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# UH defeated Aggies with balanced attack

**From the Associated Press**

The Houston Cougars have once again shown the Texas Aggies that all good things, such as winning streaks, eventually come to an end.

The Cougars ended a five-game A&M streak to start the 1985-86 Southwest Conference season.

Then Sunday, Houston beat A&M 67-63 in Hofheinz Pavilion to hand the Aggies their first SWC loss after a 4-0 start.

The Cougars did it with a balanced scoring attack, led by Craig Upchurch's 18 points and the return of Horace Chaney, who missed one game because of scholastic questions.

A&M, 12-7 for the season, fell into a tie with the Arkansas Razorbacks in league play at 4-1. Houston improved to 3-2 in league play and 8-6 overall.

"It feels a lot better now with a full crew," Houston Coach Pat Foster said. "It's been tough to lose by two, three or four points with either (Randy) Brown or Chaney out.

"We certainly feel more confident now, but it's a long road back."

Foster had to juggle his lineup this season when Brown briefly quit the team. Chaney sat out Tuesday's 69-65 loss to Southern Methodist until questions about his eligibility could be answered.

Houston scored 14 of the final 17 points in the first half to turn a 23-22 deficit into a 36-26 lead. During the streak, which covered about 6 1/2 minutes, Upchurch scored 10 of his 18 points.

The Aggies scored 10 of the first 12 points of the second half to cut Houston's advantage to 38-36, but the Cougars never lost the lead.

"It was a well-devised press," Houston's Richard Hollis said. "We adjusted to the press but we were still timid."

The Aggies still had a chance when James McGhee hit a 3-point basket with 12 seconds to play, but

Rolando Ferreira's two free throws with eight seconds to play ended the comeback hope.

"We didn't play together as a team," Aggie guard Darryl McDonald said. "I think they were out-hustling us. They tried to 'body' us and make us play harder and we weren't ready for it."

In other games Saturday, Baylor defeated Rice 84-68, Southern Methodist beat Texas Tech 80-75 and Texas beat Texas Christian 74-56.

Baylor's Darryl Middleton scored a career-high 38 points, the most against a Rice team in two years, in leading the Bears past the struggling Owls.

"I was just hot tonight," Middleton explained. "One-on-one, there ain't no one in the conference that can stop me."

Middleton's performance was the most points scored against the Owls since Baylor's Carlos Briggs hit 41 points Feb. 27, 1985.

Todd Alexander provided the scoring punch for SMU in its victory over the Red Raiders, scoring 24 points, including four of six from the 3-point range.

The Mustangs hit 50 per cent of their shots from outside.

"I really thought their outside shooting was the difference," Tech Coach Gerald Myers said. "Their outside people just took over late in the game and showed how well they can shoot."

Texas snapped a 3-game losing streak in its victory over the Horned Frogs. Forward Alvin Hegggs scored 18 points and had 10 rebounds to pace the Longhorns.

The Aggies will try to rebound at Texas Tech on Wednesday while Arkansas will travel to Rice. In other Wednesday games, Houston is at Baylor and Texas is at Southern Methodist.

# Regents make Sherrill professor of athletics

**By Richard Williams**  
Senior Staff Writer

Coach Jackie Sherrill can now also be called Professor Jackie Sherrill. During its Sunday meeting, the Texas A&M Board of Regents bestowed upon Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jackie Sherrill the title of Professor of Athletics with tenure.

Sherrill is the founder of the 12th Man Kick-Off Team and has guided the A&M football team to three consecutive Southwest Conference Championships.

During Sherrill's tenure as Athletic Director, A&M sports teams have won or shared in nine SWC championships and have competed in 11 post-season games or tournaments.

Sherrill has also been credited with improving graduation rates of A&M athletes and installing a new drug-testing program for all athletes.

Sherrill, who was hired Jan. 19, 1982, said it was a great honor and that he "did not make a bad deci-

sion" when he decided to come to A&M.

Sherrill coached at the University of Pittsburgh, where he compiled a 50-9-1 record before arriving at A&M. Sherrill's teams in 1980 and 1981 finished No. 2 in the Associated Press Top 20 poll.

His coaching career began in 1966 as a graduate assistant for Alabama under Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He has also been an assistant coach for Arkansas and Iowa State, and was head coach at Washington State in 1976.

Sherrill's record at A&M stands at 35-12 overall, and he is the only A&M coach to beat the University of Texas four times in a row.

His A&M teams have won two of the past three Cotton Bowls, defeating Auburn 36-16 in 1985 and beating Notre Dame 35-10 last Jan. 1. The Aggies lost the 1987 Cotton Bowl 28-12 at the hands of Ohio State.

Sherrill's career coaching record is 98-40-2, good for 12th best among active coaches in Division I-A.

# Runner Johnson wins Athlete-of-Year honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Sprinter Ben Johnson, acclaimed the "World's Fastest Human" after breaking the world record in the 100-meter dash last year when he went unbeaten in 21 races, was named the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year on Sunday by an overwhelming margin.

Johnson became the first Canadian track athlete to win the honor and only the second Canadian in the award's 57-year history — the other was hockey player Wayne Gretzky in 1982.

Johnson received 48 first-place votes, 18 seconds, 28 thirds and 322 points in balloting by sports writers and broadcasters. Points were allotted on a 5-3-1 basis.

Wide receiver Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers, who set an NFL record with 22 touchdown receptions in only 12 games, finished second with 222 points on the basis of 22 firsts, 26 seconds and 34 thirds.

Chicago's Michael Jordan, the NBA's leading scorer this season, was third with 206 points, including 24 first-place votes, 22 seconds and 20 thirds.

Another NBA star, Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers, the league's most valuable player last season, and Bo Jackson, who played baseball with the Kansas City Royals and football with the Los Angeles Raiders in 1987, tied for fourth with 192 points each.

Johnson collected 24 first-place votes and Jackson 20.

Jordan, Johnson and heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, who finished ninth with 170 points, tied for the second-most first-place votes with 24 apiece.

Last year's Male Athlete of the Year, Larry Bird of the NBA's Bos-

ton Celtics, got only four first-place votes this time and wound up in a 16th-place tie with 20 points.

The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year will be announced Monday.

Both winner will be honored Feb. 26 by the Tampa Sports Club at a banquet in Florida.

The 26-year-old Johnson, a native of Jamaica, shattered the world record in the 100 by a remarkable one-tenth of a second last year, clocking 9.83 seconds in the final at the World Outdoor Championships Aug. 31 in Rome.

Generally, when sprint records are broken, they are eclipsed by hundredths of seconds, not tenths.

But Johnson, in running the greatest 100-meter dash ever, erased the previous record of 9.93, set by Calvin Smith of the United States, in 1983 at altitude in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Johnson was running at sea level. And in order to win, he had to break the world record — because runner-up Carl Lewis of the United States, the 1984 Olympic champion, matched the old mark of 9.93.

Although Johnson's time was a stunner, it should not have been that much of a surprise.

In his six races prior to the World Championships, he had put together a sensational series of clockings — 10.07 at Athens, Greece; 9.98 at the Canadian Championships in Toronto; 10.05 at Malmo, Sweden; 10.00 at Koblenz, West Germany; 9.95 at Cologne, West Germany, and 9.97 at Zurich, Switzerland.

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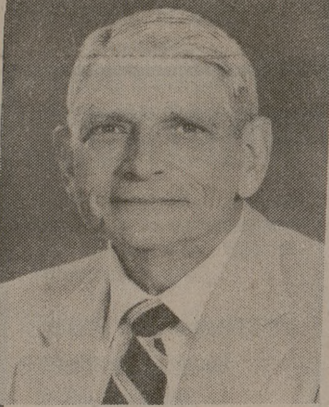
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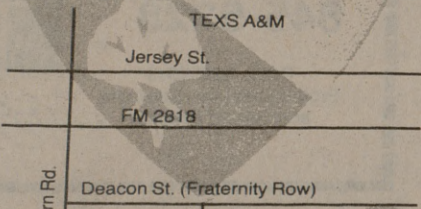
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