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The Battalion

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in 1987, where she played on the South squad with future teammate Donna Roper.

Sheri's high school career was just as storied as her sister's — if not bet-ter. She was named All-District, All-Central Texas and second team All-State her senior year. She averaged 18 points a game her senior year and helped LBJ advance to the regional finals as a junior.

Hickey's first look at Sheri was in

1987 in a summer league in Dallas. "She was a wheeler-dealer and had some good performances in Dallas and at LBJ," Hickey said. "We felt that both sisters were two of the best in the state, so we went after both.

Lori revels in the opportunity to play with her sister.

"It is great to play on the same team with her," Lori said. A lot of people in Austin wanted to see us play together in high school. Now they'll have their chance when we play Texas in Austin," Lori said.

"(Tonight) is going to be special for us and Vanessa (Edwards of A&M) since we are all from Austin," Lori said. "There are going to be a lot of people there cheering us on and if A&M plays like a team, we might just celebrate our homecoming with a win.'

Sheri is comfortable playing with her sister

"I like playing on the same team

To look at the standings in the NBA's Atlantic Conference is like

taking a trip into the Twilight Zone

The New York Knicks are on top with a record of 30-16 (looks like

coach Rick Pitino and Patrick Ewing

Philadelphia 76ers are a distant second with a modest 25-20 showing and the Celtics are buried in third

might be worth the hype), the

with nowhere to go but down.

achieve the elusive .500 mark.

season if they were to make it

mediocrity in the NBA

Boston is even struggling to

Teams like Miami and Charlotte

anywhere close to that symbol of

What's wrong with this picture?

At this time last year the Celtics

were all but running away with the division with a blistering 32-13

record, well on their way to another

Eastern Conference championship

But the Celtics had an obstacle to

and another predictable matchup

with the Lakers for the world title

would consider it a championship

of basketball.

as Lori but I also have to remember to treat her like a normal player and not my sister," Sheri said. As one might imagine, the sisters

are roommates. "This is my first time away from home and having Lori around helps," Sheri said. "I can talk to her and she helps me through the rough times, like exams or feeling homesick.

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- Sheri Dillard, Lady Aggie player

"Our parents thought it would be a mistake being roommates, but it's really no problem," she said. "We have different interest and go our own way, but we are there if the other one needs us.'

Another trait the two share is weird nicknames. Lori goes by the name "Sleepy", while Sheri has the ever-common college nickname of

Grandma. "I get called Sleepy because of the

shape of my eyes," Lori said However, Lady Aggie assistant coach Luby Lichonczak says it's because she likes to sleep a lot.

Sheri's nickname comes because she moves slow whenever she's not on the court and because she walks 'bad.

"Sheri gets called Grandma be-cause she is slow," Lori said. Her slowness was witnessed by this writer when it took her ten minutes longer than Lori to get ready

for this interview after practice.

The one similarity that bothers the sisters is the fact that people get

them mixed up frequently. 'It is really frustrating sometimes," Lori said. "There have been several times where the papers have put her picture in the paper and my name on the cutline.

All Lady Ag fans know Lori is number 31 and Sheri is number 23. Areas where the two are not similar are in their style of play and their impact on the team this year.

Lori is known for her defensive work and her leaping ability.

"We were looking for Lori to make an impact in our defense this season and she has responded," Hickey said. "She is also one of our best leapers and has gotten us some important rebounds.

Lori is usually the first player off the bench

the player the coaches call on h gressive defense and crast boards whenever possible," said

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"I like playing defense and li that when we play aggressive fense everthing else falls into pi like it did in the Houston game, said

Sheri's impact on the team has been as great as her sister's, but because of what she hasn't done. more because of who she plays hind. Sheri is third on the d chart at point guard, behind Rope

"I feel like it is a privilege to g play as a freshman, but Im scared of it," Sheri said. "I feel fortable running the offense a helps keep me in control because coach is talking straight to me.

"The point guard has to sta control to keep the team in contr know I lack experience, but I three more years after this. I'min hurry

Although neither is racking All-American-like stats, they contributing in many ways to team's success.

"Last semester was a big trans for both of them, (one from h school and the other from junior lege), but they never quit," Hi said. "They are good kids and th an important element to our tear

And to think, there might e bench. "I think of my role on this team as Trisha, a junior at LBJ, graduate



flag with many Celtic's fans who weren't accustomed to teams taking their boys to the wire or even beating

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bow out gracefully. Maybe they were right, maybe it

was time for Jones to step down and Jimmy Rodgers to come in with a new philosophy for keeping the sliding Celtics away from mediocrity. But so far, the 1988-89 season has

been cruel to Boston. The loss of Larry Bird early in the season only added to a problem that Rodgers had yet to address: how to allow the aging starting five some

rest during a game without being With Bird out, McHale and Parish had to pick up the slack in the post positions both offensively and

defensively, while players such as Brad Lohaus, Mark Acres and Reggie Lewis saw their playing minutes increase dramatically. With Boston's limited substitution policy still in effect, these players

couldn't be expected to produce the level of starters and the Celti lost and are still losing games in which they have blown sizeable leads

Rodgers has tried to countert situation in close games, leavinga mostly veteran lineup in the gam for the last quarter in an attempt hold off any scoring runs. The strategy isn't working

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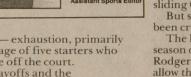
Rodgers is falling into the same trap that K.C. Jones faced last season, an overworked, aging starting five that is going to burn toward the end of the seasonifth aren't given some rest. The injury to Bird mightbea

blessing in disguise because Rod is now forced to go to the bench: find those players who are going produce and help the club in the future.

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overcome - exhaustion, primarily

due to the age of five starters who rarely came off the court. If the playoffs and the championship series could have fit into the number of regular season

An extended series with the

games played last season, Boston

might have had a chance. Atlanta Hawks and a disappointing showdown with Detroit in the conference final brought up the red

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