

Ags open with tourneys

Mens, womens teams see action in holiday games

From Staff and Wire Reports

The Texas A&M men's and women's basketball teams opened their regular seasons this weekend by taking part in tournament action.

The men's team traveled to Cincinnati to take part in the Bearcat Classic. A&M lost to Kent State Friday night 79-67, but Saturday were able to give Kermit Davis Jr. his first win as the Aggies new coach by defeating Sam Houston State 103-87.

Guards Isaac Brown and Lynn Suber lead the Aggies (1-1) to the easy win over SHSU.

Brown scored 27 points, five of them coming in a 9-0 run to open the Aggies scoring, and give A&M a lead they would never relinquish.

Suber added a 22 point effort, seven of his points sparking a 22-7 run in the second half after the Bearcats had closed the lead to 47-43 at halftime.

Six Aggies scored in double figures, as A&M opened a lead as large as 19 points during the course of the game.

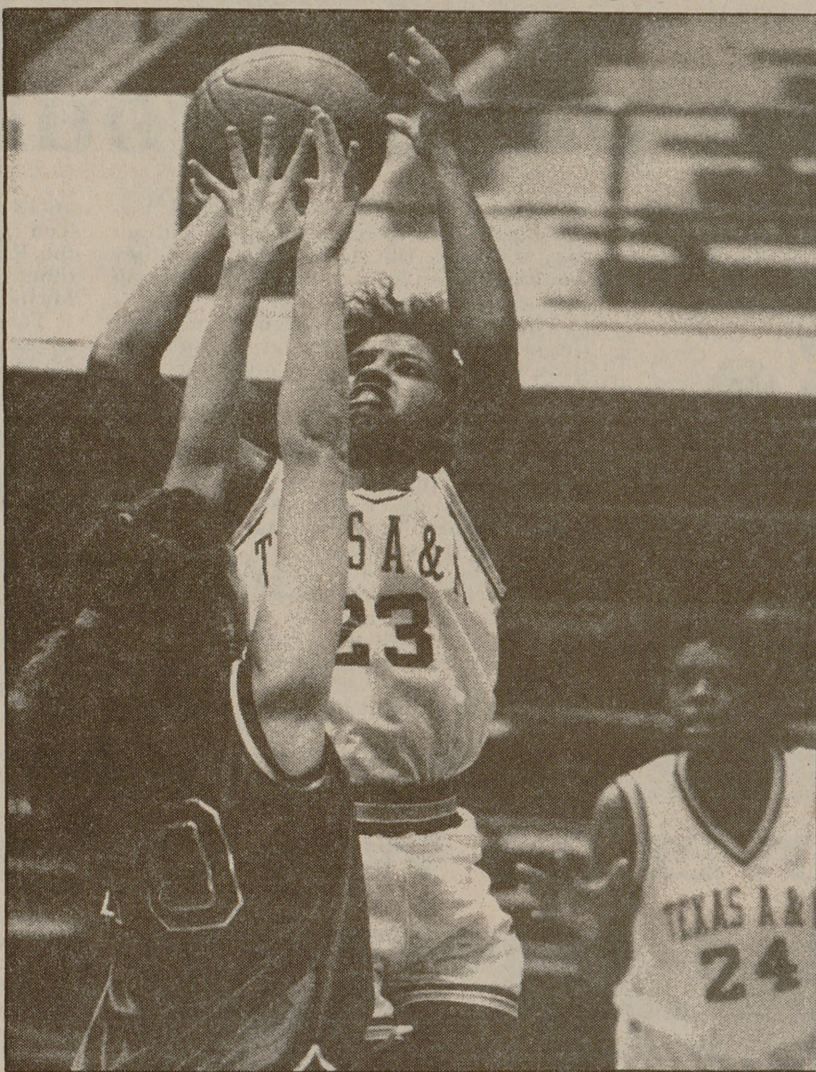
Forward Anthony Ware put in 18 points and had a game-high 12 rebounds to help the Aggies.

The Lady Aggie basketball team came up short this weekend as it opened its season in the Domino's Pizza-Holiday Inn Lady Aggie Classic.

After posting a win over Eastern Washington on Friday, 68-56, the Lady Aggies fell to Washington State Saturday 71-54 in the tournament's championship game.

Shawn Medlock and Yvonne Hill led the Aggies (1-1) and were selected to the all-tournament team.

Medlock paced the Aggies at point guard with 15 points in the championship game. Dena Russo added 11 and Hill put in 10 points in



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Junior guard Sheri Dillard shoots in Friday's game. A&M men's and women's teams competed in holiday tournaments.

the losing effort.

The Lady Cougars ran off the first 10 points of the game and A&M could never close the gap to less than nine the rest of the way. Coach Lynn Hickey said the Lady Aggies learned some things in the game.

"This is the first time we have had someone play us man-to-man," Hickey said. "We haven't played against a team this aggressive."

"But the purpose of this is to prepare for January when conference play begins."

McWilliams' job far from over: Aggies, Miami wait in wings

WACO (AP) — Don't try to drag Texas coach David McWilliams into national championship talk.

He's still got to get rid of Texas A&M's current hex over the sixth-ranked Longhorns before he can even worry about playing the Miami Hurricanes in the Cotton Bowl.

The Longhorns won their first Southwest Conference title in seven years with Saturday's 23-13 victory over Baylor — the first time Texas defeated Baylor in Waco since 1982.

On Saturday at Austin, the Longhorns (9-1) hope to end another streak of failures. Texas has lost six straight to the Aggies (8-2-1), who play Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 29.

Asked if he thought his Longhorns are in the national title race, McWilliams said, "We can't think about that. We've just got to take care of business and let those things take care of themselves."

"People who do think of those things haven't done very well lately."

McWilliams, who started the season under pressure to produce a winner, was rewarded after Saturday's game with a new five-year contract.

"It makes me happy but I'm more happy for the players," McWilliams said.

Offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee joked about McWilliams' new contract.

"Yeh, you got a new contract but we were all fired at halftime," Amedee said.

Texas trailed 10-3 at the half, but charged back for its sixth come-from-behind victory this year.

Olajuwon leads Rockets past floundering Minnesota, 107-91

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The last time Houston played Minnesota, Akeem Okajuwon missed the game with a sprained ankle, Buck Johnson was out with a sprained foot and the Rockets limped to a 2-point victory on their home court.

Sunday night, Olajuwon and Johnson were at full speed and the Rockets didn't have nearly as much trouble with the Timberwolves, winning 107-91.

Olajuwon, the NBA's leading rebounder, scored 27 points and grabbed 20 rebounds and Johnson and Otis Thorpe each added 20 points to send Minnesota to its fifth loss in six games.

The 7-foot Olajuwon credited good passing by Houston's guards and a two-inch height advantage over Minnesota's Tod Murphy, who guarded him for much of the first half.

"They put Murphy on me and he had a height disadvantage," Olajuwon said. "I was taking ad-

vantage of that. No way he could guard me in the post."

Olajuwon made 13 of 17 shots and blocked four shots to go with four assists.

The Rockets smothered the Timberwolves' leading scorer, Tony Campbell, holding him to 3 points. It was the first time in Campbell's 94-game career with Minnesota that he failed to score in double figures. He was averaging 23.5 points per game.

"We did a good job defensively," Houston coach Don Chaney said. "Any time you keep Campbell out of the game you've done a great job. I call that good defense."

Houston finished a 2-2 road trip and Chaney pronounced himself "very satisfied. We did have a 1-point loss to Indiana. But when you split on the road, you can only smile."

Minnesota was paced by Pooh Richardson's 22 points.

Top teams dominate young hoop season

Associated Press

For those who didn't stay up late, Georgetown did beat Hawaii Pacific. And in a game that was almost as big a blowout, Syracuse beat Iowa State.

The ninth-ranked Hoyas go to Hawaii each year to beat up on teams that they easily outman. That was the case Saturday when they beat Hawaii Pacific 72-45. They beat Hawaii Loa 110-77 on the first game of the trip.

"We've got a lot to work on, but we know that," Georgetown coach John Thompson said. "Every year we've been here, we've had a lot to work on. We come here to get those things in order."

Alonzo Mourning scored 21 points for the Hoyas (2-0), who led 35-24 at halftime before pulling away.

Georgetown's game was in Honolulu. A few islands over on Maui, the

13th-ranked Orangeman easily beat Iowa State 83-67 in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

"We played real good defense early and that gave us the lead and made things happen," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said. "We stopped getting those easy baskets but then we attacked the zone. It took us a little long but we did."

Syracuse led 44-32 at halftime lead as David Johnson scored 18 points. Johnson finished with 26 and Billy Owens added 25.

Iowa State used a 12-3 to pull within four points with 10:23 to play, but Syracuse took back control with a 16-2 spurt as Owens scored half the points.

The Orangemen were to play No. 8 Indiana late Sunday in the tournament championship. The Hoosiers beat Santa Clara 73-69 in the other semifinal.

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