

# Aggies look near perfect in 103-95 win over Owls

## Win gives A&M sole possession of sixth place in SWC

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HOUSTON - Like a well-tuned Jaguar, the Texas A&M men's basketball team was hitting on all the right cylinders Saturday night. And unfortunately for Rice, junior guard Lynn Suber was the Aggies' driving force.

Suber came off the bench and, behind a flurry of three-point shots in the first half, led A&M to a 103-95 victory over Rice in front of a frenzied crowd of 3,137 at Autry Court.

The win gives the 13-15 Aggies sole position of sixth place in the Southwest Conference with a record of 6-8. The Owls dropped to 11-14, 5-9 in SWC play.

Their victory over the Owls marks the first time since 1978 that the Aggies have had back-to-back 100 point games.

Last week, A&M scored 100 points in a 114-100 loss to Arkansas.

Suber hit four-of-five three pointers in the first half and shot over 70 percent from the field to lead the Aggies with 26 points.

A&M coach John Thornton said the Aggies could credit their win to Suber's first-half shooting as well as A&M's perimeter offense.

"We survived with Suber in the first half, along with overall good perimeter shooting," Thornton said.

Suber wasn't the only Aggie to shoot well from three-point range. A&M tied a SWC record for number of three-pointers in a game with 12. Three other Aggies nailed treys to pace A&M in the first half.

Freshman guard Brooks Thompson shot 20 percent from three-point range, going 4-for-4, while junior guard Freddie Ricks

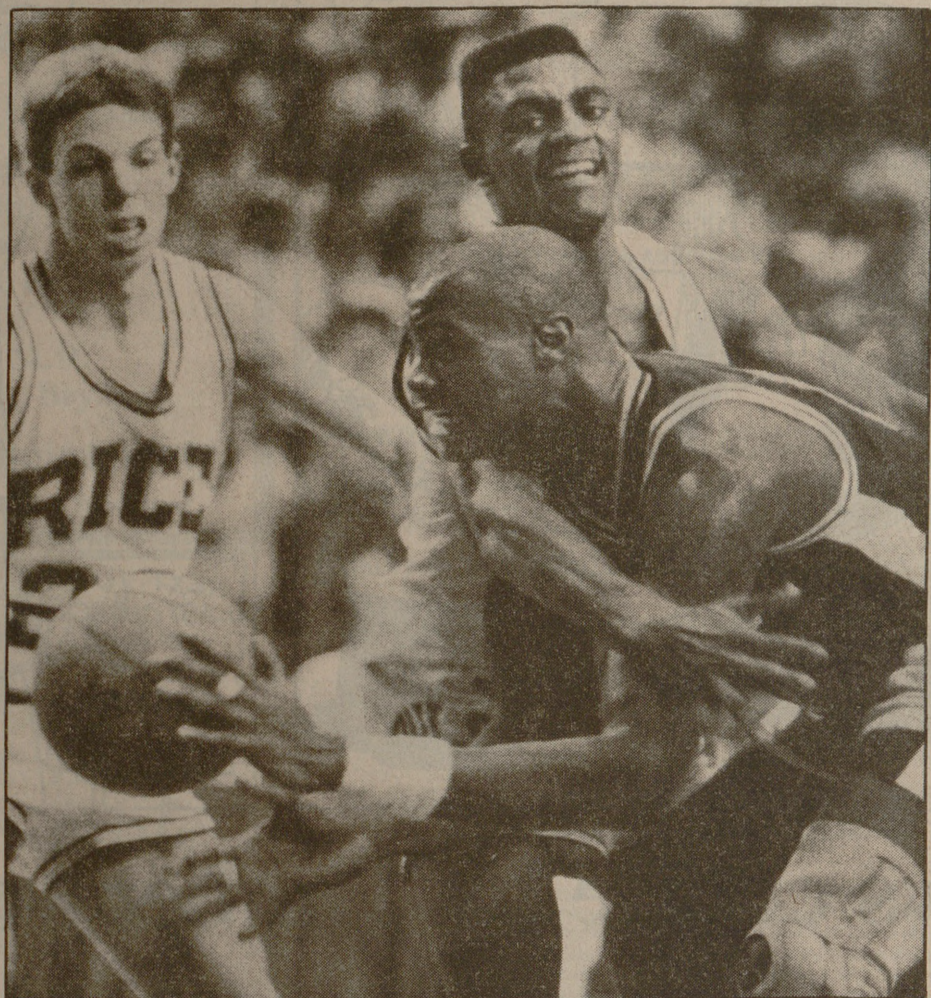


Photo by Jay Janner  
A&M center David Harris is fouled by Rice guard D'Wayne Tanner in Saturday's 103-95 win. The victory gave A&M sixth place in SWC standings.

was 100 percent accurate, hitting two three-pointers.

Senior point guard Tony Milton, who ended the evening with 25 points, added

three treys of his own. But it was the play of Suber that paced the Aggies.

Milton credited Suber with sparking A&M's phenomenal first half performance.

"Suber came off the bench and was lighting the scoreboard up," Milton said. "That got the rest of us in the flow and we were able to start running more. Suber was just unbelievable in the first half."

The Aggies as a unit were unbelievable in the first half against Rice.

With nine minutes left in the first half, A&M, sparked by back-to-back three-pointers from Suber, started a run that would put the Aggies up by 20 points at halftime.

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A&M outscored Rice 24-9 in the last nine minutes. Rice coach Scott Thompson said it was a deficit the Owls just couldn't close.

"We got in a hole we just couldn't climb out of," Thompson said. "A&M's had two really good games against us. I don't know if we let them have those two games or whether they just got on a roll offensively."

"They were just really hot tonight. Everything they were throwing up seemed to go in tonight."

Rice wouldn't roll over and die in the second half though. Behind freshmen Scot Tynes, Marvin Moore and Brent Scott, the Owls mounted a stunning comeback.

Down 23 points with 12:50 left to play, Rice outscored A&M 36-18 to pull to within five points with just over two minutes to

play. The Owls sunk two three-pointers and were helped by Aggie fouls on both.

After completing the shot, senior forward David Harris fouled Moore and Rice retained possession. Scott followed up on Moore's shot with a layup and closed the gap to 15 points.

Seven minutes later, Moore was fouled by Ricks after hitting his fifth trey and went to the line to shoot two free throws. Moore hit both and cut A&M's lead to five, 92-87.

Rice senior guard D'Wayne Tanner set a record for career steals against the Aggies. His four steals pushed his career steals to 283 to surpass Baylor's Michael Williams mark of 282.

Tanner said although he was excited about the record, the loss was heart-breaking.

"If we play like we did in that comeback stretch throughout the whole game, we get a victory," Tanner said. "When I get old, I'll look back at tonight and be happy (with the record), but right now I'm just upset with the loss."

A&M shot 50 percent from the field and 57 percent from the three-point range, but it was the Aggies' free throw shooting that saved them from Rice's dramatic comeback attempt.

A&M converted 11 of its 15 free throws in the final two minutes to extinguish any hopes the Owls had of a victory. The Aggies shot 71 percent from the free-throw line.

Thornton said he was pleased with A&M's performance, and that the Aggies were poised for the SWC tournament.

"I thought for 20 minutes we played really well," Thornton said. "The first two minutes of the second half we were a little tired and slow getting out of the blocks, but once we got going Tony was able to push the ball upcourt and get some easy shots on the transition."

"We're working well in practice and the guys are enjoying it. Things are clicking defensively as well as offensively and I can anticipate us having that kind of effort and doing that kind of stuff. I don't know if we're going to win all our remaining games, but we're going to play that way."

## Cowboys having problems trading quarterback Walsh

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have found little interest in quarterback Steve Walsh on the trade market and may be forced to keep him for another season, officials with the Cowboys and other NFL teams say.

When the Cowboys selected Walsh in the supplemental draft last July, Dallas owner Jerry Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson said Walsh was a "franchise quarterback."

Jones vowed the team would be able to recoup at least the value of the 1990 first-round draft choice they forfeited to get Walsh after going 1-15 last season.

But the Cowboys have been testing the market for Walsh, and so far only San Francisco and Minnesota have expressed more than a passing interest in him, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A Vikings official said Friday they have not talked to the Cowboys about Walsh since they tried to make him a part of the restructured Herschel Walker deal last month.

Another Cowboys source said team officials have notified Walsh that he could be with the team another season and that Walsh is upset about that possibility, the newspaper said.

"He'll go crazy if that happens," the source said.

So might Troy Aikman, the Cowboys' No. 1 draft pick in 1989 and \$11 million starting quarterback. Several sources said despite public images of harmony, Walsh and Aikman rarely speak to each other.

"It will be brutal around here if Walsh stays," one player told The Morning

News. "Troy and Steve don't get along at all."

But Johnson, who coached Walsh at the University of Miami, sounded enthusiastic about Walsh being on the roster for another season.

"Oh yeah," Johnson said. "We're approaching it that way, rather than saying he might not be here."

Jones, who said there are "between three and five teams" interested in Walsh, concurred with his coach.

"Not only might we keep him, we would like to keep him," Jones said. "I am even more convinced now that he will be an outstanding NFL player."

Johnson said he did not expect there to be much interest in Walsh until after March 22, the deadline for college juniors to declare for the draft.

Walsh's trade value could be hurt if Illinois' Jeff George and Houston's Andre Ware declare for the draft.

"We probably won't know much more for a month," Johnson said.

The 49ers have offered cornerback Tim McKyer and running back Terrence Flagler for Walsh, an NFL source said.

"If they can get Flagler and McKyer, they should run with it," an NFL general manager told the newspaper. "They're not going to get more than that, and those guys can play."

Johnson said he has turned down deals, including one reportedly from Kansas City that would have brought a package of players and draft picks for Walsh.

## Negotiations stalled

### Fehr, O'Connor play waiting game in baseball arbitration talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Fehr and Chuck O'Connor didn't have much to say each other Sunday, leaving just one day before baseball talks take a break that threatens the start of the season April 2.

Fehr, as promised, spent the 11th day of the spring training lockout at his home in suburban Rye Brook, N.Y., waiting by the telephone for owners to change their stance on salary arbitration eligibility. In the evening, he went to his office in Manhattan to prepare for Tuesday's meeting of the union's executive board.

Fehr said he spoke on the telephone with Commissioner Fay Vincent and O'Connor, management's chief negotiator, but said it was "nothing much."

"Some 'How you doings?' 'Got any ideas?' 'None. 'None,' stuff," Fehr said.

"Somebody called me this morning and asked if I had any bright ideas," Fehr said earlier, without identifying the caller. "I said, 'No.'"

O'Connor and his staff were at the Player

Relations Committee offices four blocks away, preparing for Monday's 30th negotiating session — possibly the last chance an agreement can be reached that would allow the season to open on time.

Fehr said he will leave New York on Monday night for a meeting of the union's executive board the following day in Phoenix. He said he will then travel around the country and possibly not return to New York until March 5.

Since players need between three and four weeks of spring training before the season and owners have scheduled their own meetings in Dallas on March 6-8, going past Monday threatens opening day.

Vincent spent Sunday at his home in Greenwich, Conn., and then returned to New York for Monday's meeting. Vincent has said over the last week that he was pessimistic about an agreement being reached quickly.

# Hill's clutch free throws propel Lady Ags to 74-69 OT win over Rice

## Injured Herner hurts self again

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HOUSTON - Neither the rowdy crowd nor the incessant timeouts could shake the concentration of junior guard Yvonne Hill as the Texas A&M women's basketball team pulled out an overtime win over the Lady Owls, 74-69 Saturday night.

In front of a crowd of 435, the Lady Aggies raised their record to 16-9 overall and 8-6 in Southwest Conference play, while the Lady Owls dropped to 6-19, 3-12.

Hill led A&M with 16 points and was five-of-six from the line, including two shots in the final second of regulation time

Team	SWC Record
Arkansas	14-1
Texas	10-1
Texas Tech	9-5
Texas A&M	8-6
Houston	8-6
TGU	7-7
Rice	3-12
SMU	2-12
Baylor	0-14

to send the game into overtime.

A&M coach Lynn Hickey praised Hill and said she was confident in her abilities.

"If there's anybody you want to get the ball in their hands at the end of the game, it's her, especially at the free throw line," Hickey said.

Rice forward Yalonda Stiner connected for a game-high 20 points. A&M center Louise Madison, guard Sheri Dillard, forward Dena Russo and Rice center Robin Castell all tied with 11 points apiece.

Lady Aggie junior center Louise Madison fouled out with :44 remaining in regulation while junior forward Dianne DeCree fouled out with 1:43 elapsed in overtime.

"At the end, I think everybody needs to realize we were playing with three of our starters out and without our two centers and our point-guard," Hickey said.

A&M senior point guard Lisa Herner was on reserve with a knee injury but was brought in to help in the last few minutes of the game.

Herner left the game with 1:22 remaining in overtime after hurting her knee.

"Herner gave us a lift and she made some good passes and that got us back into the game and into overtime," Hickey said. "I just hope she didn't get hurt a lot worse this time, we need her."

Throughout the first half, Rice and A&M kept close to each other, as the lead shifted eight times and tied nine.

Hill dominated the first half, and by halftime already had 12 points, going three-of-four at the line and four-of-five from the field.

The Lady Aggies led at the half, 37-32.

A&M returned from the lockerroom and tried to pull away from the Lady Owls with a seven-point lead, 41-34, with 18:32 left in the game.



Photo by Jay Janner

A&M forward Yvonne Hill goes up for a shot against Rice center Robin Castell. Hill later sank two free throws to send the game into overtime.

But Rice slowly gained back the lead the Lady Aggies had, and went ahead 58-57 with 5:23 remaining.

The Lady Owls seemed to have the win as they led 65-50 as the seconds dwindled down, but they couldn't connect on three of four free throw tries.

Russo scored from inside to pull within one point, but junior forward Wendy Jennings fouled Stiner and Rice had a point advantage, 65-64.

With :13 left, Hill fouled Stiner, who made one of two free throws and the Lady Owls led 66-64.

Hill was fouled with only one second remaining and had to make two shots to pull

the game into overtime.

In hopes of breaking her concentration, Rice took a timeout before the first shot, and two more before the second. It didn't matter — she made all of them, sending the game into overtime with a 66-66 tie.

"It just took a little bit of prayer," Hill said. "Those timeouts didn't really bother me, I just thought about what to do."

Lady Owl coach Mike Dunavant said, "The game was ours in regulation, we shouldn't have let it go into overtime, that was our loss."

Lady Aggies' sophomore guard LaTanya Irving had four points in overtime to help pull off the victory.