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## Hot Cougars end Aggie win streak Dillard leads A&M to 90-77 win at UH

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One streak died and another continued as the Houston Cougars beat the Texas Aggies 86-82 in Southwest Conference men's basketball action Saturday.

The Aggies, 13-13 and 7-7 in the SWC, had won five in a row before losing a game they led at halftime by three points. The game was the

### Aggie Update

- **Score:** Houston 86, A&M 82.
- **Record:** 13-13; 7-7 in the SWC.
- **Standing:** Seventh.
- **Next game:** Wednesday at Texas Tech.

fourth straight win for Houston over the Aggies.

Houston, 16-11 and 7-7 in the SWC, was led by two seniors playing in their last home game at Hofheinz Pavilion. Guard Horace Chaney hit six three-pointers including five in the second half to lead all scorers with 26 points. Richard Hollis was close behind with 24.

Sophomore Craig Upchurch added 20 points. He had 34 the last time the teams met. A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf was not surprised at

the performance of the Cougars.

"Chaney and Hollis have been doing that all year," Metcalf said. "And Upchurch — he makes his living off of us."

The Cougars ended their three-game losing streak. Houston Coach Pat Foster said his team was not emotionally down because of the losses.

"It's not in their character (to quit)," he said. "If we were going to die we would have died a long time ago."

The Cougars took a 10-point lead (77-67) on a Chaney three-pointer with five minutes, 25 seconds left in the game. But the shot seemed to be what the Aggies needed to get back in the ballgame.

Donald Thompson got two of his 14 points on free throws a minute after Chaney's bucket to start a nine-point run for A&M.

Tony Milton, the Aggies' leading scorer with 23 points, made a four-point play that put A&M within four of the Cougars at 77-73. Milton stole the ball from Houston's Derrick Daniels and made a layup while being intentionally fouled by Daniels. Milton then hit both free throws.

It was Freddie Ricks' turn as he hit a three-pointer that fired the Aggies up even more and made the score

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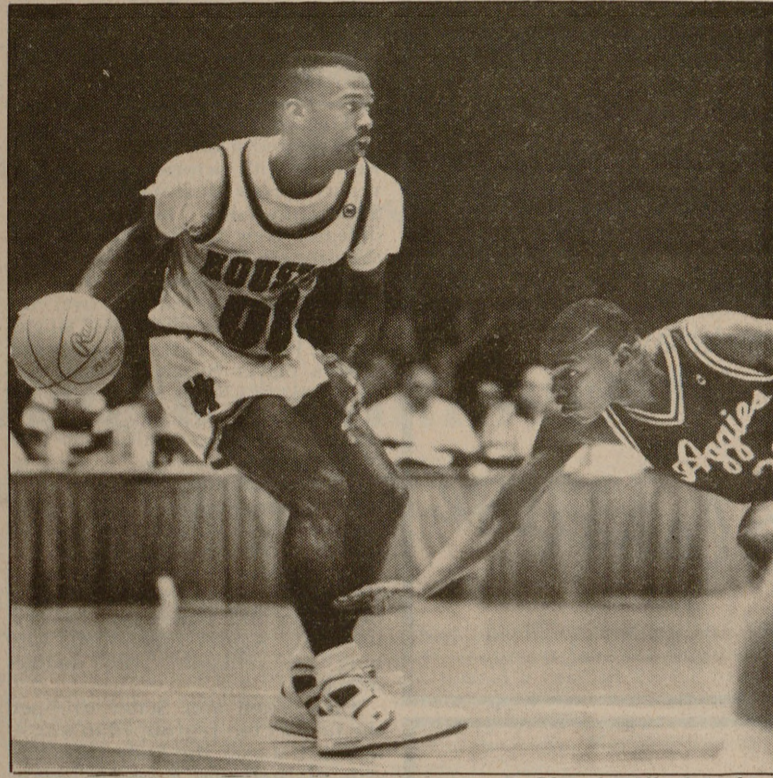


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UH's Richard Hollis (00) takes on A&M's Donald Thompson.

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M guard Lori Dillard scored 27 points to lead the Lady Aggies to a 90-77 Southwest Conference women's basketball victory over Houston Saturday at Hofheinz Pavilion in Houston.

The Lady Aggies moved to 16-9 (8-6 in the SWC) with the victory and

### Lady Ag Update

- **Score:** A&M 90, Houston 77.
- **Record:** 16-9; 8-6 in the SWC.
- **Standing:** Tied for third.
- **Next game:** Tuesday at Texas Tech

Houston dropped to 15-10 (8-6).

A&M ended a two-game losing streak and moved into position to clinch third-place in the league with a win over Texas Tech on Tuesday.

Dillard entered the game with a scoring average of 3.8 points per game and a career high of 10. She hit 10 of 15 shots from the field and keyed an early run to give A&M a 19-6 lead. A&M led 45-33 at the half.

"I felt good today and I just let loose," Dillard said. "I was relaxed and I just played my game."

Donna Roper and Lisa Jordan each added 19 points for A&M which equalled the top amount of wins for a Lynn Hickey-coached A&M team in her five years at Aggie-land.

A&M historically has had little success at Houston. However, the Lady Aggies used Dillard's performance as a springboard for the big victory.

"This has been a tough place for us to play," Hickey said. "As far as recruiting, getting some recognition and being able to hold our head up in the city of Houston, this is a big win."

A&M remained in control in the second half as Houston could get no closer than within 12 points of the Lady Aggies. A&M held leads as large as 21 points late in the game.

Sallie Rott led Houston with 21 points. Voccia Calhoun and Jana Crosby added 11 points apiece.

"It was just a great team effort to come back and play like that," Hickey said. "The kids listened to us and executed the game plan real well. That was the difference."

## Life isn't fair! Cowboy Tom learned the lesson the hard way

Life isn't fair.

Tom Landry learned that Saturday when he was fired in the wake of the sale of the Dallas Cowboys to an Arkansas businessman.

The man who built the Cowboys from an expansion team into America's Team was rewarded for his 29 years of service to the Cowboy organization by being unceremoniously dumped during a change of ownership.

Business is business and this was strictly a business move. Disregard what he's done for the organization, the National Football League or the city of Dallas. He was probably going to be given his walking papers with the expiration of his contract two seasons from now. Still, that would have been less painful for him and his fans than what happened this weekend.



Doug Walker  
Sports Editor

Now the Cowboys have a coach who has a reputation totally opposite of Landry's. If they get what they deserve, they won't win a game for a few years. But, hey! Life isn't fair! Landry, who built the Cowboys, will

never get the chance to lead his team back to the NFL playoffs. That's unfair.

Herschel Walker summed it up best when he said, "He was one of the best coaches who ever coached the game. It's sad to see him have to leave the game like this when he still wanted to try to bring the Cowboys back."

Landry was able to handle all types of people. From troublesome Duane Thomas to heroic Roger Staubach. From brats like Tony Dorsett and Hollywood Henderson to leaders like Bob Lilly and Dan Reeves.

His influence will be missed and the Cowboys will probably never be known as a truly class organization again. No matter how much they win in the future.

That future has the Cowboys being led by a different breed. Jimmy Johnson, Landry's replacement,

resembles Landry about as much as Jed Clampett resembles William F. Buckley.

Just call the new Cowboy braintrust the Double-J Connection. The new owner, Jerry Jones, was a roommate of Johnson's during their playing days in the early 1960s at Arkansas. Johnson got Landry's job because of the long friendship.

I guess a big hair spray endorsement pact for Johnson can't be far off.

At least now we'll find out how good of a coach Johnson really is. At Miami he benefitted from great recruiting and the attractive Miami seashore to keep the Hurricanes on top of college football. At least now he'll be playing by the same rules as everyone else. Johnson landed Oklahoma State on

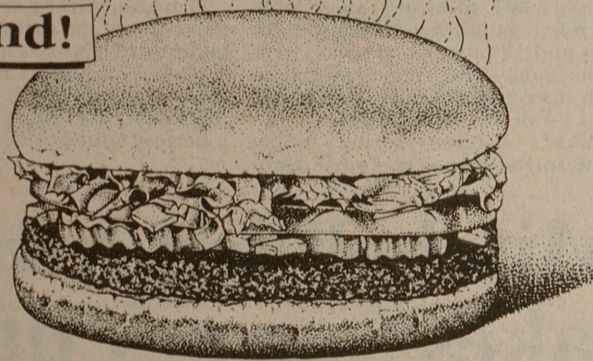
three-years probation by heading a staff which committed numerous recruiting violations before he took off to Miami and avoided punishment for his crimes.

Johnson took the big money and ran. Miami got what it deserved when Johnson took the Dallas job. Johnson once said it would be a cold day in Miami before he'd leave. He professed his undying loyalty to the school and the players. Then he high-tailed it to Dallas.

Now he can be the flesh merchant he always has been without feeling bad about it. He doesn't have to worry about NCAA rules or keeping his players academically eligible.

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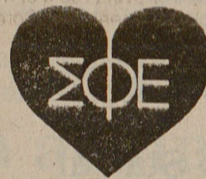
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