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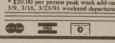
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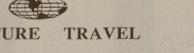
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## Hogs ready for Rebels

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) —The tents are up outside Barnhill Arena, the final indication that Sunday's UNLV-Arkansas showdown is the college basketball event of the sea-

But first, the No. 2 Razorbacks (22-1) play at Houston on Thursday

'The big concern is the fact that Houston is a very good basketball team," Arkansas coach Nolan Rich-ardson said. "The times we've won down there, they were one-point and four-point victories. It will not be a cakewalk.

And then there's Sunday's game at Barnhill, where students pitched tents outside the arena on Wednesday to claim a spot in line for general admission tickets.

"If you answer the phone in my office, I've never seen anything like it," Richardson said. "I mean, 99.9 percent of the calls are about tickets. People who went to school with me in the first grade, judges, lawyers, coaches. Coaches who I like them as friends saying, 'Hey, you've got to do

me a favor. Can I have a couple?"

So No. 1 vs. No. 2 is three days away. UNLV (18-0) brings its 29game winning streak to town, while Arkansas has won 19 in a row after a loss to Arizona.

Everyone knew the Runnin' Rebels would be ready to defend their national title this year, but Arkansas had a question mark or two entering the season.

Last year, the Razorbacks had three sophomore starters. Todd Day was the scorer, Lee Mayberry the catalyst and Oliver Miller the assist man with the soft shooting touch.

But most figured Lenzie Howell,

who made plenty of big plays last year when Arkansas reached the Final Four, would be difficult to re-Enter seniors Ron Huery and Ar-

lyn Bowers. Bowers is the shortest player on

the team at 5-foot-10. Huery comes off the bench by choice.

The Razorbacks took a break

from the Southwest Conference in mid January and went to Tallahassee, Fla. Bowers was questionable because of a foot injury, but he made three 3-pointers in the first 5½ minutes and scored 12 points in the first

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WHAT MOTIVATED HIM?

LUBBOCK (AP) - It's finally

After waiting over a month for its first Southwest Conference victory, Texas A&M beat Texas Tech and avoided the dubious distinction of matching Tech's 1990 SWC

Brooks Thompson scored 20 points to lead five players in double figures as the Texas A&M Aggies knocked off Texas Tech 70-63 Wednesday night.

The Aggies snapped a nine-game SWC losing streak and im-proved to 6-15 overall, 1-9 in con-ference play. The Raiders, who shot a paltry 43 percent for the game, fell to 7-16 and 3-7.

The Aggies hit several free throws down the stretch to seal the victory after a 14-4 Raiders run had cut their lead to 64-57 with 1:56 remaining.

A&M's ability to sink the pressure free throws is somewhat of a novel thing for Kermit Davis Jr.'s team. In more than a couple of games this year, A&M has faltered

due to a lack of free throws.

A&M flustered the Red Raiders with a trapping, full-court press and shut down Tech's leading scorer Steve Miles.

Miles, averaging 15.3 points, drew double- and triple-coverage and scored only 4 points in the

He finished with 12 to lead the Raiders. Bernard Saulsberry added 10

for Tech.

Lynn Suber, A&M's leading

scorer with a 14.5 average, finished with 16.

Freddie Ricks added a seasonhigh 12 for the Aggies and Rash-one Lewis and Shedrick Anderson each had 11

Texas A&M jumped out to a 15-7 lead behind the sizzling shooting of Thompson, who connected on five of seven shots from the field, including 2-of-2 from 3-point range, in the first half for 12 points.

The Red Raiders were only 9of-24 from the field in the first half or 37 percent and trailed 30-23 at intermission.

The Aggies will travel to Ft. Worth to take on Texas Christian, who took a 71-57 beating at the hands of Southern Methodist Tuesday night. In the previous meeting, the Horned Frogs beat A&M80-72 in

College Station. With the victory, A&M can now start focusing in on trying to obtain a good spot in the SWC Tournament. The Aggies remaining games after TCU are; SMU at home on Feb. 13; at Baylor on Feb. 20; Arkansas at home on Feb. 23; Rice at home on Feb. 27 and at the state of the state of the second s 23; Rice at home on Feb. 27 and at Houston on March 2. In other SWC action, Courtne

Jeans scored seven of his 17 poin in the final two minutes and Texas got a career-high 31 points from Locksley Collie in a 100-95 Southwest Conference victory Wednes

west Conference victory Wednesday night in Waco over Baylor.
Texas (15-5, 9-1) sprinted to a 21-8 lead as Baylor sought a way to stop Collie, who finished the first half with 21 points.
Baylor (9-10, 2-8) rallied behind Melvin Hunt, who sank three 3-pointers to help cut the Texas lead to 47-45 at the half. The Bears were led by Kelvin Chalmers' 16 points.

The lead changed hands four times in the opening minutes of the second half. Texas finally took the lead for good with 7:57 left in the game, starting a 12-5 surge keyed by six of Dexter Cam-bridge's 20 points. Down the stretch, Jeans sank a crucial 3-pointer with 1:45 left to give Texas a 91-86 lead and then went fou for four from the line to help

clinch the victory.

Cambridge played 23 minutes for Guillermo Meyers, who had foul trouble

Tim Schumacher added 15 points, Melvin Hunt 14 and David Wesley 12 for Baylor.

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his chair and smiled. ent-studded team to its limits during

the regular season, but his team's victory in the Holiday Bowl was all the revenge he needed. If a college team's finish deter-

mines how many recruits will sign with the school, then the 'Horns probably wishes they'd never gone

It seemed Texas was content just getting to the Cotton Bowl and never thought about actually trying to win it.

The Aggies, on the other hand, were mad at their fumbled chances

The long-range legacy of the bowl results is not merely the final scores of the two contests.

Most of the time, SWC champion

gets more than its fair share of high- linebackers and tight ends that school talent while other programs anchor a winning team. hope to pick up some loose change left behing. But when a high school player like

quarterback Matt Miller, who's from San Diego coincidentally, sees an A&M ball club that likes to hit hard on defense, run the option and also defense, run the option and also date to play in the Cotton Bowl.

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Also, A&M teams always rise to

Slocum had failed to push a tal-nt-studded team to its limits during shrug their shoulders to big competition like Ty Detmer. It's too early to tell who got the best recruits in the SWC, but A&M is

> Sam Adams, a 6-4 270 pound de-fensive lineman from Cypress Creek, signed with A&M yesterday as the top ranked player in state and

> a Parade All-American. With his talent and the Aggies' injury-riddled defensive line, Adams is sure to make an immediate impact.

The list goes on

sure to be near the top.

Tommy Preston of A&M Consolidated will add the Aggies' depth at quarterback and Rodney Thomas, a Blue Chip All-American, finally made up his mind and chose to come to A&M

It's about high school recruits who needed something to help them decide on whether to head to Austin or But A&M's big finish at the Holiday Bowl didn't influence the big recruits as much as it attracted the lesser known players.

And it's these offensive linemen,

It's players like 6-4 linebacker An-

# Recruiting

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-that's Bucky Richardson. Tim Cassidy, recruiting coordinator for A&M, said Thomas is compa-and be that special quarterback."

rable to Emmitt Smith and Darren A&M also signed Matt Miller, highly rated quarterback from San

at wide receiver with only one player Wilbert Biggens was another run- returning next season with game ex ning back on many teams' wish lists. perience A&M signed 6-4 Chris Sanders, a

Rick Daniel from Benton, Ark.



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sitting here with one scholarship running back and having to count on a true freshman —a frightening two players from close to home. A&M Consolidated's Cliff Groo could challenge for a backup ful Slocum said he wants to continue back position next year, Cassidy sai the tradition of having pro-style run-ning backs in the Aggie backfield. "The basis of our offense will be running the football," he said. "So Slocum said the Aggies recruit Consolidated's Tommy Preston, "The basis of our offense will be running the football," he said. "So it's imperative that we have a quality ers at that position already."

The Aggies nabbed two of the top terbacks before you find that spec guy," Slocum said. "Right now I've got one quarterback on this team Rodney Thomas had a change of

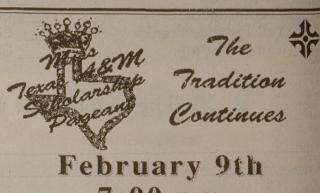
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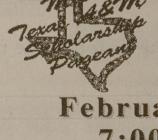
people here I'm proud of, but now of them have walked out on the field

"He's got a good mixture of slashing, speed, and the size to be a pow-

Biggens was the top scorer in A&M signed 6-4 Chris Sanders, a Class 5A while also earning respect multipurpose type performer; Perg as a dominant defensive player for Singleton, a receiver with 4.4 speed. and a possession-type receiver in Gene Lowery from Austin LBJ, and "Biggens is an outstanding athlete

as well as a another good sprinter," Cassidy said. "We have every intencassidy said. "We have every intention of playing him at running cekicker and punter during the reback." cruiting period.





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