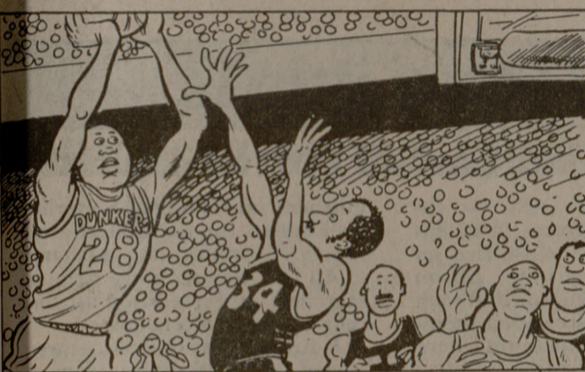
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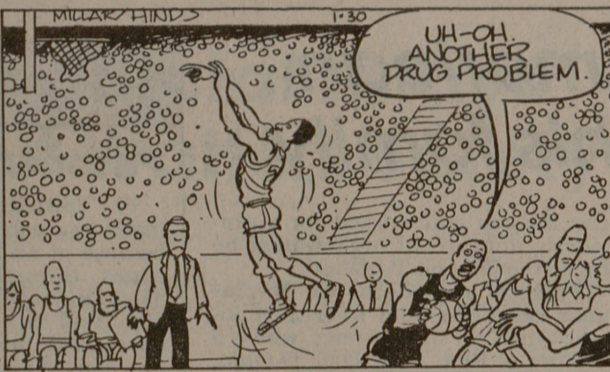
Members of the Texas A&M men's tennis team jump rope as they warm up before their daily practice at the Omar Smith Tennis Center.

The first home competition for the Aggies will be held on Feb. 6 against Pan American University.

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by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds



Bullets edge Mavs 118-113

DALLAS (AP) — Moses Malone hit a jump shot and four free throws in the final 27 seconds Wednesday night to rally the Washington Bullets from a 14-point deficit to a 118-113 NBA victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Malone and guard Jeff Malone each scored 23 points for the Bullets, who had lost three of their last four games.

Mark Aguirre, who became the first Maverick to score 10,000 points, and Rolando Blackman each scored 22 points for Dallas before a sellout crowd of 17,007 fans in Reunion Arena.

Malone collected 13 rebounds as Washington overcame a 91-77 Dallas lead which the Mavericks held late in the third period.

Washington outscored Dallas 21-5 and tied the game at 96-all on a free throw by John Williams. A basket by Williams gave Washington the lead with 6:55 to play.

Jay Vincent, playing against his old Maverick teammates for the first time, contributed 16 points.

James Donaldson had 13 rebounds and rookie Roy Tarpley contributed 11 rebounds for the Mavericks.

Dallas' last lead was 111-110 with 2:34 to play on a basket by Blackman.

Jeff Malone scored with 1:23 to play, then Moses Malone took control as Dallas lost only its fourth home game in 20 outings this season.

Malone leads Utah over Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Karl Malone scored 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds and Kelly Tripucka hit four clutch free scores in the final two minutes of play to lead the Utah Jazz to 92-88 win over the Houston Rockets Tuesday night in the Summit.

Utah, now 24-17, led 84-83 with two minutes left. A basket by Malone and two free scores by Tripucka gave the Jazz a 88-83 lead with 1:28

left. The Rockets then almost caught up, 88-87. But a couple of free throws by Tripucka and two more by John Stockman secured the win with 12 seconds left.

Akeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 32 points and 17 rebounds. Houston was hampered by poor free-throw shooting, connecting on only 22 of 47.

In a slow first quarter, neither team led by more than two points

until four points by Malone gave the Jazz a 15-9 lead. Utah held a 22-19 advantage going into the second quarter.

The Rockets battled back to lead 32-31 after scoring six straight points with 6:28 left in the second quarter.

But Bobby Hansen then pitched in eight points to spark Utah to a 49-40 lead at the half.

San Antonio slides past Detroit to grab 4th win in last 5 games

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jon Sundvold scored 22 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 118-107 victory over the Detroit Pistons Tuesday night in NBA action.

The win lifts San Antonio to 13-29. The Spurs have won four of five in their current home stand.

The loss was the third straight for the Pistons and drops them out of a tie with Atlanta for the Central Division lead. Detroit is 26-15.

Leading 79-78 with 3:41 remaining in the third period, San Antonio rookies Larry Krystkowiak and Johnny Dawkins led a 15-6 outburst to put the Spurs ahead 94-84 at the end of the period.

Krystkowiak sandwiched two driving layups and three free throws around Dawkins' four points to lead the surge.

Detroit was not able to get closer than 100-93 in the fourth period.

Alvin Robertson scored 18 for the Spurs and Walter Berry added 16.

Detroit was led by Isaiah Thomas with 23 points, and 21 by Vinnie Johnson.

Johnson and center Bill Laimbeer scored 13 apiece in the first half as the Pistons shot 64.1 percent to hold a 62-59 halftime lead.

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