

# Sports

## Lady Aggies take on UH

The Texas A&M Lady Aggie basketball team will take on the University of Houston today at 5 p.m. in Hofheinz Pavilion.

The Lady Aggies currently stand at 8-14 on the season and 4-8 in the Southwest Conference play, while the Lady Cougars are 15-8 and 7-5 in the SWC.

The game today marks the second meeting of the season between the two teams. UH won the first game 50-40 on Jan. 19 in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Houston has a really fine team with good chemistry," A&M Coach Tom Hickey said. "They play with great intensity, and that will make it a very tough contest for us."

## Ags try for sweep against Cougars

The Texas A&M men's basketball team will try and complete a sweep of the Houston Cougars tonight at 7:35 p.m. at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston.

The Aggies won the first meeting between the two schools earlier in the season 57-45 at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M is coming off a 65-58 loss to Texas Tech in Lubbock and has lost six out of its last seven conference games.

Houston comes into the game off an overtime loss to Baylor last

Saturday. The Cougars are in fourth place in the Southwest Conference with a 7-5 mark, 15-8 overall.

A&M, however, has dropped to seventh in the conference at 5-7, 13-10 overall.

**Aggie notes . . .** A&M forward John Trezvant did not foul out of a game before SWC play began; he has now fouled out of six of 11 SWC games, including last Sunday's game against Tech.

## A&M comes away with split in double-header at Lamar

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The Texas A&M baseball team ventured away from the friendly confines of Olsen Field for the first time this season and managed a split in a double-header against Lamar University at Vincent-Beck Field in Beaumont Tuesday.

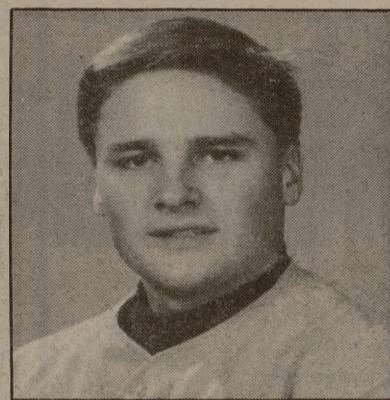
Both games were see-saw affairs, with Lamar taking a 4-3 win in the first game and A&M escaping with a wild 17-14 victory in the second game.

The Aggies got off to a promising start in the first game. Right fielder Don Wren led off the top of the first inning with a double, and shortstop Ever Magallanes followed by reaching first on an error by Lamar's David Lowery.

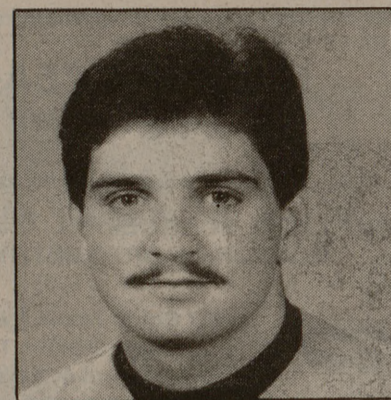
Third baseman Scott Livingstone of A&M then came to bat and hit into a double play which scored Wren, and the Aggies led 1-0.

Lamar had a 2-1 lead until the top of the fourth, when A&M first baseman Todd Schmidt hit a single to drive in left fielder Tim McWilliam and center fielder Chuck Knoblauch to give the Aggies a 3-2 lead.

A&M starter Darryl Fry was pulled from the game in the sixth inning after Reynolds singled again. Gary Geiger came in to relieve him and allowed two straight singles —



Chuck Knoblauch



Terry Taylor

one to Brad Pemberton, which allowed Reynolds to score, — and one to Mike Sarbaugh, which scored pinch runner Richard Barnhardt.

Fry, 1-1, was the losing pitcher for A&M. He lasted five innings and allowed seven hits, four runs, two walks and had four strikeouts.

The second game was a game of errors as A&M had six and Lamar had two. Lamar grabbed a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, but the Aggies struck back quickly with six runs in the top of the second. Wren singled to drive in Schmidt and designated hitter John Byington, and Magallanes singled to drive home

catcher Maury Martin. Livingstone followed with his first homer of the year to drive in the remaining three runs.

Lamar came back with four runs of its own in the fifth inning to close the gap to 6-5, but A&M upped its lead in the sixth with two more runs as Knoblauch scored McWilliam, and Schmidt drove in second baseman Terry Taylor.

A&M remained in control with one run in the seventh and three in the eighth, but the Cardinals got four runs in the bottom of the eighth to make things interesting.

## Rockets, Mavs continue to battle for top spot in Midwest Division

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets rode the performance of center Akeem Olajuwon to their fifth straight home victory over the Dallas Mavericks as the two teams struggle for supremacy in the NBA's Midwest Division.

But the Mavericks still own a five-game lead over the Rockets after Monday night's 105-100 Houston victory and neither team is talking about who owns first place and who's second.

"It's a natural rivalry and it's getting hotter, especially with both teams playing better," Mavericks guard Derek Harper said.

Houston guard Dirk Minniefield's comment last month that the Mavericks were only "renting" the division's top spot has been replaced by guarded comments of respect for the opposition.

"It's too early for us to get excited," said Mavericks center James Donaldson, who scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds Monday night. "We haven't won the division yet, and we haven't gone very deep in the playoffs."

The Rockets know it will be difficult to make up five games with only 32 remaining.

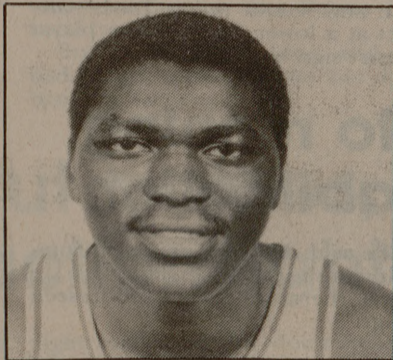
"I don't just worry about Donaldson, I worry about the whole team," said Olajuwon, whose 36 points and 16 rebounds led the Rockets. "His offense is as good as it's ever been."

The Rockets are playing without forward Ralph Sampson, recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery, and guards Lew Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins, banned from the team for drug abuse.

Still, Houston has rallied to make a strong defense of its division title.

If the Rockets do catch Dallas, the Mavericks know Olajuwon will lead the way. Olajuwon blocked a shot by Dallas' Rolando Blackman with 13 seconds to play. That was a key to Houston's victory.

"This kind of elevates the intensity of the rivalry, that's for sure," Blackman said. "We're just going to try to fend them off and they are trying to make up ground. We both want to win badly."



Akeem Olajuwon

"We're not superhuman," he said. "They could catch us. If we had a couple of injuries, it would make us kind of fragile."

The victory over Dallas was the first of a crucial four-game home stand for the Rockets, who face Boston on Thursday and Utah on Saturday.

"We still control our destiny," Houston Coach Bill Fitch said. "To win all four (home games), we had to beat Dallas. By the time Utah gets here, they won't get barbeque — they'll be facing raw meat."

## Mattingly signs contract for \$1.975 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees on Tuesday became the highest-paid player produced by 13 years of salary arbitration, winning a one-year contract worth \$1,975,000.

That surpassed the \$1,850,000 contract won last Friday by pitcher Jack Morris of the Detroit Tigers.

Mattingly, however, trails Jim Rice of the Boston Red Sox, Eddie Murray of the Baltimore Orioles and Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies, who are believed to make more than \$2 million a year.

The Yankees had offered Mattingly \$1.7 million. Arbitrator Arvid Anderson heard the case Monday in New York and, restricted to picking either the figure offered by Mattingly or the Yankees, chose the larger amount.

Decisions also were reached Tuesday on two other arbitration cases heard the day before. Both players — outfielder Kevin McReynolds of the New York Mets and pitcher Danny Cox of St. Louis — were losers.

Of the 19 cases resolved thus far,

Mattingly and his agent, Jim Krivacs of Clearwater, Fla., had been trying to negotiate a long-term deal with Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who offered a two-year contract reportedly worth \$3.5 million. Krivacs and Mattingly rejected the offer and decided to go through arbitration.

Mattingly settled on the \$1,975,000 figure as an apparent appeasement to Steinbrenner, who said he would refuse to make any new deals worth \$2 million per year.

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