Sports

Lady Aggies to play Owls for 6th place

By Hal L. Hammons Sports Writer

The Texas A&M Lady Aggies nter into Saturday's contest with Rice in need of a win to help ensure a berth in the six-team Southwest Conference tourna-

A&M Head Coach Lynn Hickey said the 4-8 Lady Aggies have not sewn up the sixth and final slot in the tournament, even though A&M is now in sixth place n conference.

Hickey said Rice was a team the Lady Aggies could beat, but that the Owls are much stronger this year than most people thought they would be

Rice is led by post Holly James, who averages 18 points per game, and guard Karen Sowada, who is 23 out of 45 from the three-point

Teams that play Rice have difficulty deciding whether to focus more attention on the bombs of owada or the strong inside play of James, who Hickey said is one f the premiere players in the

Hickey said Rice is really the only team in the SWC that has really utilized the three-point hot this season.

She said the Lady Aggies need o keep their confidence and enhusiasm up and "go out and challenge them" in order to win

With two wins in the last three games of the season, Hickey said she thinks A&M will be assured of a playoff spot.

The Lady Aggies are coming off an 88-69 loss to the Houston Cougars last Wednesday.

Tip-off for the Lady Aggies' game with Rice is at 5 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Aggies hope to build momentum in Saturday's contest with Owls

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Saturday night's contest between Texas A&M and Rice is a game between teams in different, yet similar

The Aggies have lost seven of their last eight conference games, including Wednesday's loss at Hous- of. ton, a game that A&M Head Coach Shelby Metcalf said was one of the worst efforts of the season for the

Aggies.

A&M desperately needs a victory to get some momentum worked up before the Southwest Conference tournament

'We're hurting," Metcalf said. "We need a win."

Rice, on the other hand, is coming off a big upset of Baylor in Waco. Still, the Owls are in last place in the conference and need to continue winning just so they can be one of the eight teams that qualify for the tournament.

Metcalf said the Aggies could hardly help but shoot better than in

the Houston loss. A&M shot only 26 percent from the field in the game, its worst outing of the year in that

The Aggies are sure to remember the last time the two teams played. The upset Rice victory started the skid that A&M has yet to break out

When asked what the Aggies planned to do differently the second time around, Metcalf quickly and succinctly said, "Beat them."

He said he planned to play Mike Clifford on the high-scoring Greg Hines of the Owls. He said Clifford was probably the best defensive player in the conference.

We won't shut him down," Metcalf said about Hines, "but I think Mike can contain him.

"What we do the rest of the way depends on how much help the three seniors (Clifford, Winston Crite and Todd Holloway) get from the other players," Metcalf said.

Metcalf said the team really needs to develop some momentum, or



Shelby Metcalf

"Mo," before they get into the tour-

"I really believe 'Mo' is going to transfer back to A&M," Metcalf said. However, he admitted his confidence might be so high because he wants to believe it so much.

Saturday's game begins at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

12th Man meeting set for Monday at 5 p.m.

Texas A&M Coach Jackie the west stands of Kyle Field. The Sherrill has set Monday affirst tryouts are scheduled for ternoon as the first organizational meeting for students wishing to try out for the 1987 12th Man Kickoff Team.

Monday's meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the football locker room under

Tuesday.

"This is a very important meeting," Sherrill said. "Out of this group the 1987 12th Man Kickoff Team will be selected, and every Aggie knows how imporant this team has become to our success.

A&M hosts McNeese State for 3 games this weekend

The Texas A&M baseball team A&M split a double-header with takes on McNeese State this week- Lamar Tuesday in Beaumont. The Texas A&M baseball team end in a three-game series at Olsen Field beginning Friday at 3 p.m., strong hitting from shortstop Ever concluding with a double-header that starts at noon Saturday.

The Aggies 5-1 on the season and 4-0 at Olsen Field hope for better results this time. McNeese State swept the three-game series last year.

The Aggies have been getting Magallanes and second baseman Terry Taylor in the early part of the season. Magallanes is 11-for-24 for a .458 average, while Taylor is batting .455 on a 10-for-22 effort. A&M isbatting .374 as a team and averaging 12.5 runs per game.

SMU may not receive maximum NCAA penalty

NEW YORK (AP) — Penalties proposed against Southern Methodist University's football program by the NCAA enforcement staff stop short of the first use of the maximum, two-year "death penalty" shutdown, the school's faculty rep-

resentative said Thursday.

While the NCAA's infractions committee is not bound by the recommendation and still could impose the maximum penalty on its own, SMU professor Lonnie Kliever said the staff's proposal at a hearing last weekend was the same as the

'We cooperated and were not ad-Kliever said. "We discussed and disclosed the infractions that put us at risk with the enforcement people. And we went into the

hearing with the staff and the institution agreeing on violations and proposed penalties. Neither the institution nor the enforcement staff went in asking for the death pen-

Kliever would not say what penalties the school and the enforcement staff proposed.

Under legislation adopted in June 1985, the NCAA may suspend repeat offenders for up to two years, prohibiting competition, recruiting, coaching or scholarships during that

SMU, the most penalized school in NCAA history, was already under sanction when the current charges surfaced and thus became the first program subject to the most extreme penalty. punishment.

ment for the NCAA, would not discuss the case or what penalties the NCAA had asked for.

Frank Remington, professor of law at the University of Wisconsin and chairman of the infractions committee, said last week that lesser penalties were an option of his com-

"The legislation calls for the imposition of a major penalty, the loss of contests, subject to exceptions authorized by the committee in unique situations. It is called the death penalty, but it says the prohibition of 'some or all' contests. We could cancel as few as one game. It is an oversimplification to call it the death

'Its purpose is the desire of mem-

bership to have substantial penalties. membership. We believe if we do not We are bound by what the membership tells us.

Kliever said SMU had no indication that its presentation at the hearing "blunted the committee's sensitivity to the nature of the infractions, but he said the university believed there were mitigating circumstances that would justify a lesser penalty.

"We conducted the investigation There is no question that that was with the cooperation and assistance the message. That's the message the of the NCAA, rather than vice ver-sa," Kliever said. "We shared and committee." participated in the investigation.'

Frank Remington, law professor at Wisconsin and chairman of the Switzer said he hopes the NCAA will six-member infractions committee, be lenient. said after NCAA schools voted 427-6 "Look how SMU has already sufto adopt the death penalty that he fered," Switzer said. "They're alconsidered it "a mandate from the ready in disarray and turmoil."

apply the measure of the new penalty structure when it seems appropriate, we will have to answer to the membership as to why we did not.' After hearing SMU's case last

week, Remington said: "The membership indicated they wanted serious infractions viewed seriously. That message was loud and clear.

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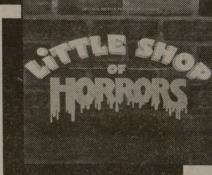
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