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Spring lockout hurting baseball fans the hardest

Call it a lockout. Call it a labor dispute. Call it greed.

No matter what label you put on it, the current rift between the baseball team owners and players means that baseball will be put on hold.

Already, teams are canceling spring training games and if the situation isn't resolved soon, the season may not open

As a baseball fan, it's hard to imagine spring without baseball. Will the flowers postpone blooming for a couple of weeks? Will the birds not chirp until the two sides agree?

Regardless, it'll feel like winter until the teams trot out for opening day. If they ever settle this thing

For the record, it's called a lockout. The owners have stopped their players from working out in the spring training facilities by literally locking them out.

In contrast, a strike is when players refuse to work. At the moment, the players want to work, but have no place to go for spring training.

The players and owners are fighting over several issues, the central one being (suprise:) money

Money issue #1 is arbitration — the method of settling contact disputes in which an independant arbitrator decides whether the player's demand or team's offer is more fair — and who is eligible

Currently, a player must have three years of major league service to request salary arbitration. The players union

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UH too good for Ags in 100-81 win

A&M may find it hard to match up with Coogs later

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Texas, shmexas.
The Texas A&M men's basketball team looked like it was on its way to meeting the Longhorns in the first round of the South-Conference Postseason Classic in

But Houston now finds itself in second place in conference standings, and it appears A&M may draw them first instead. If so, that's bad news for A&M coach John Thornton. The Cougars are starting

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to look like they're the team to beat.

Case in point: Houston's 100-81 thrashing of A&M Wednesday night in front of 2,045 at G. Rollie White Coliseum showed that while the Aggies may match up well with the Longhorns, they have little business messing oith the Coverse. ness messing with the Cougars.

Houston outrebounded, outshot, outmuscled and outplayed A&M in improving to 21-6, 11-3 in the SWC. The Aggies dropped to 13-16, 6-9 in conference play.

This year's Cougars may not appear to be Phi Slama Jama, but they did enough slam-min' and jammin' to last Thornton a good

"It's easier to match up against Texas than it is for Houston," Thornton said. "We've got Darren (Rhea), who's 6-9. (David) Harris is 6-10. But their 6-8's are extremely quick. They get it done around the

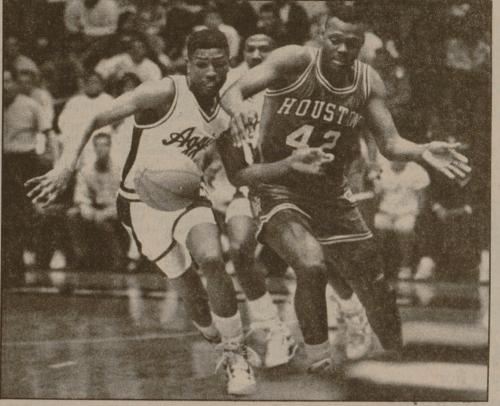


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A&M guard Lynn Suber battles Houston guard Kelvin Smith for a loose ball in the Aggies' 100-81 loss Wednesday. Suber finished with 12 points as A&M dropped to 13-16, 6-9 in conference play. A&M hosts Texas Tech Sunday.

The Aggies tried to match the Cougars offensively, and succeeded at some points. But Houston was too much for A&M, Thornton said.

"They were playing so poised and under control," he said. "They took what we gave them. They never were rattled, never were scared. They just went back to work.'

Houston pretty much did as it pleased Wednesday night. If the Cougars wanted to hold the ball behind the three-point line and bit the trey they did. If they wanted to and hit the trey, they did. If they wanted to pass it inside and score on a slam dunk, they did that too

Not that the Aggies didn't have a good game. They shot well and seemed relaxed, but there wasn't much they could do against

A&M center David Harris fouled out at the 8:03 mark with the score 85-69. For all

intents and purposes, the game was over.
Without Harris, the Aggies had no one to close up the middle and stop the Cougars from taking advantage of their height and

"I thought that when David Harris fouled out of the game, that really hurt them," Houston coach Pat Foster said. "Although they were able to hit the three-point shots to get back into the game, not having him in the middle hurt them."

Senior guard Tony Milton led the Aggies with 18 points. Freshman guard Brooks Thompson had nine points, all of them in the first half. But his three-point accuracy kept the Aggies in the game

Down 32-18 in the first half, the Aggies went on a 12-2 run, sparked by Thompson. Junior guard Lonnie Nason and Thomp-Thompson added a 15-foot jumpshot from the left baseline to cut the lead to 34-30.

But the Cougars responded with a 14-4 spurt of their own, and led at halftime 48-

"We talked at halftime about how we lacked intensity out there," said A&M guard Freddie Ricks, who finished with 11 points. "Coach really tried to get us pumped up. I don't know why we came out so dead. It really showed.

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Down by 14, the Aggies came out in the second half determined to make a run. The only problem, however, was that the Cougars weren't ready to let them.

Houston scored the first four points of the half, and Harris picked up his fourth foul four minutes into the period. A&M was down by 13 when he was sent to the bench, and after he left the Cougars went

The Aggies couldn't get any closer after that. Whenever they started a momentumbuilding run of any kind, the Cougars would hit a long three-pointer or make a dramatic dunk to stop them.

In a game where turnovers were crucial

to avoid, the Aggies had plenty. A&M turned the ball over 19 times.

"It's a simple fact that when you make a mistake out there, they take that simple mistake and make it a glaring mistake," Thornton said. "They have enough players and enough confidence right now that they can hurt you in a number of different

It looks like the A&M will have to play the loser of Monday's Texas-UH game in Houston. Wednesday's game showed what a problem the Aggies will have matching up

with the Cougars.

Houston has won 10 games in a row, and are a legitimate threat to conference-lead-

are a legitimate threat to conference-leading Arkansas in the Tournament.

"I think they have the ability to cause some problems in the NCAA Tournament," Thornton said. "They're playing with a lot of confidence and have a lot of depth at key positions. I look for them to be a formidable foe for anybody.

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"They just physically overpowered us. We start three guards and they have two big inside players and a big forward. We just don't match up with them.



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