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Lady Ags host Lady Panthers tonight at 7:30

By Richard Tijerina

Of *The Battalion* Staff

A&M vs. A&M?

Texas A&M's women's basketball team hosts Prairie View A&M Tuesday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. It's been 11 years since the sister schools last played each other.

The Lady Aggies hope to extend their winning streak and improve on their 2-0 season record. They claimed the Domino's Pizza Classic last weekend at G. Rollie White.

"We're not going in with the idea that Prairie View will be an easy team to beat," A&M Coach Lynn Hickey said. "They have everything on their side going into this game. They have a good group of athletes, and we will have to be very well prepared against them.

"We can't afford to be looking ahead to this weekend's tournament in Utah. We can't blow this game off by any means."

The Lady Aggies were led in their championship game with Wisconsin by LaTanya Irving, who hit a 16-foot jump shot with one second remaining to win the game.

Hickey needs only two more victories this season to reach 200 wins for her career. Hickey's overall record is 198-108 in more than ten years as a collegiate coach. She ranks 54th among the winningest active Division 1 women's basketball coaches in the nation, according to the NCAA.

The Lady Aggies make their first road trip of the season this weekend when they travel to Salt Lake City for the Lady Ute Classic. The Lady Aggies face UCLA Friday at 7 p.m. Radio station 1240 KTAM will broadcast the game.

A&M returns home Dec. 5 when it hosts Oklahoma. Tipoff with the game against the Lady Sooners is set for 5:30 p.m.

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Syracuse No. 1 in basketball

Kansas debuts in Top 25 at No. 4 after upsets; Former No. 1 UNLV drops to No. 6 after loss

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syracuse, third in preseason, took the top spot in the college basketball poll Monday, while Kansas, unranked but triumphant over Nos. 1 and 2, vaulted to fourth in the first balloting of the regular season.

The Orangemen, who opened their season Monday night at home against Rutgers, received 23 first-place votes and 1,453 points from the nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters to edge Arizona (1-0) for the top spot by 11 points.

Eight teams received first-place votes in a poll scrambled by Kansas' toppling of No. 1 UNLV, No. 2 Louisiana State and No. 25 St. John's on the way to the preseason NIT title.

Syracuse last held the No. 1 ranking in the 1987-88 presason poll.

Arizona, which beat defending national champion Michigan in the Tipoff Classic, received 10 first-place votes and had 31 more points than Georgetown (2-0) which moved from fifth to third and received nine No. 1 votes.

Kansas (4-0) was on top of 16 ballots and had 1,266 points to edge fellow Big Eight member Missouri, champion of the Maui Classic. The Tigers had 1,248 points, just one more than UNLV (3-1), which finished third in the NIT after being handled easily by Kansas in the semifinals.

Duke (1-0) was seventh with one first-place vote and 1,089 points and was followed in the Top Ten by Illinois, which has yet to play, LSU (1-1), which was still No. 1 on one ballot, and Michigan (0-1).

Arkansas (2-0), ninth in preseason, had two first-place votes to lead the Second Ten. North Carolina, which lost to Missouri in the title game in Maui, fell from seventh to 12th and still had one first-place vote.

It was just the second time in the last 74 polls — starting in the 1984-85 season — that the Tar Heels were not ranked in the Top 10. They have been in the rankings every week since Jan. 4, 1983.

Louisville (2-1), third at Maui, was 13th, followed by Indiana, UCLA, Temple, Oklahoma, Pittsburgh, Notre Dame and St. John's. Georgia Tech was 21st and Memphis State, Oklahoma State, Florida and North Carolina State rounded out the Top 25.

Kansas was the only newcomer to the poll and Minnesota, ranked 20th, but a loser to Cincinnati in its opener, dropped out of the rankings.

Kansas' jump was the best of an unranked team since Alabama-Birmingham rose to 13th in the first regular-season poll of the 1984-85 season.

The lone switch means three conferences still have four teams in the Top 25.

Kansas joins Missouri, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State as the Big Eight members in the Top 25. The Big East has Syracuse, Georgetown, Pittsburgh and St. John's, while the Atlantic Coast Conference has Duke, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and North Carolina State.

Top 25 Basketball

Team	Last Week
1. Syracuse	3
2. Arizona	6
3. Georgetown	5
4. Kansas	—
5. Missouri	11
6. UNLV	1
7. Duke	10
8. Illinois	8
9. LSU	2
10. Michigan	4
11. Arkansas	9
12. North Carolina	7
13. Louisville	12
14. Indiana	14
15. UCLA	13
16. Temple	15
17. Oklahoma	16
18. Pittsburgh	18
19. Notre Dame	17
20. St. Johns	25
21. Georgia Tech	22
22. Memphis St.	24
23. Oklahoma St.	21
24. Florida	23
25. North Carolina St.	19

Poll

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lege football for the first time in school history, while Alabama jumped to second and Miami moved back into contention for its third national championship of the decade.

Colorado replaced Notre Dame as the No. 1 team in the poll after Miami beat the Fighting Irish 27-10 Saturday. Notre Dame, which had been No. 1 since the first week of the season, fell to fifth while Miami rose three spots to No. 4.

Alabama, the only major undefeated team besides Colorado, moved up two places to No. 2 while Michigan remained third after beating Ohio State 28-18. Alabama, which had the week off, finishes its regular season Saturday at Auburn.

The top five teams all have a shot at the national championship. Colorado can win it by beating Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, but if the Buffaloes lose it would open the door for the other four teams.

"It is going to be our ultimate challenge," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said. "Anyone who knows anything about Notre Dame and its great traditions knows that they will bounce back from the Miami loss. You can count on that."

McCartney said the No. 1 ranking is "something that everyone at the university in Boulder and the state of Colorado is excited about. It's the first time we've ever been in this position and I think it's something the entire state is taking pride in."

Colorado, which completed an 11-0 regular season on Nov. 18, received 53 first-place votes and 1,468 of a possible 1,500 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Miami got three first-place votes, with two going to Alabama and one to Michigan.

Ags lose to Hawaii

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Chris Gaines hit 19-of-22 free throws and Andrew McGuire scored all 12 of his points in the first seven minutes of the second half to pace Hawaii to a 75-71 victory over Texas A&M Monday night and gave the Rainbows third place in the Great Alaska Shootout.

A&M finished the tournament fifth.

Gaines finished with 24 points and McGuire, a 6-foot-9-inch senior, came off the bench after the Aggies' David Harris manhandled the Rainbows for nine points and 10 rebounds in the first half.

McGuire's last four put Hawaii (2-1) ahead for good. Terry Houston added 16 points for the Rainbows.

Harris finished with 18 points and 15 rebounds for the Aggies (1-2). Freddie Ricks had 16 points and Tony Milton, who entered the game leading the tournament in total points with 53, added 13 to finish the Shootout with 66 points.

A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf said fatigue was a major factor in the Aggies' poor showing.

"Tony and the team just didn't play well tonight," Metcalf said. "I think we just got tired . . . I'm not making excuses, but we were so tired."

Metcalf was disappointed in the Aggies' inability to convert their free throws.

Rockets

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Lucas has played just like the Rockets hoped he would since his entry into the starting lineup. Houston finally has a true point guard running the show, and the Rockets haven't had a floor leader like Lucas since Lucas himself was in a Rockets' uniform in 1986.

But the real surprise has been Wiggins. Before he was banned from the league for substance abuse in *1986*, Wiggins was known primarily as a defensive specialist. But the two years off have done wonders for Wiggins' scoring game. He's leading the team with a 21.2 scoring average, and Chaney must be drooling as he envisions a Rockets team in the near future that features Wiggins and a healthy Olajuwon.

But the Rockets' biggest problem may be in the one that has plagued them for years: depth. The bench has never been anything for a Rockets fan to get excited about the past few years; 1989's no exception.

There were high hopes with Lewis Lloyd back in uniform, but with his ankle injury, the Rockets' bench woes have turned *pitiful. In Hous*ton's 85-75 win over Cleveland Saturday, the group of Floyd, Byron Dinkins, Anthony Bowie, Adrian Caldwell and Mike Woodson almost blew a 24-point lead in the fourth quarter until Chaney put Johnson back in to calm things down.

The Rockets find themselves playing just above .500 ball at 7-6. They've lost to some teams that really stink, but players say they're starting to come together and play well. If past seasons are an indication, *the Rockets won't be* able to come up with the chemistry of a winner.

But who knows? You can't count team with Olajuwon out. Regardless, Houston will have some indication of where they are and just how much *further* they have to go in 1989 when they play the Lakers (9-1) Tuesday night in the Summit.

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