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Aggies look for home SWC win
A&M takes shot at Raiders, look for elusive Coliseum victory

By Anthony Andro
 The Battalion

Home has been anything but sweet for the Texas A&M men's basketball team. For that matter, the road has not been exactly nice. But nonetheless, the Aggies will host their final home game of the 1991-92 season tonight when the Texas Tech Red Raiders travel to College Station. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

A&M comes into the game with a 5-20 record, 1-11 in Southwest Conference play. Texas Tech is 13-12, and 5-7 in SWC play.

The Aggies are 3-11 at G. Rollie White this season, and their only SWC win came against Baylor on the road. In fact, the last conference win at home for A&M came against Tech in March, 1990.

The Red Raiders will offer the Aggies a chance at redemption for a Feb. 1 loss in Lubbock. A&M coach Tony Barone said the 70-50 loss was one of two games this season that he was not pleased with his team's effort.

Barone also knows the Aggies must play well to beat the Red Raiders.

What Hollerhouse?
 A&M has won two Southwest Conference games in G. Rollie White Coliseum in the last three seasons.

1989-1990 (Overall SWC record: 7-9)
 Jan. 24, 1990: A&M 89, Rice 82
 Mar. 3, 1990: A&M 83, Texas Tech 72

1990-1991 (Overall SWC record: 2-14)
 No SWC wins at home

1991-1992 (Overall SWC record: 1-11)
 No SWC wins at home

"We didn't play real well the last time we played them," Barone said. "They've gotten a lot better since then, and we've been pretty inconsistent."

"It's going to be a tough game. They're very physical, and they play very good man-to-man defense and they're very aggressive. (Will) Flemons is probably the best big man in the league in terms of his capabilities. He's just a real talented player."

The Aggies have been averaging 75 points

a game over their last three contests, which is 10 points above their season average. But Barone said that their increased point production has been misleading.

"We're scoring, but we're getting some baskets off of some things you can't live on," he said. "We have to be more consistent. We haven't been able to get the break going the last couple of games, and a lot of that's because we've been trying to change the tempo in the games."

Monday night, the Aggies lost their fourth straight game when Baylor defeated the Aggies, 96-86, at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Corey Henderson led the Aggies in scoring with 18 points. He was one of six Aggies to score in double figures in the defeat. The 86 points was a season high for the Aggies.

One bright spot in the defeat was the return of freshman forward Damon Johnson. Johnson broke a bone in his foot against Texas on Jan. 14 and has been out since. He scored 14 points in his return.

Johnson leads the Aggies in scoring with 16.6 points a game. Sophomore point guard David Edwards ranks second, averaging 14 points a contest.

Golf course in need of improvement

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the University to solicit funds for the renovation of the course.

Poe said the golf course needs at least \$300,000 to begin improvements. He said the University, not Fore Card, would determine the schedule of improvements.

A&M course manager John Andrews said the program could help the current condition of the course.

"I think it's a good idea," Andrews said. "It offers people a chance to help the golf course and get some benefits back."

"It's a championship golf course as far as layout. You have bunkers and left and right doglegs. It requires a certain degree of shot making and the par-3 holes are all tough."

"It's not Augusta, but it's interesting to play in that you have a variety of shots," he said. "There's plenty of potential for it."

Andrews and Poe said initial funds could help start the

construction of permanent cart paths. Poe said cart paths would eventually create money for the course.

"Right now there's just not money to build these cart paths," Poe said. "During the last three months you've had the course open to golf carts a total of two days. If you had golf carts, you could generate additional revenues."

Andrews said the new program also will raise money for tree planting and new sprinklers.

"(A sprinkler system) is one of the big projects we know we'll need down the line," Andrews said. "We want anything that will make the course better."

Poe said a new sprinkler system could cost as much as \$500,000.

"The current sprinkler system was installed in 1951," he said. "The new systems take a lot less maintenance and some are computerized."

The A&M golf course was designed by Ralph Plummer, who also designed Colonial

Country Club in Fort Worth and Champions Golf Club in Houston. It was built in 1951 and redesigned in 1972 by Jackie Burke.

Former Texas A&M golfer Bobby Gee, who was the 1990 Southwest Conference champion, said the course has potential.

"The course has great layout, but it needs a little attention," Gee said. "They've got a great staff out there, and they work well with people, and that's what it takes."

"I would like to see it manicured better. But I think those guys do the best they can with what they have."

But Poe said even if someone isn't an Aggie or isn't interested in helping improve the A&M course, the privileges of membership are enough to join the program.

"They're a lot of advantages to being a member," Poe said. "It's not just a donation. This program, as a stand alone, without even supporting the school will be a tremendous saver to the golfer."

Cougars jump to second place

HOUSTON (AP) — Sam Mack scored 16 points and Houston finally edged away from Texas Christian for a 50-44 victory Tuesday night that gave the Cougars sole possession of second place in the Southwest Conference.

Houston (21-5 overall and 10-3 in SWC) leads the Horned Frogs (21-7, 9-4) with one game to play.

The Cougars took advantage of a 7:50 field-goal drought by the Frogs, who didn't score a field goal from the eight-minute mark until Reggie Smith's basket with 10 seconds to go.

Smith led the Frogs with 15 points and Albert Thomas added 12. Craig Upchurch scored 14 points for the Cougars.

Houston took a 31-25 lead early in the second half and took the lead for good on Charles Outlaw's basket with 7:42 left in the game.

Mack scored six of his team's first eight points and the Cougars led 15-7 early — the biggest of the game.

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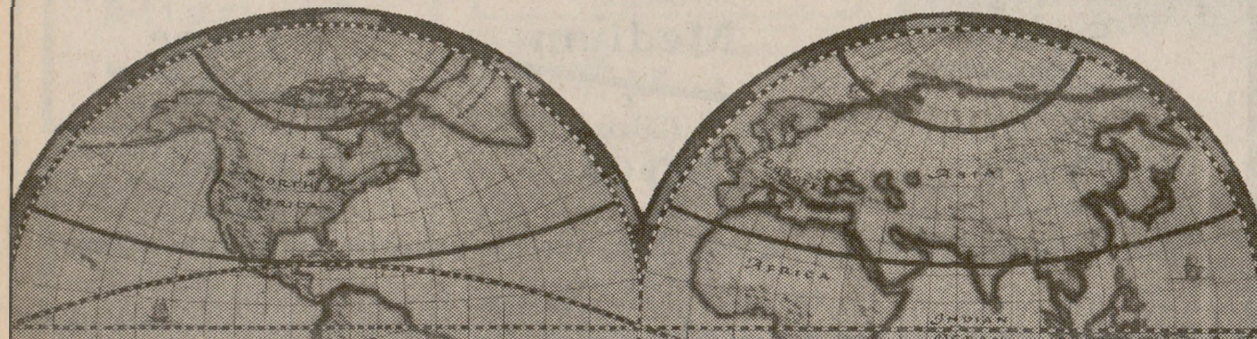
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